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Year 2000 Motto:

The Cosmic **Expansion of True Love is the Perfection of** the New **Millennial Kingdom of God** 



# Major Points from the God's Day Speech

These are from notes taken by Richard Lewko at the speech given by True Father on Jan. 1, 2000 at the Hammerstein Ballroom, NYC.

he Providence of Salvation and 6,000 years of indemnity has concluded, and the Age of the Fourth Adam has begun. Until last year, through the cosmic expansion of the true Blessing, Satan's blood lineage was completely rooted out. So on the foundation of this victory, in the new millennium we have to complete the Heavenly Kingdom on the earth and in the spirit world, from the small microbe level to the individual, family, tribe, nation, world and cosmos by true love. The gates to the new Heaven on earth and in the spirit world have started to open substantially. Now we can welcome the age of opening the gates to the Heavenly Kingdom on earth and pray for all humankind to become the citizens of

2. The completion of Heaven begins

from the unity between the mind and body centered on true love. That is why there is no Heaven without dominating our bodies. No one can enter Heaven without the unity between mind and body. How much are you feeling this in your daily life? And the unity of husband and wife in the familv is the basic foundation of Heaven. So it is impossible to enter into Heaven for eternity as a family without the unity between husband and

3. The only way to unite mind and body is by true love. We cannot dominate our body by force. The way of unification between husband and wife is also achieved only by true love.

4. There is no need for faith in the Age of the Fourth Adam. You can practice only absolute faith, absolute love, and absolute obedience centered on True Par-

5. During the seven-year period from 1997 to 2003, the Pure Love Movement, Matching, and Blessing for all humankind has to be conducted throughout the world. This is our responsibility in order to enter into the Age of the Fourth Adam.

6. When the mind and body unite, we can reach God on the individual level. When husband and wife unite, we can reach God on the family level. So if we don't

make sincere efforts to make unity between our mind and body, we cannot go on to the level of family, tribe and nation.

7. For the husband, the house of love is his wife. For the wife, the house of love is her husband. And for parents, the house of love is their children. For God, the house of love is man. For man, the house of love is God. Everybody wants of live in the house of love. The cosmos is the house of love. The house of love is your spouse, so please do not ignore your spouse. The person who makes you the owner of true love is not yourself but your spouse. So we have to live for the sake of our spouse. The core of the cosmos is the family of true love. The house of true love in the human world is the dwelling place of parents, husband and wife and children. And the house of true love in the world of all things is anyplace where you can live for the sake of others, those above and below, front and back, right and left.



Father preparing to write the motto

8. The nation of true love is the place of comfort for the cosmos. Above and below refers to parents and children (loyalty), right and left refers to husband and wife, and front and back

refers to the relationship between children.

9. The offering of Heung Jin Nim, who is the commander in chief in the spirit world, opened the gate of Blessing in the spirit world. He runs in front of the Blessing. It is not just because of the sacrifice of Dae Mo Nim. The work at Chung Pyung is not the first doctrine. More important is the tradition that Heung Jin Nim follows True Parents. Now in the spirit world, there is prayer, Holy Songs, and witnessing like at the time of pioneering in Korea. It is the continuation of the work of the Holy Spirit. The spirit world and physical world have to go back to the spirit of pioneering together. Please pray and make

sincere efforts always. 10. From now on, men in the world can stand in the position of younger brother of True Father instead of the position of the Archangel. Therefore, women as representatives of True Mother can embrace men as the younger brothers of True Father.

11. Reports from now on should be reports of results. You have to bring even one result and report it. Where can we leave True Parents' tradition? On the earth? In the spirit world? We have lineage. In the living blood lineage. In the pure blood lineage. To leave the pure blood lineage, we need the filter. How pure did I become? How much of my cells are changing into True Parents' cells? We have to leave True

Parents' tradition in the living blood lineage to our descendants forever, not in the history or in the books. The problem is how much you have the true person's blood or not. The serious problem is how can you change your blood lineage substantially.

12. Please do not use the words "Reverend Moon" anymore. Use only the words "True Parents." I declare it this time.

13. If you believe in everything, it will be as you believe. You have to believe that a thing is done, not like make it happen. So if you believe 50%, the result will be 50%. If you believe 100%, the result will be 100%. God has to be my God, not somebody's God.

14. What has changed after entering the year 2000? The contents has been changed and the level has been changed. When we look at the cultural history, 6,000 years of history has finished. And when we look from the viewpoint of the providential history, 4,000 years of the chosen people's history, the Providence of Salvation has finished. We don't need the word "indemnity" anymore in the history of the Unification Church. So now is the age to restore the nation. If we could look for and restore even one small nation, the whole world will become the nation of God.

15. The reason why you have to study Korean is not because of necessity but because of destiny.

16. The incident of Cain and Abel in Adam's family happened because of the problem of their mother Eve. Now is the age for the mother to educate Cain and Abel and go in front of the father. This is the basic point of the unification of the cosmos. The reason the Fall happened is that the mother could not keep absolute faith, absolute love, and absolute obedience in front of God, the Father. From now on, all women in the whole world have to be mobilized and educate the children (Cain and Abel). Because the mother made the mistake, mothers have to commit their lives to help the children to live. The mother's mission is that, even at the risk of her life, she has to feed her children. Japanese members should not come and go with a light mind. In the Age of the Fourth Adam, all women have to unite with True Father completely. The perfection of Heaven can be done when this unity with Father is achieved. Centering on women, we have to restore the nation.

17. "The Women's Party of Building the New Millennium and New World" has to start. This party is not a government party but the party means house. This is a special direction from God to build it. We have to restore the nation centered on women. The completion of the group of the New Salvation for the nation starts from the Women's Party of Building the New Millennium and New World. We have to create the house to educate true children, true women, and true mothers' perfection. This is the most important theme that we have to accomplish in the Age of the Fourth Adam. From this point, now the world has to take off. \*

### CALEND

#### JANUARY 2000

- True God's Day (1968)
- Day of Victory of Love (1984)
- Shin Choon Nim's Birthday (12/2/90)
- Hyo Jin Nim's Birthday (12/3/61)
- 10 Kook Jin Nim & Soon Ju Nim's Blessing (1989)
- 72 Couples of the Second Generation **Blessing (1989)**
- 12 **1275** Couples' Blessing (1989)
- 17 Ye Jin Nim's Birthday (12/11/60)
- Shin Yul Nim's Birthday (12/19/92) 25
- **30** Jun Sook Nim's Birthday (12/24/67)

#### FEBRUARY 2000

- Day of the Opening of Heaven (1985)
- Shin Gil Nim's Birthday (12/26/87)
- Hyo Jin Nim & Yun Ah Nim's Blessing (1999)
- Hoon Sook Nim's Birthday (1/1/63)
- Inter-religious and International Federation for World Peace Established (1999)
- Yeon Jin Nim's Birthday (1/3/81)
- 360 Million Couples' Blessing (1999)
- 8 **1800** Couples' Blessing (1975) 10 Father's Birthday (1/6/20)
- Mother's Birthday (1/6/43)
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- Choongmo-nim's Ascension (1/7/68) 16 Couples' Blessing (1978)
- In Jin Nim & Jin Sung Nim's Blessing (1984) **20** Heung Jin Nim & Hoon Sook Nim's Blessing (1984) Shin Jung Nim's Birthday (1/16/83)
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- 22 430 Couples' Blessing (1968)
- Day of Victory of Earth (1977)
- Kwon Jin Nim's Birthday (1/20/75)
- **27** Shin Sook Nim's Birthday (1/23/84)
- Declaration of Parents of Heaven and Earth (1998) One World Crusade Established (1972)

#### MARCH 2000

- Shin Won Nim's Birthday (2/10/88) 15
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# FOUNDER'S DISCOURSE ON UNIFICATIONISM True God's Day 2000 Leaders Conference

#### by Reverend Sun Myung Moon

This is from the speech given in Grand Ballroom, New Yorker Hotel, New York, NY January 3, 2000. The translation was done by Mrs. Hee Hun Standard, Mrs. Kayo Pederson and Rev. Jeong Phyo Hong. Unofficial notes are by Tyler Hendricks.

True Father: How many leaders are here? (Rev. Hwang: the total is 800 leaders, including western, Korean and Japanese.) How many Japanese leaders are here? How many Korean? How many western? We can see mostly Japanese leaders here. (Father has a Korean leader sing a song, with a light-hearted spirit.) Does any Japanese leader want to sing a song? (One does so, which everyone enjoys.) How about a western member? (Father walks in the crowd to pick one. He picks Michael Jenkins. Mike sings "Battle Hymn of the Republic" in Kore-

(True Father asks Mrs. Hyun Shil Kang to give a testimony. Mrs. Kang is the first member to join in South Korea. She joined when the church was a mud hut. She was an evangelist for a local Presbyterian church in Pusan.)

Mrs. Kang: God has worked so hard to bring so many couples to the matching throughout the world. It is not just a human work.

or 45 years I lived alone. Many people asked me why I lived alone. Sometimes it was not so easy for me. I once had a chance to have a personal talk with True Parents. At that time, Father asked me about my situation and suggested a spirit world blessing. I said it would be all right. I kept in my mind that I should have absolute faith all the time.

When Father said that I was to have a spirit world blessing, I realized that I have to obey True Father's words. Rev. Kwak motioned me to accept whatever

True Father wants. So I said that I will follow Father's direction. And when I went home, I could not remember the name of my husband. I was wondering, what is the name of my husband? Was it Sundar Singh? I was confused. It was not Sundar Singh. Rev. Hwang helped me remember my husband's name. He did a lot of research about St. Augustine at UTS. With his help, I came to remember my husband's name. I remembered St. Augustine's Confessions. I overcame obstacles in my heart more quickly and on February 7 I was blessed to

We went through a certain process and I went through whatever ceremonies we had to go through. What was amazing is that I could really feel something in my heart, my mind, body and

life became much more vitalized. So my purpose, I am praying everyday. I truly this experience, I realize that if I believe bring more people." She took me to a life changed. When people saw me, peo- wish that all Christians will come to rec- 50% then the result is 50%, and if I believe ple asked me, "Oh, what happened to you? You look much younger!" I could definitely feel a change in my life.

Now I can feel the presence of God more vividly. My minister said to me that I should prepare a present. After 40-days training, some people are given an award. About 30 members received it; it was a watch. So I said to my husband that



Father giving the Midnight Address and, below, writing motto for the year.

True Mother will give me a present and whatever it is, I will offer it to you. Some Catholics found out I was blessed to St. Augustine and they thought it was very good for me. Through the blessing, I pray that I can bring all the Catholics and Protestants together.

Now I am over 70. Although I am quite old, I want to bring all the Christians together. If I could open a way for the Christians to come together, to be a bridge between Christianity and our church, that would be nice. I said that to Mother and she was very pleased. For this

again realized that Father emphasized how real it is for us to have relationship with a spirit person. That kind of phenomena took place, and in the morning when I was praying, I prayed for the uni-

fication of Christianity, all the Christians coming together with the Unification Church members. I could see clearly some signs from spirit world. Again, unless we experience it ourselves, we cannot understand what True Father is saying, but it is true and if we believe it we will know Father is speaking the truth. It is amazing. From



ognize True Parents and be reborn and come to God.

Now Father is asking me to reveal all the secrets. You know we have to go through the 3-day ceremony and the 40day period. During the 3-day ceremony, I could vividly feel he was with me and that Father was not lying. Father has been telling us the truth. At that time, I

100%, then 100% result comes. Through my life of faith, I came to realize how much God loves me. I realized how much True Father loves me. He is concerned about everything. Without my realizing it, Father was concerned. When I needed things, someone brought me those things: money, clothes, food, I realized that God can provide me everything I

need. Based upon these experiences, God, who created this world and universe, is not a helpless God but is

A long time ago, Father asked me to proclaim the word. I responded, "How can I?" Father said, "Wherever you go, you must tell people that a new age has dawned and the Lord has come." Whenever I went out witnessing, no matter what time period, I had no money and no place to go. I had to beg for food and shelter, so wherever I went I prayed for God to be with me. I told God that the place to which I am going is not for my own sake, but to witness to True Father, therefore, please be with me. Amazingly, wherever I went, God was with me and He provided me food, shelter and clothes as I needed.

Still I often complained in my heart that it was so hard. I cried out, "How long must I go on?" When I did so, there would be no one to help me, and Christian ministers and elders would persecute me wherever I went. On the other hand, when my faith was fired up, everyone was on my side and helped me. Through this experience, I realized how truthful my way of life was.

True Father: God gives whatever we expect. If we make small conditions, God gives us small things. If we do our best, He gives us what we need. You should not be in the midway position. Don't be on Satan's side. Totally invest yourself for God. If you have the right attitude, God will give you more than you expect. Your children and future descendants will be blessed. You really don't need all the explanations. The truth is always simple. You should not run away. Be honest, conscientious and tell the truth. Do not beat around the bush.

**Mrs. Kang**: I went to Cholla province and Kyungsang province and at that time we had no members. I was beaten by

> ministers. I went to Kyungsang province with not a penny in my pocket.

> **True Father**: You should say that you had some money but you didn't want to use it.

> Mrs. Kang: God wanted to give me a hard time and I had not a penny. Whenever we went for pioneering, all we received was transportation expense. In Kyungjoo, a woman appeared to me and I told her I needed a room for a week. She asked me why. I told her because I need to witness. "If I witness to people in Kyungjoo for a week," I said, "this city will change." She took me with her. Her husband was a medical doctor and she was a church elder. I spoke to her about the principle. As I was explaining, she said, "Your words are too precious for me to listen to alone. I need to

man who had been praying for over a month. He had not shaved or washed and he looked unkempt. He said, "I have been praying so hard, but I can see that your spiritual level is higher than mine." The lady was very impressed.

I witnessed to others and whomever I spoke to was impressed with my words. Wherever I went I was well-treated and

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they treated me better and better as time went by. They gave me better and better food, even though they had very little money and at that time food was very poor for everyone. They brought me meat and fish. They showed me the highest

After a few weeks there, I wanted to leave. The doctor's home was not so nice, even though he was a doctor, but as I

was about to leave, he asked me to wait for a moment. He brought me some money. He said it was his tithing money, and for two months he had saved it for his minister, but he wanted to give it to me. I said, no, it is supposed to go to God. He said, I am not giving it to you, but to God through you. It was two month's tithing money and was a substantial amount.

From this experience I again realized how much God loves me. When I work for God, testifying and witnessing to Father, then God is always with me, wherever I go and whatever I do. I cried out, "He is truly the God of Kang Hyun Shil." Three times I shouted it. I really strongly realized God was the God of Kang Hyun Shil. God created the whole universe.

True Father: That's enough. Please give her a hand. Okay, Rev. Kwak will report about the Hoon Dok seminars. How many did you have? Everyone here should have one in their own area. It will take a long time to report; I want to finish everything by tomorrow.

Rev. Kwak: Last year, February 6, True Parents established the IIFWP. Through that new organization, Father gave us a message of the ideal that God originally wanted to achieve. As we were holding an international hoon dok hae conference, Father attended the conference and said I am not going to attend it personally anymore, and told the participants that the purpose of this organization is to bring God's Fatherland on earth. I want to remind you again of that original theme of the hoon dok hae

conferences. True Father established the FFWPU, an organization that goes beyond the level of the church, but he is trying to bring something higher through the IIFWP. Externally he wants to bring those who are working in the various fields of public service, business, finance, culture and media. True Father wants to bring them all together with religious people. For this purpose, True Father wants to bring the external leaders to hoon dok hae conferences. We held many conferences in the past, but this is the first one that teaches Father's words directly. Therefore the significance is enormous.

This means that the time that we witness about Father indirectly is over, and now we have to testify to Father directly, based upon Father's own words. We have to realize that the time has changed. Amazingly, so many people around the world came to the conference and did not oppose us. Some people might not have been so happy with the message, but basically they could not openly complain about it, because we told them from the beginning what we were going to do.

One of the topics of the conference was spirit world, because Father wants people to understand this. We read Dr. Lee's messages as well as True Father's words about true love, true parents, true family and true children. We covered True Father's message directly. We also included True Father's prayers. If you hold this kind of conference, you'll be amazed at the result. As a person who held so many conferences, I am touched by the result of this one more than by any other. Religious leaders do not know spirit world so well. This is a fact. Based upon that experience, I came to appreciate Father's idea of teaching them spirit world. In order to resolve all the human problems that exist today, this hoon dok hae conference is really helpful.

were very touched by them and they asked me if Father still prays like that. Now we are adding more recent and representative prayers.

some prayers from the early 50s. They

We are studying speeches picked out of 300 volumes, such a small portion, and the speeches were given extemporaneously by inspiration in prayer. There are common themes no matter what the topic. People are amazed by the consistency over the decades.

As these expand, great results will



The conference takes three days. All the participants are so grateful. Initially, we planned only three seminars, then Father told us to hold seven. Through the conference, we want to raise the standard of leadership in America, the elder son nation. For this purpose we are trying to invite political leaders and ambassadors. We are going to have all these conferences and after this, we are going to have hoon dok hae seminars on the continental level and then each nation will hold hoon dok hae conferences. Already this is taking place. We are inviting leaders from various fields and when we witness to all those people on high levels, that is not so easy. By bringing them together and educating them in Father's words directly, throughout the world, their attitude changes. They do not speak a lot but are humble and appreciative.

In the beginning we chose 40 nations, and the Continental Directors made the choices. We cannot bring all the people of the world at once, so we need to go through several steps. Initially we started with 40 nations, and now we have had hoon dok hae conferences in 65 nations. Each nation has a different situation and some nations are more prepared and others are not, but I hope that through these conferences the world can be restored as quickly as possible.

Those participants are bringing their friends and so it is becoming easier to bring guests and the preparation period can be shortened. We are touched by what is happening. I often saw people shedding tears, even up to one-third or half of the audience. They are touched by Father's words. For example, when I was choosing Father's prayers, I chose

about a small nation. During the third hoon dok hae, four congressmen attended from there, even though their election was only six weeks away. Their leader told them to come. And all of them won their election. There are 33 congressmen in that nation and 6 of them have come to hoon dok hae conferences. One of the 6 is the speaker of the congress and was going to run for the country's presidency. I was so moved by his coming during the campaign period, and communicated my gratitude and respect to him. He was planning to come to the United States, but I wanted to visit him in his country and he changed his schedule to accommodate me. I visited him there.

I told him that by uniting with Father's will, he will be blessed. I asked him to promote the PLA actively. I gave him a message from Father, to love God and love people. He was very happy to receive what I gave him and he invited all the religious and political leaders to welcome me. As I gave my speech, as he was a presidential candidate, he stood next to me listening. He was so humble. His ankle was sprained and he was uncomfortable, but in spite of that he did all he could to serve me. I spent as much time as I could with him because I wanted to give him Father's words. He was a democrat, and the current president had not done a good job.

The congress elects the president in this country, and this man was elected president. It is such good news, we just heard yesterday. Now I can feel the time has changed.

True Father: We should not be surprised that such things happen, but we should make them happen.

Rev. Kwak: True Parents went through

an incredible path of sacrifice, so based on that foundation we can bring many fruits. Another example is a nation where new president was elected a while ago. He is a well-known religious leader in the country. The population is very large. This president's family, from his grandfathers' generation, has emphasized the importance of religion-based education for the children. His denomination has 7,000 schools. He believes that he won the presidency by God's grace, not by his own effort or merit. He was blessed and in 1997 he attended the RFK blessing.

> He has incredible depth and breadth in his understanding of religion in general. I do not recall it was 1995, but his wife had an auto accident and has been paralyzed from the waist down. He could take another wife, but he said that I do not need a woman, I have a wife. He helps her in her wheel chair always, and he made her the first lady.

> True Father: Please bring them to the blessing in Korea. That is enough about that. (To everyone.) [Rev. Hwang gives Father a paper.] This is the new millennium yute game result. Oceania was the first prize, 2nd Northeast, 3rd Korea, 4th Africa, 5th Europe, 6th South America, 7th Asia, 8th Middle East, 9th Japan, 10th North America. (Ed: I'm not sure I got those in the correct order, but 1st, 2nd and 10th places are definitely correct. As a result of the game, each continental church is assigned to take care of a number of cattle. I believe that the cattle are in South America.)

> You have to have good ranches to take care of cattle. Are you going to increase your herds? Later we will find out. Numbers one, two and three belong to God. Each person

has to own a cow, including calves. We have to multiply them. If you buy cattle, most of them will have offspring. The number will grow rapidly. If each person buys one cow, so many members will own cattle. Even our relatives should be able to have cattle. If we include our relatives, we can easily include millions of people and those people should be able to take care of some cattle soon. Those who are interested, raise your hands. (Everyone does.) Okay, then I will join

Unification Church members should have the largest ranch in the world. In South America, if we have more cattle than anyone else, we can be proud. So far our result has not been good. But if we have the largest ranch, it will be great. Would you prefer to have a cow or a calf? A calf is cheaper. How many would you like to buy? If each member buys one, it is not enough. Each should buy two or three; the more, the better. Even buy ten. You should have at least two, so that you can have offspring. We will buy a lot of land in South America. The media will make noise, but later we will give it away to many people for their benefit. And we are working to take care of the environ-

I have an appointment with Mother. You must be tired of seeing me so much over the last three days. Do you want me to stay? (Yes.) Then I have to break my appointment with Mother and spirit world will accuse me. This is serious. So I will speak briefly and you should pay atten-

The world has changed. What is the meaning of this? That people have changed? That houses have changed? Has God

# Glorious 33rd True God's Day

by Betty Lancaster—NYC

p front I have to say this was the best God's Day I have ever experienced. (Even as I make this statement I am wondering if I have said the same thing before on other occasions!) But truly, from the eve of December 31 on through to the end of the Holy Day activities it was a most satisfying experience. When I asked myself why this was, I suppose I came up with a number of answers.

First of all was because of True Father himself. He seemed at peace, as though some important issues were resolved and he could move ahead rapidly now in God's history. Even with the vast gap between True Father and ourselves, still he can move ahead. He has paid so much indemnity and laid so many conditions that make all things possible. He has certain things in place now and every moment brings the Kingdom into closer reality.

Father is so handsome. He has a beautiful and unique "face of history." With the giant screen available to us this year to view the speakers up close, Father looked magnificent. People are always saying they cannot believe he is 80 years of age. When he smiles we have the inner feeling that "all is at peace in the world." And of course it is a fact of life that when True Father smiles the whole universe smiles.

When True Father gave speeches throughout this period he was Loving and Lovable. In fact, one would have

topic throughout. He instructed how to Love, how to Be Loved, and how to Build and Maintain Love. Of course history—past, present and future were interwoven into all of this. To lib-

old of an ideal Family and an ideal Nation. Father was giving us all preparation for that.

The second reason that I found this to be the best holy day was because of

True God's Day morning:cutting the cake

erate God is True Father's greatest joy. He teaches us how to do this in order to hasten the day. The closer each of us comes to perfected Love, the greater will be God's liberation, hence our own

the True Family participation in the entertainment. With seven members of the True Family performing and each one being the very best, it left us speechless! The brilliance of all of them is

to say that True Love was his main total liberation. We are at the thresh remarkable. A million kyungbaes and a million thank yous to True Family for injecting all of our generations with a powerful shot of vitality and love.

> The third reason was perhaps because I was feeling peace within myself. On

> > the Eve of December 31 I had the feeling that I was diving into a wonderful new dimension. It felt good. I was not only entering into something new and exciting but I was also departing from that which belonged to the past and I could forget all the indemnity from this point on. I honestly look forward to tomorrow. Great adventure is ahead-and hard work as well-I know that. But it's going to be much more satisfying to work while standing inside the Kingdom, rather than looking at it from afar! The master Planner has prepared heavenly property for us—the Planet Earth. Now we can do the clean up and decorating from this point on. Things are going to happen in our individual lives, within our families, our nations and our world and cosmos. It is not yesterday. We can forget yesterday. We can look for definite changes in everything.

And beyond these reasons, I felt a grateful heart toward the many hardworking members on Earth and in the Spiritual World who gave their sweat and their

expertise to making it a most glorious event to begin the New Century, New Millennium and New Year 2000. ❖

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changed? What is the meaning of the world changing? It means that the content has changed.

It means that in the past 2,000 years, many things happened. Now, one year is like a thousand years or three thousand years. It is a different level. It is so different. From the providential viewpoint, from God's viewpoint, we talk about 6,000 years of history. Now is different from the past 2,000 years. Let's talk about 4,000 years. (Father is drawing on the board.) This is the providence to restore the failure of the past, centered on Israel. The difference in terms of content is that the providence of salvation, of restoration, is over. The providence of indemnity is gone. From now, there will be no concept of indemnity. So if we can restore one nation, we can automatically restore the world. If we can restore the world, the world will become as one nation. So our task is to find one nation. From 1997, we started to clean up the spirit world and we gave a lot of blessings. We liberated people in hell and brought the good and evil spirit worlds together though the blessing.

We know that many of our ancestors in spirit world are related to each other. If we make special conditions for them, they will grow. Children who went to spirit world will grow quickly through our special conditions. Forty billion people from Adam's era have been blessed. In the New Testament Age, Jesus came to earth to be blessed, but he could not be.

Christians have been waiting for Jesus to come back to be married. But what happened? Christianity is the religion of the bride. Jesus was the bridegroom and we people were in the bride's position. Jesus could save us spiritually, but Satan was not eliminated so we could not build an ideal family. We had to go through three stages, like Abraham's offering, and at the time of Jacob the providence advanced a little more. Jacob's age served to indemnify what failed in the past and to set the foundation to receive the Messiah in the future.

We have three stages, Adam's time, Jesus' time and based on the foundation of Jacob, all this could be restored only through indemnity, vertically and horizontally. It all started from Adam's time and could be restored through the blessing. The Lord of the Second Advent could bring everyone together through indemnity conditions, to the world level. We have been waiting to settle at one point. Korea, in the Northern Hemisphere, and South America in the Southern Hemisphere should be able to unite through the messiah in God's providence. Then the headquarters for education and bringing world peace will be built.

We are blessing those who are not married and who are married, even in spirit world. So, 400 million couples have been in the position of younger brother and those in spirit world have been elder brothers, and there has been a circular movement. They have gone through a workshop in spirit world. The physical world and spirit world can be united thereby.

Now everyone born since the fall should be restored through indemnity. This means that now the age of indemnity is over and people on earth are in the elder brothers' position and the spirit world people are in younger brothers' position and they should have unity through the blessing.

This is what we have to finish by the end of 2003. It should not extend beyond that. Would you be happy to complete the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth within three years or thirty? [The Americans respond late because of translation lag.] Language is a problem. How can we unify? We need one nation. Western members are under heavenly fate to learn Korean. In three years, Father memorized English. It should be no problem, no matter what your situation.

The providence of restoration is over. So where will we go? After the fall, we entered the period in which God was kicked out of the Garden of Eden. God Himself was evicted. All women had to wait for the coming of the Lord. Because Cain and Abel had to be restored, those children had to be educated. Who educated them? Their mother did. The time has changed. If you know the answer, you know what to do for restoration. Eve was supposed to be the mother. After Eve fell, who fell next? Here (on the board) are Cain and Abel. Cain killed Abel. First there was the fall because of Eve's failure. Then Cain and Abel failed because their mother could not bring unity between them. Now the mother should educate the children. When we speak of the Cain and Abel problem, it includes women as

well, in this way. Is it only men? One aspect has to do only with men, but the other includes women. There is a Cain and Abel problem between women. In the Bible you can see the separation between brothers. Their disunity took them to hell.

So at this time, women should restore Cain and Abel. Originally, Christianity should have fulfilled this mission. If Christianity had been united with me, everything would have been finished within 7 years. But the established churches rejected me and it took 40 years to reach this point. Now the children must be united with the mother. This is an absolute condition that must be fulfilled on earth. The mother nation should have been England, but England failed and opposed me. They fell to the realm of the fall. So, the democratic world and communist world, the atheist nations, all opposed and tried to destroy me. So they united to kick me  $\,$ out. But I had to come back in order to restore them. I did it by practicing absolute faith, love and obedience. When you do these things, you should be absolute. All people should be standing on the foundation of absolute faith, love and obedi-

God wants us to be better than Him. One is for wife and one is for husband. and next children come. God wishes to have an object of love in the positions of wife and children. There are two different objects. You know that love cannot come about without an object. So, now, when everyone else fell into hell, there should be restoration through the father.

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The mother should be restored first, then the mother should restore the children. When all become one, then the world will be united.

How long did I speak? When did we start? Okay, we can take a ten-minute break for the bathroom. (Father returned after about 5 minutes and started again.)

If I had been accepted, the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth would have come in 7 years through indemnity. This (referring to the drawing) is the mother on the tribal, national and world level, and the mother could have restored everything through uniting Cain and Abel. Cain and Abel should have united with mother. Then, here, they would have established the elder son position and there would have been the restoration of elder sonship. Three nations then, the elder son nation, mother nation and father nation, would have united together. Then the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth would have been built. But this was all lost.

So the elder son nation had to be restored through indemnity conditions. Through the cooperation between mother and son, these two nations should have been restored. I'm talking about Japan and America. Then they should be united with the fatherland, Korea. Then the elder son nation could be perfected, then the mother nation perfected, then the Kingdom of Heaven built. This should come through the blessing. Then the physical world and spirit world should be united. Then the term indemnity will be gone and, centered on God, we all can go back to the original land, the ideal of creation. That is our homeland. There we can enjoy an eternal rela-

tionship with God. So far, we have been under Satan's realm and influence, but we now should register ourselves into the Heavenly Kingdom. And we should bring our lineage back to God.

So now we should enter the age in which we belong to God. Adam was originally the elder son, then parent, then king, but because of the fall he lost those positions and all those should be restored. Ever since the creation, the ideal family that God desires should be fulfilled. Although it was lost

because of false parents, now we have to liberate God from His grief. We have to clean up everything. We should build a new world. Amen.

We are in the Completed Testament Age. So now we should build the ideal world. Satan's realm and influence and power should disappear. We should build the ideal family and ideal world. For this, we should be blessed families who can enter the Kingdom of Heaven. For this, all the women should be active throughout the world. In our Unification church, all women should be united. Amen?

Because we should follow the principle, when all the women throughout the world are united, then they go back to the original position as God's daughters. The greatest wish of women should be to become God's daughters. What about the men next to you? What are you, next to women? What do you want to be?

Through the True Parents, you should become children of God. That is what Adam and Eve should have been. But after them, who came? Cain and Abel. Who is going to guide Cain and Abel to God? Well, the mother fell and the mother should lead them. The mother's love is such that she will sacrifice herself. Even if she dies, she will feed the children. Even at the moment of death, she wants to protect the children. Even if the mother is bleeding to death, still she would nourish the children. That is a mother's love and spirit. Is it true? Then if the mother wants to give everything until the moment of death, can we say Japan has done that? You didn't even want me to come to your coun-

This is a result of the fallen nature, that world in which we live. What is this year's motto? I am talking about this year's motto. Therefore, from now, you should forget everything in the past, including your own name. We are living in such a time. Everyone in the world should be re-blessed and we should go back to the original land. We are living in the realm of the 4th Adam. The universe is the place in which every being created by God should live together. How about the eyes? What is their purpose? They also need to unite and fulfill their purpose. The nose is the same, it has a purpose. Also the mouth. These are all God's creation, each with its own purpose. Centering on God's love, we have to create the house in which all things have the same value in that each is the substantial creation of God. Gold and many precious gems and treasures are layered in mountains, centered on love and heart as the motivation, and the relationship between plus and minus. They must have

the purpose to create give and take action. They must create a plus.

In the Unification Church, since you joined the family, if you are following Father, are you looking miserable? As central figures you receive my direction and you may have resentment, but you know it will be a positive result, not a negative one. So you know all this sacrifice and work will be a great blessing and bring a powerful result. If you thought all of Father's direc-

tions lead to a negative result, you would not come and follow. By following you will gain more plusses as you always have, and you will be eternally plus.

**Emcee, Larry Moffit** 

A meeting with Father is not a normal meeting. Many religions have been persecuted and we have restored much of Christian history through our sacrifice. Because the indemnity has been paid for all the Christian history, we can meet here. Your own God is yours. I want vou to understand God and God's value. I'd like to transfer my heart of relation ship with God to you, with the heart of parents in the age of the Second Coming. Between the point of view of the fallen world and the standard of the heart of parents and of the true God, there is an incredible difference. In the era of the fourth Adam, how can we bring victory? Throughout the world, all women must unite, centered on the heavenly direc-

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Are you listening to me? When I speak Japanese, the Koreans are not learning. Did you hear? All the women in the world should be one within the loving guidance of True Parents. Many people can say you should unite with your husband, or your parents, or your president, or with Rev. Moon. Then which would you choose? You should be united with me first. Now is the women's age. Now we are living in the world in which men can no longer

I have my own home or not? I don't need my own home, but if I can find a nation, I'd do anything for that. I'd like to build God's Kingdom. Should it be centered on earth or include heaven and earth? It should be both. That is our fatherland and our earth is our hometown.

When you look at your hand, the earth is like the back of your hand. Your hand has five fingers. You have to make a fist. That is like your hometown. You should hold God's love in your palm. Each fin-



The Family Federation Choir

control everything. Women now even deny men. Everyone is denying each other. When you deny the other, parents say the daughter is not worthwhile. It is the time to deny everything. Where is the ideal? In America? Is America the Kingdom of Heaven? Does the family have a true master? Does the nation? Everyone is stealing from each other. They are lost. Women stand naked, alone. Can you imagine that? People now are not ashamed of being naked. When men and women are naked, what do they like the most? The sexual organ. It is for love.

Actually, that is true. When people are naked, they want to have a relationship, to touch each other. When you are in puberty, in adolescence, if men and women touch, they feel electricity right there. Sometimes you don't even want to eat. People really enjoy it. When men and women are naked, what can cause them to fall? Would you like to touch the love organ, or touch the breast? Very interestingly, women have breasts to be touched, and men like to touch them. This is a normal thing to do. Do you understand that? It is something instinctive and natural, nothing to laugh about. They like to touch each other when the women become more mature and the body changes. Do not laugh. When men think of a woman's breast, men have hair and women have hair. When they contact each other, do you feel some electricity there? Have you felt that? It's natural.

Women like to be touched on their breasts. Don't you think Adam and Eve enjoyed that, even though they didn't know what love was about, when they slept together they could have felt something. Do you know that? You husbands, when you go to bed tonight, try to touch your wife's breast. Even if your wife refuses, she will be happy if you do that. Try it. Even women can try too. Sometimes you put your leg on your spouse. Don't move it. It is strange that the founder of the Unification Church is talking like this. I am teaching you something very holy. Those who appreciate this, say thank you. (Everyone does.)

I have no more to give you. I gave you everything I have, even my money. Since I gave you everything, what are you going to do? I have my own wife and children to take care of. Should I take care of my family or continue to talk to you? Should

ger has three stages, so when you make a fist there are twelve becoming one. They all are connected. When you make a fist, connected, God can be there. God is wherever there is oneness. Eventually, everything will be gone and we will have a Godcentered family. Then people inevitably will join the Unification Church. They will make a choice to join or not to join. You cannot force them to make the right choice. We need the truth, God's words, for that. We need to spread God's message to everyone. Are you confident in doing that, Americans? [Yes.]

There are many media outlets opposing the Unification Church. There is no grassroots in America, either Republican or Democrat. They have no substance; they are like wind. There is no master, no owner. Who is the owner of America? Many people say they are proud of America, but who is its owner? What is so good about America? Free sex? Lesbianism? Family breakdown?

All women of the world belong to the True Adam. Where is your wife? They are willing to be faithful to me; that's why I gave them to you men. They are originally loyal to me, not to you. Adam did not take responsibility for fallen Eve, so I took care of them. That is indemnity. Women should love men. That is the principle. The reason you cannot object when I say this because it is the principle. Even if you want to have 100 relationships with your wife, there is nothing wrong with that. You can eat one spoonful of food, then have sex, then one spoonful, then sex, over and over, there is nothing wrong with that. Between husband and wife, if they die of exhaustion because of having so much sex, there is nothing wrong with that. What kind of religious founder is this? Worldly people may think it strange, but when you go to spirit world you will see I am not wrong. Dr. Sang Hun Lee saw this in spirit world. Light came into his body and he felt love. Do you understand what this means? When Dr. Lee greeted God, God's very acceptance of the greeting was the most profound experience of love for Dr. Lee. Do you think this is true? Do you want it to be true? That is the way both men and

# Some Thoughts on God's Day 2000

by Frank Kaufmann—NYC

here are three things I would like to discuss about God's Day 2000. 1. Its experiential resonance with the world at large. 2. Its theoretical resonance with the world at large, and 3. The especial evidence of the unique quality of attendance and presence.

Perhaps I speak for myself, but the anticipation of extreme inconvenience related to attending this year's God's Day ceremonies made the prospect of taking a pass on the whole thing very tempting indeed. Now, dear brothers and sisters I am talking about an extremely religious pass mind you. You may be certain that I would have had the holiest and most reverent observance of Unification traditions in the comfort of my home.

But my keepers assigned to torture me until I end up in heaven, made sure to dismantle my intentions and arguments against the bedlam option, and as always I yielded to the "higher" ground. (Lord lift me up, and make me stand...)

What interested me after finally getting myself there, was my discovery that attending this event as a participant proved completely trouble free. Travel through the city was a breeze. New York's finest felt like personal escorts every step of the way. The organization of the event proved remarkably orderly (kudos to the event planners under the direction Doc Hendricks and Reverend Yang). Each part of the three day program seemed to proceed with uncommon dignity, joy, and orderly and well conceived crowd management. The only exception to this near perfect organization was that band of participants genetically hard-wired to be rude, disorderly, disrespectful, and unreasonable. I left those folk break down their own over-packed elevators, allowing my God's Day to be fun and trouble free.

This fear that God's Day 2000 would descend into chaos was a mirror of the same fears which pervaded the world at large. The year-long hype for ringing in the New Millennium eventually fizzled under a media melt down, as those who are almost always wrong all but predicted the end of the world as we know it. Border guards were finding a bomb in every baby carriage, an army of Bin Laden clones were set to vaporize any place were two or more were gathered. Computers would turn on their masters (like that twilight zone episode). And general madness would

ensue. Stay home was the wise counsel at the end of the day. This was the "world's" version of our same smaller fear that God's Day 2000 would be a typical chaos, full of mistreatment, heirarchicalism run amok. leaders dining with gilded flatware, while babies starved and were trampled under foot by that faithful type seeking the front row. Both sets of expectations proved precisely and perfectly false.

Those "in the world" who swallowed hard and headed for the big celebrations (like Times Square) found the events to be calm, delightful, trouble free, well organized, happy and fun, without excess, and remarkably joyous and peaceful all the way around. The Unification experience mirrored the same phenomenon. God's Day 2000, as I said, was orderly, organized, Western members ate, each part of the program was glorious and memorable... yes things were wonderful all around.

This resonance with the rhythm of the "world at large," is significant. I will touch on in a moment.

The second point of resonance is what I called "theoretical," or perhaps call it "spiritual." This is the match in the "feeling" of the new millennium. The world at large (save the war-torn regions) is experiencing a general air of hopefulness and optimism. This general feeling of hopefulness, and positivity in the "world at large," is just the same as Father's essential message. This "era" Father explains is the time of freedom and opportunity. This is the *inner* aspect

which I consider noteworthy.

Then there is the matter of "attendance," and "presence." We all know that reading Father's speeches is just not the same as being there. Actually being with Father for a message and reading it later is often like night and day. Sometimes it can get so extreme that it is not altogether infrequent that while attending Father live, I can hear something and agree with it completely, then later when I read the very message it might drive me crazy, or even irritate me.

of the 'movement'/'world' resonance

This time with Father the chasm between "attendance/presence" and second hand reading was more pronounced than ever. Massive amounts of Father's self-expression this time was non-verbal. In fact the actual God's Day message itself was so incred-

ibly playful and filled with dance and pantomime as to be virtually theater. It would be wonderful if a video were available of this speech. *No* words can capture Father's palpable and infectious joy, and childlike playfulness and delight which characterized that speech.

This seems increasingly to be the case as Father moves ever more radically into a sphere of sheer presence and heart to heart communication; further and further from the driven, plod-



Shin Kwon Nim and Shin Sun Nim—children of In Jin Nim and Jin Sung Nim—after their piano performances

ding, complicated, aggressive ideologizing which so uniformly characterized what might be dubbed "the war years." I am deeply concerned that leaders, and those blessed by God with the opportunity to be in the presence of Father, take great pains to communicate this poetic realm of freedom which Father insists is upon us. It seems to me that we are leaving the time when we can replace "being" with Father, with "reading the speech." This new quality of communication I feel places a very serious burden on those leaders responsible for mediating, and communicating Father, and if the past is any measure, it is cause for concern about this. Perhaps increased dissemination, and more reliable access to videos might help respond to this new challenge.

If my earlier observation about the "world" mirroring the "movement," is true, it is hopeful. It would signify, in

my interpretation, that True Parents are in fact accomplishing what they claim. It goes like this: Father's earliest preaching shows him to be a solitary, condemned figure, cast out in the wilderness, unknown, and under a death sentence from the universe under Satan's command. This reality is one in which the Unification "movement" (consisting simply of Father himself) is most perfectly different from the "world at large." The world is vast,

powerful, and satanic, and the movement is one individual unlikely even to survive.

This discrepancy is steadily equalized and reversed through the course of eight stages of unspeakable and unknowable indemnity, through the restoration of the elder son's position, and finally to the settlement of cosmic True Parents in the era of the 4<sup>th</sup> Adam. This means that the fortitude and doggedness of True Parents makes the world belong to God through them. With this the experience and feeling of the "world" should come to match the experience and feeling of Father's world. This is why I note as significant similarities between the Unification God's Day 2000 and the "world's" New Millennium New Year's celebration.

Imagine this, at around 2am the Unificationists left Manhattan Center filled with joy and peace. Father had given a joyful, hopeful, loving message, painted a glorious motto, and life was grand. We made our way around the corner from the

34<sup>th</sup> Street Manhattan Center entrance to the 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, New Yorker Hotel entrance. In doing so we had to pass revelers from Times Square who were ending their festivities at just the same time! I am well accustomed to these two ships passing in the New York night. Each Sunday I drive through the 4am debauchery on the New York City streets on my way to Belvedere. On those mornings the "world" and we Unificationists are opposites indeed. But in this time it was different. The two communities were not that radically distinct. The feeling was not that radically distinct. They were tired, relaxed, relatively sober, and happy to wish us a happy new year. We were just about the same, tired, happy, hopeful, intoxicated with True Parents, and at the end of the day quite at home with our brothers and sisters in God's great big 'world." ❖

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women can be happy. Even if you are ugly you want that experience. You meet in blood. When you kiss, do you form a blood relationship? When you have a relationship, it is where you can meet God

So a wife is like a bird. The bird flies to her husband and as a couple they want to make babies and want to make love. Is there anything wrong with that? Or if the wife is like a rabbit and jumping all over making love; is there anything wrong? I'm asking because I do not know. When you touch the right place, you feel electricity. Where would

men and women meet? At home, when they meet in love, God will rejoice. So do not look down upon that small place. It is the place all the cells can meet and be stimulated and vibrate. That's the house of love.

A small entity should go into a big house. When you place a bowl, do you start with a small bowl to receive the bigger one, or the other way around? The bigger goes first. That way, you can embrace everything. The love organ is the house of love. All the cells can dance centering there. No matter how small they may be, they are all alive, because that's the place God can love. So, it is the principle to have the big ones eat the small ones. The small ones exist for the

greater purpose. By doing that, we become the creation's true owner. So we have to offer our lives for the sake of God. The weak are eaten by the strong. It is only for the sake of God. It is perfectly principled. When a knife is placed on the lamb, the lamb is willing to die. The lamb is not rebellious.

How is your relationship with your wife? (Well, fine.) You don't seem so sensitive about your wife. You have to be good to your wife. That is the most important thing in the universe. This is not a physical body. Do you beautiful wives here understand? You can show your most precious part only to your husband and God. Your husband is the owner of love and your husband can

bring your true love to you. Your husband is the owner of your true love. If you allow anyone to invade this principle, you destroy the relationships of the universe. This is the most fearful thing; do you understand?

From now, I want to activate all the women of the world. How can I do it? To do so, I need a nation. It is the third day of the new year. To get the nation, we need the women. A women destroyed the nation, through the fallen action. So we need to straighten out the nation. We have to follow the principle of restoration through indemnity. Because of the fall, women lost their ideal husband and children. So there are no ideal husbands,

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wives or children. All exist as enemies to each other. So we need True Parents. True Parents need to restore all the relationships. Husband and wife should be united and children should be united with their parents, all relationships should be united. Based upon this we can restore the nation. We have to re-organize all the families for the restoration of the nation. We have to bring all the people who are working in the different fields, religious, cultural, academic, whatever, we have to restore a nation. If Korea does not fulfill

that, then another country has to be found, wherever it may be.

We can start doing something about that. So, what is the woman's responsibility? Women should find the new nation. We should build a new world in this new millennium. We should educate people to find a new home. What is this? (Father draws Chinese characters on the board.) This is brothers and sisters. This means house. (Chinese characters.) We should find a house in which everyone is happy and peaceful. We should build a new world in this

new millennium. We should establish the house for women. This is the Chinese character that means house.

This is a different tongue, which belongs to Satan, because there are a lot of divisions there, but we should transform this divided house into a peaceful and harmonious house. The house is the training place to go to heaven. You people want to build the house not for fighting but for harmony. In the new millennium we should build a new house in which we can harmonize, be happy and love each other. A small home belongs to the larger home, and God has the largest home, and we altogether belong to God's home. Now we know what is the right thing to do, and God is the perfect plus and we as minus should be totally united with God. When you go to Japan, are there not multiple political parties? We should not belong to this house with lots of divisions, but should build a harmonious house

Yok is a Chinese character, in Korean kaesho. This is a new era. This Chinese character has all the meanings of restoration. Kayando is north pole and hyeyon is south. So if Christians had originally united with us, we could have established Father's land in Korea, but because of the failure we had to go through indemnity. Haewa is peace, the Chinese character. This is the meaning of peace.

Despite that, Adam and Eve fell. This is very mysterious. Behind Korean history are mysteries. Formation, growth and perfection. Even if it requires that you deny absolutely your family, wife and children, you must go back to True Parents. You Japanese are completely united with Father. What you received from me was to become a complete woman, a true mother. How? You husbands are the archangel position. Before, you were the heavenly archangel position. Two-thirds must be cut off, to deny the position of the fallen archangel. So you have to destroy and kick out the man who focuses on himself instead of living for a higher purpose. So we must restore women to become

heavenly wives. I am speaking to the men. If we don't guide them with determination, our children will go in the wrong direction. I am talking of the principle of restoration. Is it wrong? It is absolutely, eternally, never wrong.

The heart of the mother is to fulfill a woman's responsibility. Living for the world, we must provide education. From now, the Unification Church is of young people under 24. We must unite women and children. Then we can bring heaven and earth victory. Your husbands are not important relative to this. Women in Japan must unite their children, then the father and whole family. Children



and men all unite with the mother. Children unite with mother to bring them to God. The mother fell first, then the children, Cain and Abel. So we must unite the children, the mother must embrace the children and go back to the father to bring the restored position before the fall. Restore the children and the husband is the archangel. Then the eternal tribe must be subjugated. When we go to heaven, we must bring the archangel with us.

The wife is to the left of the husband. All women in Japan must unite together. We will at first educate the mothers. In one week, let's educate all the women,

through a 3-day then 4-day workshop. We must have the perfect education to bring all the women together. The mother should educate the children. Based upon the unity between mother and children, you should be united with the father.

Now the time has changed. It is time to be restored. All the children should be restored. They should be willing to be totally united with the mother, with total unity and offering the result to the father. Then the father

will give the eternal blessing. This is the principle of restoration. These are not my words; it should be done at some point in time. It cannot be denied. When you know what is right, can anyone oppose that? God is eternal, unique, absolute and unchanging. So we should be totally united with that, through absolute faith, love and obedience. How can we digest this?

It is simple. There are opposing political parties. Women should go to each party and educate all those leaders about how not to fight with each other at whatever level they may be. The mothers become mediators between the parties.

Each party contains many people, so the mothers should educate everyone. We should bring them to unity and harmony. In order to bring unity to those people, how many people do we need? If they fight, will they win or lose? Both will lose. But if we teach them to be united, then everyone wins.

The restoration of the Kingdom of Heaven: when can it be done? Rev. Kwak? So we are responsible to educate all those leaders. In Korea, we have 40 million people. Half of them are men and half are women. To educate them all, we need a lot of resources. But we need to educate them. We have to make an announce-

ment about this. We should save America and the world. Every four vears there is an election. At that time, rather than seeing them fighting, if we teach them to unite, then the world will be united.

We should announce this campaign through the media. We have to publicly announce

the plan to save the world. Everyone has to know how to get the blessing. Should Americans say no, or amen? If you say no, you will fall. We should not be arrogant. The arrogant will perish. What do you think? Will this be successful? Absolutely successful. You do not need money. The most powerful women are American women. They are the queens. You need to take this personally as your own responsibility. Everyone has to be united. In the beginning, laborers belonged to the communist party. But in the Unification Church, all women should join True Parents' party. Then the world can be restored.

should be united. We should educate all the individuals, all the people and nations. Then when all these people can be united with the mother and children, their unity will come about and they will come together before the father. Then we can bring God's kingdom and transcend the need for salvation through religion and build an ideal family and ideal nation. That is the end of everything. Do you understand how concrete it can be? It is a new millennium, new age, new home and new women's party or home. We can educate everyone. Educate women to be true brides and mothers and men to be true men starting with the education of our children. Then the Heavenly Kingdom will come and everything will be

Those who do not understand, raise your hands. If you know, raise your hands. I wish you God's blessing. (Applause.)

I tried to organize the Federation to Save the New Nation centered upon the National Messiahs. I instructed you to find 780 families in preparation for this time. Based on the foundation that has been laid we need to move on to the new age. The responsibility of the mother and children is enormous and can be fulfilled only by obedience. We need to bring the age of liberation and you are responsible to educate all the people. It is up to you. Think of nothing other than bringing the unity of the mother and children. If it does not work we may need to establish a new organization for education. We need to educate people to practice filial piety and make women true women, to attend Father. Women as mothers should bring unity to the world. Do you understand? You know well. There is nothing more to seek other than the nation of the elder son and the world of True Parents.

I said everything in detail, so based on my words you have to study. Do you know what to do when you return? You have to make a public announcement about an educational organization.

(Father pulls out his black book and reads. The following outline structure is the result of nothing other than the note-taker's intuition.)

#### The New Fourth Adam's Age.

As we are receiving a new millennium, the new world's blessing will be with you. It is a new year, 2000, a new speech, a new year's motto, you should remember it, and based upon it, enjoy eternal prosperity. I wish for you eternal prosperity.

I. The world leaders' instructions are based upon the new year's motto.

A. The cosmos is the house of True Love.

Everything should exist for the sake of the house of True Love. That is the place God can live. We should love everyone just as parents

love their children. The cosmos is the house of love and the house of all creation is the house where God can dwell. That is what God, children and husband and wife need. It is what we all need. We should live for the sake of others and when we do, then the top and bottom and left and right and front and rear will be settled. This will be the house of the human-hearted world is where husband and wife and children live together. In the relationship of subject and object between God and us, this is where we all can live together.

B. The house of spirit world.

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revealed these things and I was instructed to give the message to you. It is not just a human idea. All this should be written down and publicly announced. It is a matter of importance to heaven and earth. So, we have to restore a nation. I blessed many people and they are sensitive to my ideas and plans. Recently I gave a speech with the title, "The Cosmos is My Hometown and Fatherland." Based on that foundation, I created the new model. The new millennium can be a new world. That is how we can build the Kingdom of Heaven, based on that speech. The mother and elder son nation

These are not just my words; heaven

#### by Pierre Tardy—Clifton, NJ

his is a brief overview of the True God's Day entertainment at the Hammerstein Ballroom in NYC. The Master of ceremonies was Larry Moffit.

NEW YORK CITY SYMPHONY

Davis Eaton conducted the gala ensemble orchestra in a performance of the finale, Allegro vivace, of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's Symphony No 34.

YOSHIMI KADOTA

Yoshimi is an outstanding soprano from Japan. She sang the beautiful Korean art song "Gga Go Pa. '

MIYUKI HARLEY

Miyuki sang "Heaven's Romance" which she and her husband Sam Harley wrote especially for the True God's Day 2000 program.

KENNY MUHAMMAD, 'THE HUMAN ORCHESTRA'

"Kenny's Joy" was composed for Kenny by David Eaton to exemplify the harmonization of the diverse styles of classical music and Hip-Hop.

**MZURI** 

Mzuri delighted audiences at a recent Hoon Dok Hae conference in Washington, D.C. and at the foundation Day celebration at Belvedere. God's Day she performed "Listen to the Message" which is inspired by her love of God and her family with whom she co-wrote this special song.

MZURI AND PHILIP MICHAEL THOMAS Co-star of the hit television series "Miami Vice," Philip Michael Thomas is also a very talented sing and song writer. He collaborated with Mzuri to perform his song "Significant Other" which is

# True God's Day Entertainment

based on West African dance rhythms. "Holy Mother, Eternal Father, we are the children of the universe. I am your sister, I'm your brother. We pray for life, for

each other. You are my significant other.

JENA EISENBERG Jena is the daughter of Marty and Linda Eisenberg who were blessed in 1982 as part of the 8000 couple Blessing. Jena has developed into a very talented pianist and composer. She performed Frederic Chopin's "Brilliant Waltz" and one of her own compositions, "Tempestad de Tristeza" which she performed with the New York Sympho-

FAMILY FEDERATION **CHOIR** 

Songs from the three Dispensational Cultures

of Korea, Japan and the United States with Susan Osmond the Director).

TRUE PARENTS, AMERICA AND THE **NEW MILLENNIUM** 

A video retrospective highlighting True Parent's activities.

FINALE

"New time for love "A Tribute to True God's Day 2000 composed and produced by Kevin Pickard Performed by Raoul Joseph, Miyuki Harley and members of the Second Generation from the Barrytown and New Jersey Family Federation Communities.

**GRAND FINALE** Celebrated with members of the True



Family backed up by the J-Carp band. It was a spectacular evening. Hyun Jin Nim, and Hyung Jin Nim (True Parents youngest son) did a fantastic Job. They are going on a tour to Japan and Korea. The atmosphere was so good and uplift-

During the 3-day event, a giant screen was set up in the back of the stage and we could see every detail in a close up fashion of what was happening on the stage.

islative houses, but giving more equal

voice to both men and women will create

a unification house. Through the unifi-

cation house we can build the Kingdom

starting a new millennium, we need a

blessing to be upon everyone. Amen.

stretch out the word. The True Par-

and I desire a blessing upon every-

Aaaa-

and

aaaaaaaaaaaameeeeeeen.

(End of Instructions.)

IV. So the conclusion is that as we are

of Heaven on Earth.

one.

David Eaton wrote as an introduction to the program the following:

In 1983, while in South America to

perform for the Sixth World Media Conference, Father shared his view with regards to creating "New Age" music. He said, "Classical music should be our foundation because it has the ability to express the widest range of heart. With that foundation, combine the Abel-type elements of other styles or music-folk, pop, ethnic, jazz-with the classical style in such a way that the marriage of individual styles can be transcended and thus create a harmonious unification of those diverse elements. That's New Age music!"

In tonight's program we've have attempted to do just as Father instructed. With classical music as a foundation we've have integrated Korean Art Songs, Japanese Traditional music and dance, American Pop, Gospel, west African folk and even Hip-Hop into the fabric of this special High Holy Day celebration.

As the new millennium begins, it is my hope to continue to bring True Parents' tradition of True Love into all of our creative endeavors. �

#### **LEADERS** from page 8

Parents, husband and wife and children in spirit world live together. (Father repeats the new year's motto.)

C. The true love home is the core of the cosmos. The true family home is the core of the cosmos. The true love home is the core of the cosmos.

1. First, the husband is the house of the wife's love and the wife is the home of the husband's love. Parents are the home of the children's love. So the house of true love of Rev. Yang is his wife. You should not disregard your wife.

2. Second, the wife is the house of the husband and the husband is the one who is the house of the wife. Therefore, you should serve and love and sacrifice for each other and not disregard each other. You must not misunderstand this. The husband is the wife's True Love home and the wife is the husband's True Love home.

3. Third, when True Love comes, then peace settles. A family is not enough; you need some surrounding wall that can protect you. The nation is like that wall. The top and bottom, the vertical relationship, is like a father-child relationship, and right and left is husband and wife, and front and rear is the brother-sister relationship.

4. Fourth, the True Love kingdom is the house in which you can live eternally. The father-son relationship brings unity between the whole family.

5. Fifth, by the completion of the new couples' unity, we should prepare a new structure, one organization, one new nation, the purpose of the new nation is ... The new nation starts from the women's home.

D. The main title is "education of true

women." We should educate women to be true women. First, raise women to have true filial piety. Next, perfect a true mother and then a true man and then true children. Then we can finally inherit everything.

Did you write all of that? Next topic:



II. The establishment of the true

There should be a dual structure,

a two-stage structure. Now the nations

are in a mess, so they should re-

organize and restructure. They need

to resolve the problem of factional-

ism. If each party is existing for its

encourage more women to run for

didates should be balanced by the

number of female candidates. So far,

there has been an imbalance here,

and we should have balance from

now. Many countries have two leg-

III. Number three, it is time to

That is, the number of male can-

own sake then the nation will decline

nation.

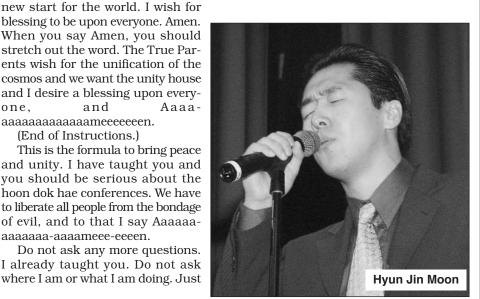
office.

This is the formula to bring peace and unity. I have taught you and you should be serious about the hoon dok hae conferences. We have to liberate all people from the bondage of evil, and to that I say Aaaaaaaaaaaaa-aaaameee-eeeen.

Do not ask any more questions. I already taught you. Do not ask where I am or what I am doing. Just

focus on your work. You know exactly what you are supposed to do. If you fulfill your mission to find one nation, then everything will be over. Everything is in subject-object relationships and the lower level will be absorbed by the higher.

All the women of the church should



**Hyung Jin Moon** 

be active and women should bring unity between the children and that way they can bring unity with the father. In the future we need congresswomen, eventually even a woman president. Everyone should be willing to work hard for the liberation of the world and cosmos.

Where are the presents that need to e given everyone? It is a new millenni um so I cannot let you go without giving you something. First, National Messiahs. I did not know what you would like, but I am giving them out one by one. (One tie is given to each person. Father began the process then left after three manseis.) �



From combined reports

oon Sook Nim is being recognized as the pioneer of Korean Ballet on the worldwide level. The 15 year-old Universal Ballet Company(UBC) received this years highest honorable prize, '99 Korea's Cul-

ture and Arts Awards' in the performing arts section. Hoon Sook Nim (Julia H. Moon), head of UBC, was awarded '99 Korea's Culture and Arts Awards' from President Kim Dae Jung of Korea, at the commemorative ceremony for the Day of Culture, held on October 20th, 1999, at a theater of culture & arts on Seoul university street,

It was officially recognized in this award ceremony, the most significant event in the field of culture and arts, that UBC as an arts company supported completely by

# **Universal Ballet Company Receives** Korea's Culture and Arts Awards



private funds has greatly devoted itself to the development of the Korean Ballet on to the worldwide level through about 950 official performances.

About 10 people were awarded Culture medals from President Kim in this ceremony. Rewarded for all awardee's labor, President Kim said in his congratulatory address, "I am ready to make my best effort for the development of culture and the travel industry which will be the key industry in the 21st century."

Korea Culture & Art Prize is awarded individual or group which has greatly contributed to the development of culture in 5 major sections such as art performance, culture, literature, fine arts and music. It was the first time to award a group. It was known that UBC's recent successful tour in 3

nations, Europe during 35 days from June 29 was decisively considered for this prize. UBC's performance in Europe has been favorably commented by culture and art groups, in that the performance was highly evaluated as worldwide top level by media in Europe, the home of the ballet, and thus UBC made Korean Ballet level move up and contributed to international PR for Korea. In the award ceremony Hoon Sook Nim expressed her feelings in accepting the award comment that UBC will be grown up as a worldwide company based upon its accumulated art skills and stable foundation for 15 years. ❖

# Japanese Sisters in Bayou la Batre

by John Grapek—Bayou la Batre, AL

remember saying not long ago, that our problems would seem much smaller if we were doing things that are much larger. That statement has been verified recently as we have been investing ourselves in the many young people who come to our center to hear more about the Blessing and study the Principle. It's been the busiest time I can remember, but also the most gratifying!

We are lucky here in Alabama, because the Japanese Sisters are dependent on our help. Unlike a larger city there is no way to get around unless we drive them. Without their investment, we wouldn't be bringing people, so we are mutually dependent.

We rented a very nice house, and thus created a center between two college campuses. Every night there is an evening program and an afternoon workshop on Sundays. Up until now we've sent in eight matching applications, and have several more guests returning regularly to study the Principle. Most nights we have between one and five guests, and so far we've been fortunate not to have a guestless night. We have dinner, entertainment, an orientation talk for the first time guests (ongoing lectures for others), dessert and a sharing by a Blessed couple. Having the Blessed couple share, or even just having them there, seems to be the most powerful part of the whole program. The guests are hungry for this type of testimony. Because we might be focusing on our own shortcomings, many of us don't realize how much we have to give as a matched and Blessed couple. But through testifying with my wife, I have realized how good we really have it. The grass isn't any greener than under our own four feet!

One brother here named Alberto, while on an errand, met a lady the same day she had been praying for a good husband! She came that evening and has signed up for the matching. We had one young man coming who was very nervous about going through with it, so he brought his mother. It turns out that his mom is single and she got inspired. She's a minister so she got filled with the Holy Spirit. She hasn't signed up but encouraged her son. Last night we had another lady minister come and she was very inspired by the program (just so you understand; there are a lot of ministers here in the South). The Sunday before Christmas I was witnessing with some of the Japanese Sisters in the mall. As you can imagine it was very crowded. I saw a young man who looked like just the type to come to a program, so I had my partners stop him and talk to him. He said "Oh, I've been over to the house. I met Ukiko." Everyone is meeting us. I've even had two of my seafood customers come to the program. One might get matched. One of our matching candidates lives in Bayou La Batre next to a family of members, and rents his house from a another member. He had heard about us but always wondered what we actually did.

We recently held a Hoon Dook Hae conference in a Holiday Inn. This was great with fifty guests attending. A minister couple from Jackson, Mississippi testified that the RFK Blessing had turned their marriage around. A Nation of Islam brother gave a moving talk about racial unity. Also present were several representatives from an Islamic Mosque and State Senator George Callahan, who is congressman Sonny Callahan's brother. A few days later a young minister who had attended the conference with his wife met with our state leader, Joshua Cotter, and the two Japanese sisters who originally met him while going door to door. He testified that the conference was the most moving night of his life because he felt God's presence so clearly. This man had been a minister for several years and had even worked on the streets of New York.

I would like to thank everyone who wrote me after the last time I submitted a testimony. I really appreciate all your support.

# Religious Youth Service Projects in 2000

by John Gehring—NYC

e have put together a partial schedule for RYS programs the year 2000. Many have expressed a desire to come to one of our programs and we hope this will give you a sense of what we are building.

The RYS experience opens up people's minds and hearts in unique and creative ways. Young adults and communities are exposed to the possibilities of building a culture of peace. Since 1986, I have had the opportunity to work with the RYS in over thirty nations. The RYS continues to prove to be a model that can stimulate the highest dreams and vision of people of faith and character. The RYS is surely an experience of a lifetime.

We know that some people would like to spend a longer time in a nation then the time designated for our RYS programs. If that is your case please let us know and we can try to link you with other programs that are going on in that geographic area.

Please review the following (tentative) schedule and let us know if you can join us. We will keep project fee's at around \$ 200-\$ 300. This covers room, board and program costs during the project. We work hard to take care of participants from the point of their arrival to the point of departure.

#### **Host Site Dates**

- 1. Sri Lanka January 10-18, 2000 4th Asian Friendship and Service Project Cooperating with Sri Lanka -UNESCO, Lions Club. We will work in a rural area to build a school play area and repair a local road.
- 2. Dominica March 11-18, 2000 Focus is on Caribbean region and North American participants. Working on an environmental Dominica/Caribbean Youth Council. 7th Friendship America's Project
  - 3. West Africa April 1-10, 2000
- A. Nigeria RYS mini-project with local nations.
- B. Ghana or Ivory Coast: Youth Seminar/training

- C. Liberia Youth Seminar/training 4. Romania April 10-20, 2000 Euro-
- pean based project with IRFF and UNESCO 5. Central America Seminars and
- Meetings and Training a) Costa Rica May 20-21 One-day
- seminars plus meetings. b) Nicaragua May 22-23 RYS sem-
- inars and meetings c) Honduras May 24-27 RYS local
- project d) Guatemala May 28-29 RYS sem-
- 6. Uganda June 10-19, 2000 East Africa Regional Project: All are welcome
- Local sustainable development and ecological project in cooperation with various religious organizations and the government of Uganda.
- 7. Guatemala July 1-15, 2000 8th Friendship America's Project

Will focus on bringing greater cooperation among youth in the America's. Other nation's participants also welcomed.

8. Papua New Guinea July 29-Aug

7, 2000 Oceania Region

In cooperation with the government and local organizations. Possible housing project or work renovating the public market.

9. Mongolia August 13-24, 2000 5th Asian Friendship and Service Project

This second project in Mongolia will involve a network of various local religious organizations. Participants will largely come form Asia but all are wel-

- 10. Nigeria September 9-19, 2000 West Africa Regional project
- 11. Zambia December 2-10, 2000 Southern Africa Region

All participants are welcomed to join this project which will be the third in

12. Philippines December 21-30, 2000 Asian Friendship and Service Project

Other possible locations for RYS projects: Trinidad or Nicaragua in November or December. Brazil: Possibly in July-August. �

# Japanese Heart Moves the Hudson Valley

by Sarah M. Witt-Barrytown, NY

hen our Regional Director, Rev. Dong Woo Kim, announced at a special meeting that we were going to have eight Japanese Missionary Sisters come to help us find candidates for the Matching and Blessing on Feb. 13, 2000, everyone in our UTS community was inspired and excited.

When they arrived, they were warmly welcomed, and at Pres. Shimmyo's invitation they settled in to the sisters' dorm at UTS. At our first meeting with them, they introduced themselves to us through Mrs. Sachiko Carlson, UTS professor Dr. David Carlson's wife. The sisters could speak very little English, so we had to have an interpreter for all communication. Sachiko continued that responsibility throughout their entire stay at UTS.

During that first meeting with them, we discovered that all but one sister had husbands and children in Japan; one even had an infant girl of eight months' age. She cried as she introduced herself to us, and we all felt her anguish at leaving her precious baby to come, at her own expense, to follow Father's direction. We were all amazed at their absolute faith, love and obedience, which enabled them to make such a sacrifice—and that their husbands were so willing to make such an enormous sacrifice. We were profoundly touched by this very first meeting, and were inspired by their example to unite and help them to the best of our abil-

After a flurry of activity, during which time maps were studied to find suitable witnessing areas, flyers were written and revised several times, the best method of copying was discovered, the UTS community united in heart and spirit with the project.

We were very grateful for the help of Johanna Forringer, the overall coordinator, Sachiko Carlson, who personally took care of our missionary sisters as well as interpreting; Marie Kirkley, Theresia Kittel, and several other sis-

ters and brothers who helped with transportation; and Marie-France Daugherty who, in spite of her being in the process of healing her broken leg, helped prepare the Massena House.

I took the phone calls (some at 11:30pm), since my telephone number was on the flyers they distributed. I was amazed that, even though the missionaries could not speak English, they made such a good impression on those they gave the flyers. Many who called for more information remarked on the warm hearts of the missionaries. Others threatened to sue us!

One of our guests told us he was thinking about meeting a nice woman as he was sitting on a bench in a mall, when our sisters began putting flyers on a table nearby. He walked over to see what was on the table, and it was as though his wishes were coming true. He is now prepared for the matching.

Another caller was a woman whose second husband, to whom she had been married for 12 years, after she had divorced her abusive first husband, saw our flyer in their home and

suspected his wife of contacting a dating service. Fortunately, he was home when she called, and I spoke to him and explained about our program, calming him down. Those two people were ready to sue us for breaking up their marriage!

We set up tables and chairs in the Massena House, across from UTS, in the large hall previously used for Chapel services. Here our guests brought by the missionary sisters were served dinner, and given a short presentation on the purpose of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification by one of our volunteer lecturers. We held meetings six evenings a week. Several of our guests had no cars, so we picked them up. Two of those are now prepared for the matching. Dorothy Hill helped with taking photos of candidates, among other things.

Generally, I felt we were united in heart with our mission-

ary sisters, with each other in the community, and most of all with our Regional Director Rev. Dong Woo Kim. Also we were very inspired with his wife, Mrs. Kim, who went out witnessing very often, even though they have four children, one of them very young.

I'd like to mention, also, that we placed a personals ad in a local paper for two weeks. There were many calls, but only two guests showed up and none got to the workshop stage.

For Christmas we had a wonderful party for the entire UTS community and our guests from witnessing. A beautiful 11-foot Christmas tree was decorated by Marie-France Daugherty and Marie Kirkley. Many of our guest can-

didates attended, and they are still talking about the wonderful time they had, the great food and the entertainment.

One experience I personally had was with a guest I met when I came to the Massena House one evening to help speak to the guests. I recognized one of the men who had called, to whom I



At a "Sisterhood" ceremony at UTS: Dr. Jennifer Tanabe and Johanna Forringer pair up with Japanese missionaries Sochiko CarlsonHitomi Murstsuka and

spoke about the program on the phone. He called himself Jimmy the Greek, and looked like someone I knew from long ago. As soon as I saw him, I remarked, "I know you!" He replied, "I know you too!" But neither of us could remember when and where we had met. He owned a bakery in Kingston, just 20 minutes from UTS. He had been given a flyer by one of our missionary sisters

I wracked my brain, trying to remember where I had met him. Then I remembered that my older son Mark had a Greek friend who came to our apartment in Chicago one day to say goodbye to Mark, as he prepared to travel to his native land of Greece. I met him

then, and gave him about ten tapes of my radio program which I had started in Chicago, to give to him family and friends in Greece.

I asked myself, could this be he? The next time I saw Jimmy the Greek, I asked him if he had ever lived in Chicago. He replied that he had, many years ago. I asked, "27 years ago?" He looked

startled. "Yes," he replied. Then I told him that this was where we met, when I had given him the tapes of my radio program to take with him to Greece. Small world!

At this point, Jimmy the Greek is running three businesses and working 18 hours a day. But we hope he will be back soon.

Now that our missionary sisters have returned to their families in Japan, we have revamped our program t one lecture evening a week, Wednesdays, for new and returning

guests, and Friday evenings for community night. We now have seven matching candidates and a potential from the ad to have more guests for the program.

For community night, we invited families of our community and guests. The program begins with a potluck dinner at 6pm, followed by a short Hoon Dok Hae reading. We then have entertainment, sharing and socializing.

It is our earnest desire, as a community, to grow together with our guests and new members to become a healthy community body which can embrace and give birth to more and more Blessed Families. �

### First Blessing

Adam Eve brother sister father mother Through generations of poisoned blood Cry out rescue us save us Son brother descendant forgive us

Understanding I return their cry Merge into their agony Mea culpa mea culpa mea culpa We embrace on bloody common ground

Begin our ascent back to God Whom we spurned in lust-driven collusion With the renegade angel Who became at once enemy & false father

From him this tradition of death
This collective dash to destruction
Where's our hope reprieve resurrection

Within every heart buried impulses Push pull us up the thorny path Pioneered by Hana-Nim Himself Long before we knew Him or our history Or possibility of human perfection

### Second Blessing

Out of the subway Familiar warm blackness Nine-month oblivion The infant cozes into light

Bloody slimey thoughtless Gasps his first breath observes Those first hovering faces He's the eagerly awaited fruit

Of vertical-horizontal love Tender bud of unflawed love Historical triumph undefiled by egotism & lust Evidence of Hana-Nim's persistent logos

The will that demanded Satan's obliteration And mankind's torturous rebirth Here is consummation of God's hope Resurrection of original innocence

That insures liberation of erstwhile slaves
To lust & hell's crooked mean streets
This birth justifies man's existence
Removes the resentment & han of heaven & earth

### Third Blessing

What's our reference What makes the world ours Money position power Which world what desire

To own the world is to relinquish it Knowing it belongs to Hana-Nim As we once did & can again If we give up ourselves

Begin from emptiness
To own what was meant for us
That's unwinnable via money & power
Won't yield to force & self-indulgence

It only bows to those who love it Even Hana-Nim bows to belongs to The children who forget themselves And run to Him with original joy

Creation glows sings dances In the arms & hearts of true lovers Of God & mankind The only route to real dominion

Asa Ashanti (Paschal)

## Ministers' Conference Held in Florida

He waxed poetic and spoke

from his heart, praising

Rev. Moon and the

Unification Church and the

positive impact True

Parents were having on

America.

by Rev. Dae Hee Hong-Miami, FL

n Saturday, Nov. 13, 1999 the Florida Region hosted its first Hoon Dok Hae Ministers Conference in Miami. Rev. Michael Jenkins came from Chicago to lead a spirited rebirth of a new level of cooperation with the Ministers. It was an incredible event! We have been working with these ministers for several years and they have attended many events but they have always kept their distance and resisted becoming too involved with us. This conference was different! One longresponse to the reading of "The King-

dom of God." He is normally not inclined to adlib and go off on inspirational diatribes, but he waxed poetic and spoke from his heart, praising Rev. Moon and the Unification Church and the positive impact True Parents were having on America.

Other ministers who spoke were so support-

time acquaintance, a Lutheran minis- ive of True parents and the Blessing. ter, stood up and gave a wonderful Everyone was sharing about the beauty of the common belief in God, love of

> each other as brothers and sisters, and the importance of working together with Rev. Moon to bring a new age and to "save America." After the conference, a delicious lunch was served. While eating, several of the Japanese sisters entertained with song and

dance. The ministers were so inspired with Father's love for this nation and the incredible sacrifice of the Japanese sisters. Several ministers invited the Japanese sisters to come to their churches and even spend the night in their homes so they could participate in several activities going on in their churches. We could all feel the spirit of God, the presence of Jesus and the higher spirit world. The ministers were really elated to experience such a pure taste of heaven!. �

# International: Year in Review

WFWP International

has made a significant

contribution to the

United Nations' goals

of world peace and

development.

his is a brief outline the various activities that WFWP International has been able to accomplish this last year.

#### **Special Convocation**

A special Convocation on Family Ethics and World Peace was held in Seoul, Korea, February 4-7, 1999. Fifty delegates from twenty countries represented WFWP International. As a supporting organization, WFWPI held a panel session with the theme "Women as Peacemakers" on February 5th. Speakers on WFWP panels included Dr. Christine Durbak, Founder and Chair of World Information Transfer/Vice Chair if the United Nations Department of Public Information, NGO Executive Committee, Hon. Gladys Gutierrez, Secretary of State for the Dominican Republic/Director of Dominican Republic's Division of the Advancement of Women, Prof. Lia Diskin, Founding member and Executive Secretary of the Institute for Studies of the Future/President of Brazilian Committee in Support of Tibet, Ms. Camelia Anwar Sadat, President of Sadat Peace

ident of Egypt Anwar Sadat, and Hon. Madam Isilay Saygin, Minister of the State of Turkey.

#### WFWP Seventh Anniversary Convention

WFWPI was pleased to provide sponsorship for the conference "Growing into the New Millennium" on April 23-24, 1999 in celebration of the 7th Anniversary of the founding of Women's Federation For World Peace. This conference was organized by the WFWP National Convention Committee in

conjunction with World Information Transfer and the Support Center for Nonprofit Management. It included a day of panel discussions at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City. Topics of discussion were based on the theme: "Challenges to Health and Environment". In addition, a luncheon was held in honor of the WFWP USA 1999 Women of the Year.

#### The Third Women's Conference for Peace in the Middle East

On May 12-15, 1999, WFWP International cosponsored with WFWP Japan, the Third Women's Conference for Peace in the Middle East held in Cyprus. Seventy women leaders from fifteen Middle Eastern countries attended the conference. Dr. Hanifa D. Mezoui, Chief of NGO Section, DESA of the United Nations gave a presentation on Working with the UN: A Practical Workshop. Topics of the conference included: Women and Leadership, Raising Families in a Hostile Environment, Role of Women in Solving Family Problems, Violence and the Family, Women to Counter Hunger and Poverty, and the Global Family and World Peace. Prominent women leaders from the Middle East attended the conference such as H.E. Inam Al Mufti, Adviser to HH Queen Noor of Jordan, Mrs. Salwa Nasser, Coordinator for NGO, Jordan National Committee for Women; Dr. Maitha Al Shamsi, Vice Chancellor, U.A.E.

Institute and daughter of former Pres- University; Dr. Naima Al Shayji, Senior Advisor, Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research, Kuwait; Dr. Bahiya Al-Jishi, Director of General Organization for Youth and Sports, Bahrain.

> A significant result of this conference was the creation of the Nicosia

Declaration, and the Statement to the High Level Segment of ECOSOC. These are statements containing recommendations for action to solve the problem of poverty and to create a foundation for peace and prosperity in the Middle East.

#### Joint WFWP & NGO Workshops sponsored by WFWPI and WFWP Japan,

June 24-28, 1999, Dr. Michelle B. Fedoroff, Deputy Director of NGO Section at the United Nations, was invited to Japan and we conducted a joint WFWP & NGO workshop in the three cities of Osaka, Fukuoka and Tokyo. A total of more than 600 participants from seventy NGOs throughout Japan attended the workshop. These workshops proved instrumental in strengthening the partnership between the United Nations and the participating NGOs.

#### **Oral Presentation of the** Statement to the High Level Segment of ECOSOC

When the High Level Segment of the Economic and Social Council met in Geneva from July 6-8, 1999, for the first time, it included the views of the NGO community in it's deliberations. WFWPI was one of the three NGOs in General Consultative Status to present a statement. The High Level Segment is the highest committee of ECOSOC and is attended by heads of states and ministers from member countries who also presented their statements. The theme of the session was "The Role of Employment and Work in Poverty Eradication: The Empowerment and Advancement of Women."

WFWP International was one of the NGOs who submitted a written statement to the NGO Committee of ECOSOC and was recommended for an oral presentation in Geneva. WFWPI sent Mrs. Karen Judd Smith, Secretary General of WFWP-USA to this session to represent WFWPI and give an oral presentation in front of the ministers and representatives of the UN. The Statement to the High Level Segment of ECOSOC was a historical milestone for WFWPI.

#### The 1999 Seoul International **Conference of NGOs**

October 10-16, 1999 Seoul International Conference of NGOs was cosponsored by the Conference of NGOs in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations and the Executive Committee of NGOs Associated with the United Nations Department of Public Information, WFWP held a workshop at this conference on "The 21st Century and Family Ethics". International panelists addressed topics including Parental Education and Family Values, Marriage: An Ethical Analysis from an American Woman's Perspective, Family Values: A Thai Perspective.

#### **International Conference on the International Year for the Culture** of Peace 2000 at United Nations Headquarters in New York, November 22, 1999

WFWP International's final accomplishment of the year is today's conference to begin to focus on Creating a Culture of Peace for the Year 2000 and beyond. This conference is hosted by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, NGO Section.

Cosponsorship has been provided by Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace and the New York City Symphony. In the above ways, WFWP International has made a significant contribution to the United Nations' goals of world peace and development. �

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### God's Goal for Human History

Volume 4 - Part 2

ome modern sage has observed that life is like an onion: a person unpeels it one layer at a time, and he cries a lot. Such is the life

we have come to know in a fallen world, separated from God's love.

In response to this sad reality, the vision of a just and loving society has recurrently emerged at different time and places throughout human history. Even such a figure as Charlemagne, no ingenue in human affairs, is said to have slept with a copy of St. Augustine's City of God under his pillow and to have sought to realize its promise in the vast kingdom he governed.

In medieval times the popular legends of the exploits of King Arthur and his Knights of the Round table, in the idyllic realm of Camelot bespoke this universal yearning for an ideal. In modern times the Camelot legend has been recalled in descriptions of the hope and vision John F. Kennedy brought to the American presidency in the early 1960s.

Sometimes the vision of an ideal occurs in the unlikeliest of places. In the eyes of those unacquainted with prerevolutionary Russian piety, the proclamation by Feodor Dostoyevsky of his country's mes-

sianic, historical role comes as shock or even a cruel joke. But in June of 1880, during the dedication of Pushkin's statute, the literary giant announced a Russian mission to usher in the brotherhood of all humanity, based on religious, not political ideals. Far from exploding into laughter, his distinguished audience listened with rapt attention. He was greeted with shouts of genius!, saint! and prophet! Something in the deepest layers in the Slavic soul passionately responded not only to Dostoyevsky's love affair with his native Russia but also to his call for a universal religious, socio-economic order inspired by Russian spirituality and social ideals.

#### Not off the mark

Although such visionary dreams as Charlemagne and Dostoyevsky have not yet been realized, Divine Principle teaches their idealism is not far from the mark. Since God originally intended a world of good, sooner or later He must do something to remedy the existing situation. God is absolute, eternal and unchanging. If God is therefore to be God, He must achieve

His original ideal. A defeated God is no God at all. Thus God intends to restore man to the uncorrupted state he had before the Fall and finally eradicate evil and suffering from human exiscy, for example, suggests that the things that have worked against us can come actually to work for us: "Historians, for the most part, are prepared to admit a kind of spiral movement ... towards a universal society ... without his will-

prospect."

In the same vein, well-known Jesuit scientist Pierre Teilhard de Chardin sees the universe being inexorably led to union with God. He foresees a day when humankind will reach what he

calls the Omega point. At this point man becomes united with God, each individual is Christlike, and the world becomes divine.

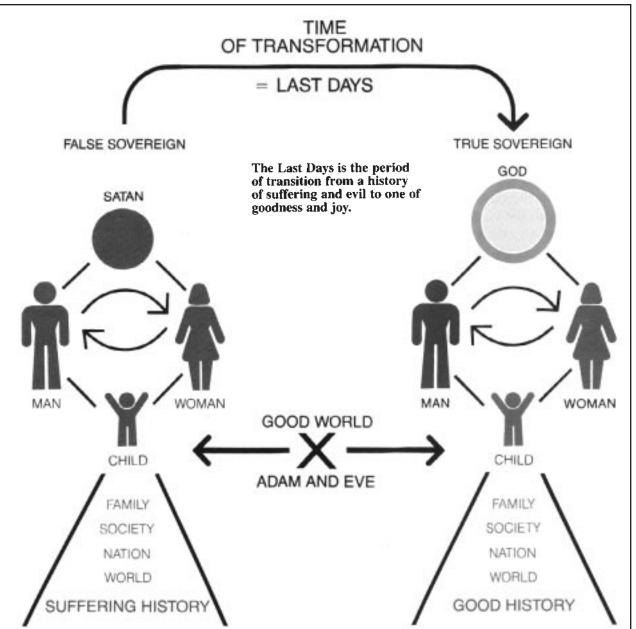
Another French scientist, Lecompte duNuoy, has written a similar process in his book, Human Destiny. He concludes his book by asking all men to remember that the destiny of man is incomparable, but that we must collaborate in the transcendent task.

With Chardin and duNuoy, Divine Principle affirms a historical process of humankind's movement toward God—a movement inspired by God Himself. Goodness marches on toward its goal in spite of numerous obstacles. From Moses to Jesus, from Buddha to Confucius, from the early disciples to our own times, God is working to transform the world according to His dispensation of restoration. Indeed He has been working to spark a fire wherever the heart, mind and soul of man have been so inclined to receive it. Ultimately then, the suffering history we have known will be supplanted by the creative and joyful history God originally planned.

If we think pictorially, we may thus say the line of history is no straight but circular, bringing us at the end to what history should have been at the beginning. The end of history is thus the

fulfillment by God of His original ideal

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Reflecting this determination, Isaiah writes in the spirit of the Lord: "I have spoken and I will bring it to pass: I have purposed, and I will do it." (Is.

The process of history then is the process of realizing this original ideal. Since human history began with evil and suffering, it became a history of God's efforts to restore the original, but lost purpose. The ultimate goal of history is thus to supplant the chronicle of suffering we have known with the story of goodness which God originally intended.

#### Universal ideal

In their own way, there are other modern thinkers who also recognize that one day humanity is destined to achieve some type of universal ideal. The eminent Jesuit thinker M.C. D'Ar

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# The Bird that was Saved by a Thing

by Peter F. Brown—Virginia Beach, VA

t was a Tuesday when it Happened. The baby sparrow, affectionately called Lewie by his father and mother (short for Llewellyn, of course), had decided that today was the Day when he could fly. His mother, Frances, had looked at him severely, and cuffed him with the tip of her left wing.

"Fly? At your age? I don't think so!" Lewie, unfortunately, wasn't known around the neighborhood for being terribly swift. The mourning doves had delicately suggested to Frances that perhaps Lewie wasn't a sparrow at all. His chirps were a bit off key, you see, and that annoyed the mourning doves immensely.

Lewie's mother had always defended him, for even though Lewie was extremely shortsighted and a tiny bit stupid, he was her boy. Mothers are like that, you know.

So, when Lewie looked up at her, quite blithely ignoring her cuff, and said once again, "But Mother—today IS the day! I just know that I can fly, today!", she gulped, and idly considered putting him up for adoption.

"No is no, young man. 'Nuff said." With that, she turned her back, and continued with the happy task of regurgitating worms for Lewie's siblings. Frances had forgotten the cardinal rule for all bird mothers—never turn your back on a flighty child.

She can be forgiven, frankly, for the worms were particularly chewy that day, and she had to work extra hard. Lewie's father, Gilbert, was also quite an interruption. He kept nudging her with his wing, and muttering something about "sparrows on a telephone wire." She simply clucked, and crossly told him to be romantic *after* lunch.

Can you imagine her shock when she turned around to feed Lewie, and found him entirely gone? (Gone missing, that is, as the English would say.) Oh, the noise that Frances made that horrible Tuesday, at noon! Soon, a number of neighbors were perched all around, giving advice of all sorts, most of it bad, but still well-intentioned.

"Have you looked on the roof? Or under the nest? What was his name, again? Was it a fox?"

The fox remark was enough for Frances. She became, she turned into, she transmogrified into that most fear-some of creatures—a mother on the rampage. Sticking out her beak, she ran and hopped and flew from branch to branch, until quite exhausted by her effort, she landed on the roof of the Big House. She couldn't imagine how Lewie might have gotten as far as the Big House—she had told him and told him to stay away from that awful place where the Cat lived—but you know how children are...

Frances fearfully peered over the edge of the roof, half expecting to see the slinking white shadow of the Cat, running through the garden with poor Lewie in it's gaping maw. What a sigh of relief she breathed when she saw absolutely nothing moving in the garden. No cat. No broken and pitiful bones. Oh, the trials a mother must go through!

Imagine her astonishment when she heard a miserable chirp—in fact, quite a series of very loud, miserable chirps coming from the telephone wire running under the eaves of the house. There on the wire was her errant son Lewie, flapping his tiny wings and raising his quivering beak toward the sky, as if to say, "Momma, where are you?"

Frances almost swallowed the bit of worm that was still stuck to her beak, but instead tried to wring her claws in dismay.

"Lewie! Up here! What are you doing on that telephone wire?"

"Oh, Mother! 'Tis you! You've come to save me!"

If sparrows could growl, Frances surely would have. But instead, she squawked.

"Save you! I'm going to spank you with both of my wings, you naughty boy! Why are sitting on that wire, and WHY are you facing the wall? Come up here at once, and let's go home!"

There was a long pause. A very long pause. Frances wondered if perhaps the Cat had been successful after all, and had made a large dent in Lewie's tiny tongue. Suddenly, she heard a cough—an apologetic, polite little cough. She leaned perilously over the edge, cocking her head as mother sparrows often do, and focused one of her eyes on Lewie.

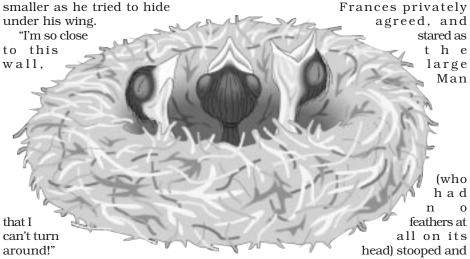
"Did you say something, Lewie?" Lewie shifted uncomfortably and coughed again, peering up at his Mother from under one wing.

"Mother, I quite hate to say it, but I'm stuck."

"Stuck?"

"Yes, Mother. I knew I could fly today." Lewie's chest swelled and puffed with pride. "Today really *was* the day! I flew!" Then, his head drooped once more, and he mumbled, so quietly that Frances hardly heard him. "There's just one problem."

"Yes?" Frances focused her other eye on Lewie, who seemed to grow smaller as he tried to hide



The hardened bit of worm suddenly did travel down Frances' gullet, as she gulped in quite an unbird like manner. Raising her head to the sky, she flapped her wings and let out an amazingly long series of chirps. If a postman had been near the house, he would have thought it was an invasion. But it was just a Mother.

Her frantic chirping roused her husband Gilbert from his nap (he would NOT have been napping at a time like this, but he been up all night scouting for new worm patches.) Soon the roof top and neighboring branches were crowded with their relatives and friends, all once again offering advice that was

not useful at all.

"Look, Harold, he's stuck against the wall." and... "My oh my, Mildred, look at poor little Lewie. He can't turn around. How on earth did he get stuck against the wall?" and ... "At least it wasn't a fox!"

Frances leaned over and glared at Lewie.

"Lewie, how *could* you do this!" Lewie's head feathers shook with tiny sparrow sobs. "I'm sorry, Mother.

I really am."

Frances gazed to her left, and gazed to her right, and then gazed up at the sky. She felt rather faint, and considered expiring, but just as she raised her wing in despair, she glanced toward the ground. And stopped.

There was a Man-Thing moving through

the garden. In fact, there were a number of people-things, all grouped around the garden, waving their wings at her Lewie. She had never been able to figure out what these people-things were—their wings were very strange—entirely without feathers, and they never seemed to leave the ground. She was certain that they weren't cats. At least she didn't think so, because she had never seen one eat a sparrow. Her uncle, Clarence, had told her once that they had many names; Men, or People, or even Lady, and once in awhile even "Mrs. Buckingham."

Frances sat and watched as one of the smaller persons chirped at a Ladyperson. The Lady went into the Big House, and soon came out with an even bigger man-thing, holding the Man's wing. Gilbert flew down and perched next to Frances, and looked very grave—standard practice for sparrow fathers.

"Doesn't look good, Frances. Looks bad. Very bad."

put something over its feet. She could tell they were feet because the Man walked on them—although they seemed awfully imbalanced without an opposing claw.

She nudged Gilbert and pointed, as two of the smaller person's came hopping around the corner of the Big House, carrying a long ladder between them. Gilbert looked at Lewie sympathetically (who was by this time way past the point of sparrow hysteria) and sighed, as if to say, "Son, say your prayers."

Suddenly there was a great clamor and rattle and a series of horrible scraping sounds as the Man placed the ladder against the wall of the Big House, right next to Lewie! Frances leaned against Gilbert, this time REALLY feeling faint, and bleated out a tiny chirp.

"Lewie! We love you!"

Lewie folded his little wings, and looked up at his neighbors and relatives, lining the tree branches, who by this time were composing poetic farewells, already speaking about Lewie in the past tense (always a bad sign), and let out one final forlorn chirp.

"Bve."

You see, Lewie had two problems. Not only was his tiny beak firmly facing the wall, he was also suffering from Lack of Knowledge. Frances had never expected him to fly—not on this particular Tuesday—so she hadn't yet bothered to tell him about Men, or Ladies, or little Child things—and certainly NOT about Mr. and Mrs. Buckingham. All Lewie knew was that there were some awfully large things in the garden below—and one of them was coming his way.

Lewie gazed down at the very large thing with no feathers on its shiny head, and watched in resignation and a bit of horror as it slowly climbed up the strange metal tree branch toward him. The thing climbed slowly, and came closer and then closed its wing feathers around Lewie's trembling body and Lewie just felt like screaming—but couldn't, because sparrow babies can't scream, you know.

So, he chirped. And promptly fainted.

Lewie came to, with a start, and realized, in a vague, dreamy kind of way, that the very large *thing* was climbing back down the metal tree branch. Lewie struggled against its awful wing feathers—which didn't seem to be like any feathers he'd ever seen, but struggled to no avail. He was a prisoner of the *thing*.

His little sparrow chest puffed as the thing hopped onto the ground and triumphantly raised Lewie in the air, showing him to the smaller, noisy, horrid things who clacked and crowed and chattered—a bit like blue jays, it seemed to Lewie.

Lewie began to feel quite seasick as the thing walked through the grass and the flower garden, raising Lewie up in the air. The thing kept looking up at the sky, circling around and around. Suddenly, the thing stopped, and pointed its wing toward the roof, where Frances and Gilbert were sitting, watching as if turned to stone.

Lewie heard the thing chirp a very loud chirp—and then Lewie felt the thing's wing feathers loosen around his body. He looked at the thing and the *thing* looked back at him! Lewie was free! Oh, the joy of a narrow escape!

Lewie began to puff his chest out with pride, already thinking of a dramatic sonnet he could recite to his cousin Myrna about the Great Adventure, when he felt the *thing's* feathers shift against his body. Deciding quite practically that sonnets weren't that important, Lewie did what any good sparrow baby would do when faced with almost certain death at the wing of a *thing*. He gently, ever so gently, left a large white deposit on the wing

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### TRUE PARENTS' HISTORY FOR CHILDREN

by Linna Rapkins

# 1960: The First Blessings

year period be so important? How could it contain so much? So many things happened between 1960 and 1967 that we would have to write a book to tell about

ow could

As we have already seen, True Father and True Mother were blessed in marriage on March 16, 1960, and Mother

went through her sevenyear course of testing and suffering. Also, Father sent the members out to all the villages and cities for 40 days to witness and teach.

At the time of their own blessing, Father created the first holy day, Parents' Day. The reason he could do this was because of all the suffering of the members and their great faith in God and True Father.

Before 1960 was over, Father also created Children's Day, so we could celebrate Heavenly Father's love for his chil-

Also during these seven years, True Family was growing. Five of True Parents' children were born during this time. In addition, another daughter, Hye Jin-nim, was born and went to spirit world.

And then, in 1963, after Ye Jin-nim and Hyo Jin-nim were born, the Day of All Things was

begun. This was the time to celebrate all the wonderful things God had cre-

The seven-year period ended on the last day of 1967. On the very first day of 1968, True Father said we should start celebrating God's Day, and for the first time in history, we celebrated the most important day of all—the day dedicated to God Himself, our Heavenly Father.

Now our stories take us to another important series of events during this seven-year period—the first weddings after True Parents' wedding.

#### The 3 Couples are Blessed

It had been an unforgettable dayan unforgettable wedding. As they went back to work, the members felt something different in the air. For the first time in all the world and in all history, they had REAL parents. The world looked a little rosier somehow.

We have been to the marriage of the lamb prophesied in the Bible," they sang in their hearts. "We have shared his banquet and sung his new songs."

They went back to their missions with new zeal. Bringing many new people to share in this great joy was more important than anything.

They didn't ask, "Well, when will we be married?" They just took it for granted that there would be no time for marriage and raising families in this lifetime. Creating the Heavenly Kingdom on Earth was their number one job, so

they expected to stay single the rest of aren't blessed in marriage. their lives. They would live like monks and nuns. Anyway, who felt worthy to be blessed? No one.

Yet, mysteriously, the offering table was not taken down after True Parents' wedding. The decorations were left in place, too.

Then, something happened that

Father's eyes focused on one person and then another as he looked around the room to see if they understood. "So," he continued, "Heavenly Father wants a few of you to be blessed now.

This news was surprising to the point of being shocking, yet they sat

The first couple was Father's beloved first disciple, Won Pil Kim, who was blessed with a quiet and serious lady. Then, there was Mr. Hyo Won Eu, Father's trusted lecturer and helper. He was matched with a dynamic young student who had been expelled from Ehwa University and now had her own pharmacy. Gil Ja, he called her. And

> finally, there was another faithful member, Young Whi Kim, who was matched with another student who had been expelled from Ehwa University. She was one of Father's cooks at the Chongpadong Church.

> Preparations for the wedding were made quickly. The men wore the same white robes they had worn for True Parents' wedding, with a corsage of flowers on their chest. The three women wore white chima chogoris (Korean dresses) with crowns of flowers on their heads and lace veils reaching to the floor, similar to Mother's. They carried small bouquets of flowers. Although

long veils were a tradition in the United States, many Korean women liked to wear this kind of veil, too.

Once again, the floor was covered with the white cloth. Now it was clear why the decorations and offering table from True Parents' wedding had not been taken away, for they were used again for this wedding.

Father spoke to them about the importance of their marriage, and he ended by saying, "I want you to pledge that you will never leave me; that I can see BLESSING on page 18

explained it. Several days after his own wedding, Father met with a small group of his oldest and most devoted mem-

He talked about many things, but after awhile he started talking about perfection. "If you give up everything you own and work as hard as you can and get hardly any sleep and are absolutely determined, you MIGHT become perfect in about 70 years," he said. "Furthermore, that could only happen if you had been a good person all your life and if your ancestors were good people, as well."

"Not much hope of reaching perfection before we die," thought the members.

Father continued, "And you know by now that becoming perfect yourself is the first blessing, and getting married is the second blessing. If you are married before you are perfected as an individual, your marriage will have many problems. Ahl-ah-yo?" (Do you understand?)

"Ne (Yes)," they nodded.

"But, we have a problem here," said Father. "If we wait until you are fully perfected, no one will ever get married while on earth, at least not until you're too old to have children. Yet Heavenly Father cannot be happy until he has blessed families all around him."

This appeared to be an impossible situation. You have to be perfect to be married, but God can't be happy if you quietly without expression as they waited for his next words.

"There will be three couples who will be in the position of my three closest disciples. You will be something like Jesus' three major disciples. He depended on Peter, James and John for everything, and he really needed their full support. I also need this kind of support. Only instead of three disciples, I will have three couples."

And so it was, that on March 21, 1960, just five days after his own wedding, there was another holy wedding.



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always depend on you to support me and work with me.'

They made their commitment, "Ne, Sonseng-nim, we promise."

This wedding happened so unexpectedly and so quickly that none of the parents knew about it; therefore, there were no parents or other relatives attending this important occasion.

With True Mother by his side, Father blessed them in holy marriage.

#### The 33 Couples are Blessed

After the blessing of the three couples, life went on as usual for about a year. The 40-day witnessing campaign came and went, when everyone went out to the villages and countryside to witness and teach. This was followed by more witnessing campaigns and training sessions for the new members.

Little did they know, there was another surprise in store for them. One spring day in 1961, Father announced, "There will be another blessing."

"Another blessing?" The room became absolutely still as their silent questions floated through the air. "Will he bless three more couples like he did the first time? Or perhaps nine more to make a total of twelve—just like Jesus' twelve disciples? Will he bless only single people? Or maybe only older members?"

During the next few days, Father met with members who might qualify to be blessed. One by one they were called to Father's room. First, some men; then some women; then more men; then more women. When their names were called, there was usually a feeling of surprise. "Who, me? Are you sure? But I'm not ready. I'm not

Frances sprang from the rooftop and

raced through the air and kissed Lewie,

smack, right in the middle of the air of

the yard, and said, "Lewie! You silly boy!

Come home right now, and finish

Lewie smiled at his mother, and

chirped at his father, who by this

time had caught up with them, and

said, "Yes, Mother. Yes, Father.

flew into a nearby tree, she thought

she heard one of the smaller per-

sons singing, as the very large Man

stood there, shaking its wing feath-

er. She couldn't have heard it singing,

for all sparrows knew that persons

couldn't talk, but she really did

think that she heard the smaller

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Thank you for saving me!"

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qualified enough." These kind of thoughts raced through their

They came like shy children, not knowing what to expect. Father interviewed each one. He studied their faces to see what kind of people they were. He reviewed their record in the church. He talked to older members who knew them.

Soon, he had matched three couples. Then twelve. Still, he kept matching. For two or three days, it continued. No one could figure out what the qualifications were, because those who were matched were all so different. Some were old and some were young. Some had been married and some had remained single. Some had been in the church for years, and some had just joined. Some had accomplished a lot in the church, and some had only begun.

Then Father sorted them into three groups. First, twelve couples were put together who had been married before, either to each other or to someone they had since divorced.

Father explained, "Some of you in this group of twelve lost your husbands and wives when you joined our church. Now you will have a new mate—your heavenly mate for eternity. Some of you joined the church together as husband and wife. Now you will be blessed to each other. All twelve couples will represent the first Adam."

Then Father met with nine couples, "You have never been married, but at least one in each couple has had some kind of relationship before—maybe you were engaged or something like that.

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# Ode to Father

You are the sun, a turning wheel of fire, You are the moon, with mysteries so deep, And like an eagle, soaring high and higher, And like a rock: unconquerably steep.

You are the man with all the ages' sorrow, And with all tears, the loud and silent cries; You are the child, the glory of tomorrow, When in the dawn yesterday's nightmare dies.

And when I look at you, away my mind is taken; I want to be in you, for you are much in me. You are the one who makes me so awaken, You are the One. But who am I to be?

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Most of you are older members in the church and have accomplished many things for God. Some of you are the women who were expelled from the universities when you joined the church. You are a very special group."

The nine couples wondered why there were only nine instead of twelve. As if reading their thoughts, Father added, The three couples who were blessed last year will be part of this group to make a total of twelve couples. And you will represent the second Adam, Jesus."

As Father finished matching the third group, he looked for members who had never had any boyfriends or girlfriends or any relationships like that at all. Father called them in. He looked them over, and the first thing he noticed was that they were mostly very young. Should he choose such young people to represent all blessings in the future? These would be the most important couples in history.

Father saw another problem. "There are so many young members," he thought. "They all look good. I must find reasons for choosing some and not others.

There was one young man, for example, who had joined in a small village. Father had never met him before. He looked nice, he seemed sincere, but so did many others. So he asked this fellow's spiritual mother, "What is he like? What has he accomplished?"

She answered, "His name is Sung Phyo, and his father is a medical doctor, who loves him dearly. He sometimes sends him money. Whenever he does, he chooses good quality bills and even irons them so they'll look extra nice. When Sung Phyo receives them, the first thing he does is to donate some of them to the church. He chooses the best looking bills and treats them like they are the most holy bills in the world. I always feel very touched by his atti-

This was a good condition for choosing this young

fellow, and Father matched him with a very nice young lady. A few years later, Sung Phyo was put in charge of the Tong Il factory, and 20 years later, two of his children were blessed with Ye Jin-nim and Hyo Jin-nim. We know this couple as Mr. and Mrs. Hong.

When this last group of twelve couples had been matched, Father explained, "You are the third group of twelve couples. Most of you are very young. Many of you are still university students, and some are even high school students. You are also young spiritually, and you haven't accomplished so much in the church yet. But you have been chosen for your faith and purity. You represent the third Adam, the Lord of the Second Advent.'

To everyone, Father announced, "The blessing will be on May 15. The men will wear their holy robes, and the women will wear new chima chogoris and long lace veils, just like the first three couples."

Quickly, the women of the church

got to work helping the couples prepare. They sewed, they cleaned, and they cooked. Entertainment was prepared. Decorations were put up. The floor was covered with white cloth. A beautiful backdrop for the front of the room was painted with two phoenix birds, the bird so loved by Koreans. Little flags of the world were hung from the ceiling.

There were indemnity conditions to be made, and then the holy wine ceremony. The wedding day came quickly.

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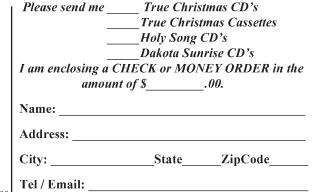
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ing the Blessing '98 campaign for Madi-

son Square Garden.

The Seung Hwa ceremony was held at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Bethesda, Maryland. The sunlight pouring in through the church's floor-to-ceiling windows and the beautiful floral arrangements created a special atmosphere for the many people who gathered to remember our special sister, wife, daughter, and friend.

Louis Johnson, her younger brother, said, "Muriel has been a very special part of my life. Growing up, she was so tall and big, I had to look up at her. As I grew up later, I began looking down at her. She always loved to tell people I was her big little brother."

Muriel was born in Cheverly, Maryland, on May 20, 1946. At age 12, Muriel's family moved to Pakistan. Her father was an economic consultant with the United Nations and the Agency for International Development. This began her life-long love for travel and adventure. She had a chance to meet Lady Baden Powell, whose husband had founded the Boy Scouts. She worked with Pakistani girls and attended camp in the Himalayas. Later in life, she traveled throughout Europe and the Middle East.

"Muriel was so full of energy," said Louis. "Vivacious is a word that describes her well. I especially remember growing up with her in Pakistan. We took camel rides, and they always put Muriel and me together on one camel, and my two brothers were put on the other camel to run along the beach. We were fortunate to have been able to visit a number of Islamic mosques, Hindu, Buddhist, and Sikh temples and to have Zoroastrian friends."

### White War

Deep in the middle of the Korean mountains Spirits like smoke are rising up. Under a fearsome phosphorescence A living being is trying to move.

Mourning and repentance is spilling out on the earth Groanings of appeal are reaching out to heaven, and Tears flowing ceaselessly make me forget who I am. This is the place, Chung Pyung.

Cold, cold water cleanses my dirty flesh Cutting deep like a flaming sword. My sins and sinful past are sawed off By the claps of bleeding palms. This is the spiritual battlefield, A white battleground, against my old self.

My two eyes stare at the unseeable enemies within myself And aim at them with an angels spear. It is an extremely gruesome and tense battlefield, but I wish not to bequeath defects to my descendants.

Only a repenting spirit who is willing to suffer Will survive on the frontline of the all out offensive. I am standing on that field today This might be the new seat of mercy Chung Pyung Holy Ground.

Rev. Inhoi Lee, Jan. 25, 1997, Chung Pyung Lake

#### **IN MEMORIAM**

# **Muriel Johnson Hausner**

Muriel graduated from Wheaton High School in 1965, and because of her talent and love for crafts and art, she studied fashion design and textiles, graduating from the University of Maryland in College Park with a B.A. degree in 1970. She worked with the National Park Service and also taught sewing at the Singer Sewing Co. in Silver Spring, Maryland.

At age 26, Muriel found a flyer on a bus inviting guests to a talk on the meaning of life. She knocked on the door of 1611 Upshur Street, in Washington, D.C, then the headquarters of the Unification Church, and met Mr. Michael Leone, who taught her the Divine Principle.

At the Seung Hwa, Mike Leone introduced himself as "the terrible big Italian guy who saw her when she came to the house on Upshur Street years ago. You can imagine my amazement. At that time our church was under tremendous persecution and Rev. Moon was much more controversial than he is today. We were having a very hard time reaching out to people. To have someone knock on the door was quite a surprise. I happened to be the only person on that floor of the house at that time, so I answered the door and there was a wonderful, beautiful, young lady. I said 'Hi,' and she said, 'Hi, is there anybody here who can teach me the Divine Principle"

In 1974, Muriel became a full-time missionary for the Unification Church and took part in many campaigns to awaken America and the world to the importance of building God-centered families. She volunteered in 1974 for the "New Future of Christianity" campaign with Rev. Moon's speech at Madison Square

Garden. In 1975 she joined the International One World Crusade, traveling throughout Japan and Korea for the Day of Hope tour and Yoido Rally.

In 1976, she moved to New York, participated in the "God Bless America" campaign at Yankee Stadium and supported the "Bicentennial God Bless America Festival" at the Washington Monument in Washington, D.C. For the next few years she was involved in fundraising projects in Alabama and Georgia. She devoted several years to the physical restoration of the World Mission Center (New Yorker Hotel) and the Manhattan Center in New York City. Muriel bought the velvet for the stage curtains and supervised their sewing and hanging.

In 1992, Muriel participated in the 30,000 Couples Blessing ceremony in Seoul, Korea, with Dr. Josef Hausner, retired professor of Old Testament Studies at the Unification Theological Seminary in upstate New York. In Seoul, Muriel did something that for someone else would be extraordinary but for her was typical: As soon as she heard that her future sisterin-law, Gloria, lost her luggage with her wedding dress in it, Muriel immediately offered her own wedding dress and cut it to fit Gloria.

In 1996, at age 50, she graduated with a degree in pattern-mak-

ing from the Fashion Institute of Technology in Manhattan in a ceremony held at Radio City Music Hall.

In 1997, Muriel supported Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon and the Women's Federation for World Peace in New York, Wash-

ing the worldwide speaking tour. Muriel was deeply moved by the experiences at the Sisterhood ceremonies with Japanese ladies held by the Women's Federation for World Peace.

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She wrote in a holiday letter in 1997, "What really excites me about the WFWP is its efforts to implement the social and emotional skills of women. God endows women with a greater ease than men in their natural ability to bridge the barriers of race,

religions, culture, and politics, which are currently blocking greater harmony in our present world situation. These feminine skills can bring their best results when women work together cooperatively with men and families to achieve human betterment. I attended several more of these conferences including a black-white sisterhood ceremony in New York City, so now I have several lovely Japanese sisters and a beautiful black sister, Irene Rathemen, from Barbados, who now lives in Brooklyn."

Of her blessing Muriel wrote, "We aren't the same religion, generation, or culture, but Josef fell in love. I was also attracted to him and decided that marriage could work because he was a man of God. This was important to me because I too am a religious person. A leap of faith or love? Actor Gary Busey said on the 700 Club that FAITH stands for Fantastic Adventures in Trusting Him. Well, Josef and I have certainly been having these kinds of experiences."

Rev. In Hoi Lee, regional director for the Washington area, gave the Seung Hwa eulogy. He quoted Ecclesiastes, "And the dust returns to the earth as it was and the spirit returns to God who gave it," and Rev. Moon who said, "In the secular world, death signifies the end of life. However, in our world, death is like a rebirth or a new birth into another world. For this reason, we should not make those occasions gloomy or sad or feel discouraged."

Rev. Lee challenged everyone to review our own lives as children of God. "Our physical life," he said, "could end at any moment. So the question is, will we be ready? How are we preparing for our eternal life? How do we live each day of our lives? How much do we think about Heavenly Father, Jesus, or our True Parents as we go through our busy schedules?" It was an emotional sermon that touched everyone very deeply.

There were many beautiful testimonies at the Seung Hwa and Won Jeun ceremonies, and songs were offered by June Maxim, accompanied by Otmar Weinmann. Gloria Gomez Johnson opened the ceremony with a deep and sincere prayer. "Muriel's life was marked by her unconditional love for God and her love for people." Gloria, a former medic, moved into the Johnsons' home for the last 80 days of Muriel's life and was constantly at her

side, taking care of her every need, day and night.

Milton Johnson, Muriel's father, recounted family visits to Yellow-stone and Glacier National Park,

and her love for her Aunt Phyllis and Aunt Elise. Her mother, Miriam Johnson, recalled how proud Muriel was of her brothers. As a second grader, Mrs. Johnson recalled, Muriel insisted on bringing Louis, her baby brother, to her class for show-and-tell.

Muriel's other two brothers, Larry and Bill, also spoke with great affection and love, as did other relatives and friends. Mary Penn said, "What was really special about Muriel was that we could share our deepest feelings and fears with her in absolute trust that she would never judge us, nor broadcast our words. She was unique, like a mother confessor who allowed our words to rest in a secret chamber of her heart."

"To be honest," said Mike Leone, "Muriel's life was not always an easy life. She went through difficulty, sometimes great difficulty, and at the end also she went through great difficulty. One of the things I want to testify to is that throughout the difficulties, even recently, over the years that I've known her I never heard Muriel speak badly of anyone. I never heard her complain about people or say that somebody was a bad person, or didn't do something right. She just was not that kind of person."

Her close friend Valerie Parham said, "I just want to say if I'm shedding tears, it's only tears of love. But the word love is the word that I think of when I think of Muriel. She became my true sister and I'm so grateful to God."

The closing benediction at the Seung Hwa was given by Rev. Phillip Schanker; family friend Lt. Col. Ben Layton, USA (Ret.), gave the benediction at the Gate of Heaven cemetery.

Muriel's immediate family includes her blessed husband, Josef Hausner; her beloved parents, Milton and Miriam; her three brothers, Larry, Bill, and Louis; her nephews, Andrew and Paul; her niece, Meg; her aunts, uncles, cousins, and other relatives; and many, many friends.

Muriel will be remembered by many for her unquenchable zest for life, her spirit of adventure, her stubbornness, her bubbling enthusiasm, her warm and generous nature, and her unwavering dedication to True Parents. In closing, Mike Leone said, "Muriel Johnson Hausner, we love you and we thank God for bringing you into our lives. Thank you for knocking on that door years ago. We will meet together in the spiritual world. Thank you very much."

Many guests commented on the service, saying it was "beautiful," "deeply moving," and "inspiring." Mary Barnard, the nurse from the hospice, described it as "the brightest funeral service I've ever seen."

Offered by Bill and Donna Selig, Associate Pastors, Montgomery County, Maryland. Special thanks to the many brothers and sisters who prayed and assisted during Muriel's illness and Seung Hwa ceremony. Also, thanks to the Hess and Walters families and others who brought food to the Johnsons' home and to the health care and hospice workers who unselfishly attended Muriel. Thanks for those who contributed to her graveside marker. The outpouring of sympathy and love from neighbors, classmates, and worldwide friends is deeply appreciated by the Johnson family.

# B SERSIVA SOCIETO

by Chris Corcoran—Bridgeport, CT

# Industrial Design Student Takes First Place in National Housewares Competition

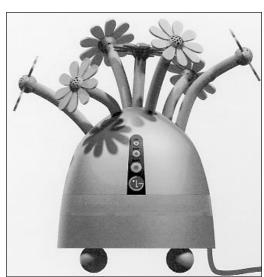
anuel Saez, a senior in Industrial Design, won the first prize of \$3,000 in the National Housewares Competition in Chicago for his design of a room air purifier called "Daisy". Twenty-seven schools entered the stiff competition with a total of 210 entries.

Manuel also received an honorable mention in the same competition for his design of a new shaving

Taking his inspiration from the plants and flowers that naturally clean the air around us, Argentina-born Saez decided to tackle home purification and add a little design fun to the static box-like design of most

small room air purifiers on the market. The result is a totally new and whimsical design that features a bouquet of seven daisies gently cascading out from the top of a small, gum-drop shaped container, which houses the filter, motor and fan. Dirty air is drawn from the bottom, filtered and sent out through the center of each daisy. This is Manuel's second, first place award. Manuel also won the Grand Prize at the Greater New York Automobile Dealers Association's Safety Design Competition during the New York International Auto Show last April. Manuel is currently President of the Student Chapter of the Industrial Designers' Society of America. He is an excellent leader and has contributed many hours to the Department and his fellow stu-

dents, according to Professor Jim Lesko. During the s u m m e r Manuel worked as a Design Intern at the award-winning firm Anderson Design of Plainville, CT. UB alumnus Dave Kaiser is Manuel's supervisor at the firm and says that Manuel far exceeds their expectations.



# University Ranked High on Gourman Report

he Princeton Review's 1999 edition of The Gourman Report has rated UB higher than most of our local Connecticut competition ^ beating out Fairfield University, Sacred Heart and Quinnipiac College. The Gourman Report seeks to rank the quality of undergraduate programs in American and international universities using a numerical index. UB was given a 3.48 ranking, slightly less than Trinity College with 3.62 but better than Fairfield University with 3.04. Scores can go as high as 4.99, with a school like Yale ranked at 4.92. There were 18 criteria examined as part of the rating, including caliber of faculty, facilities and breadth of its curriculum.

# **Campus Renovations**

s the spring semester begins, the campus community is beginning to enjoy the renovations completed during winter recess. Most noticeable are the sprucing up of the Marina Dining Hall and the makeover of the Wheeler Recreation Center. "This represents the begin-

ning of several major renovations projects planned for the campus in the coming years," said Paul Engemann, Director of Facilities Management, newly nicknamed the czar. "It shows the University's commitment toward improving our facilities. The projects have progressed very smoothly and the cooperation everyone has shown

during this first phase is much appreciated." "As we further develop the consolidation plans, additional facilities within the core area of campus will also be targeted for improvements, including the upgrading of the heating and air conditioning in Walstrohm Library and energy efficiency projects in other buildings," said Engemann. Special thanks to Dr. Kyung Hee Chin who heads up the renovation committee.

#### **Wheeler Recreation Center:**

This 44,000 square foot multi-use recreation center has not been renovated or updated since being constructed in 1979. The facility currently consists of a field house, swimming pool with adjacent locker rooms and saunas, a small weight/fitness center and four racquetball courts. The pri-

mary objective of this renovation project is create a state of the art fitness and recreation center that will aid in the recruitment and retention of students and staff and also generate revenue through increased membership. Outside of the resurfacing of the flooring in the field house, the first phase of renovations are near completion. According to John Greene, the Director of the Center, "The pool is being resurfaced, the pool house was painted and new lights were installed. The entire ventilation system has been upgraded with air conditioning in the aerobics and fitness areas. Virtually every area has been impacted and I'm very excited about the renovations. A new lobby will be installed with a juice bar area and eventually a new martial arts studio and fitness area will be added. It's our hope that with these changes, more students will use the facilities. These changes will help meet the health and fitness needs of our entire community and they are a vital portion of the rebirth of the University." Athletic Director Joe DiPuma foresees a re-energized intramurals program centering around Wheeler. "With the renovations, the athletics programs can help put together more opportunities for not only the athletes but, through intramurals, for the other students as well. This spring we're trying to put together basketball, volleyball and indoor soccer intramurals," said DiPuma. Intramural's director Bob Buswell can be contacted if students have an interest in these sports or put-



ting together other teams.

Project Status: Phase One, which consists of renovations to the field house and pool area will be substantially complete by February 1st (with the exception of the floor resurfacing which will be completed by July 1st). Phase Two, which consists of the lobby extension and fitness center/martial arts studio will be completed by the beginning of the Fall 2000 semester.

Budget: The total budget is approximately \$650,000.

#### Marina Dincing Hall:

Marina Dining Hall, with its grand vistas of Seaside Park and the Sound, serves approximately 530 people per day. The 44,000 square foot facility was originally constructed in the early 1960's and has had very little, if any,

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### This month's topic: Family Pledge Numbers Three and Four

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by Wendy Stovall—Salt Lake City, UT	Т	С	Е	F	R	Е	P	Α	В	Y	С	Ė	
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# WFWP International's Conference at the UN

The sincerity of this

moment shared by

people from all over

the world—seasoned

ambassadors,

delegates, UN

staffers, academics,

NGOs and first-timers,

reflected the unity of

spirit and desire for a

culture of peace that

can be shared by all.

WFWP staff

ovember 22nd, over 200 men and women from 40 nations gathered at the United Nations' Headquarters to help usher in the International Year for the Culture of Peace. This one-day event was hosted by the NGO Office of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and organized by WFWP International. The day started with introductions to the UN's International Year for the Culture of Peace (IYCP,) UNESCO's role and current activities promoting understanding of this issue and hope to foster commitment to this global era of peace and reconciliation.

The first plenary session began with opening remarks by Mrs. Sugiyama, welcome remarks by Ms. Dorota Gyriecz, Chief, Gender Analysis Section, UN Division for the Advancement of Women, and a reading of the message of the outgoing Director-General of UNESCO given at the launching of the IYCP September 14th, in Paris, France by the New York Office of UNESCO's acting director, Mr. Alfatih Hamad. Mr. Andre Radolf, the Regional Communications Advisor to UNESCO-New York, outlined UNESCO's plan of action and in particular their Manifesto 2000. (For further information you can go to UNESCO's website and participate in their signature campaign online at www.unseco.org/manifesto.)

Dr. Hanifa Mezoui, Chief of the NGO

Section of the UN's Department of Economic and Social Affairs also brought a brief message of welcome from the Secretary-general's office and gave remarks on "How ECOSOC NGOs Affect the UN

Process to Help Build Culture of Peace (speeches will be available on the WFWP International Website www.wfwp.org, that will be up by the end of January 2000.)

After this session, there was a forum of eight speakers dealing with four (4) key elements of a culture of peace: The topics and speakers included: The Role of Women in Developing a Culture of Peace: Panelist—Ms.

Tomoko Inukai (Author from Japan); Panelist—Dr. Anthony J. Guerra (Dean of Graduate Studies, University of Bridgeport.)

The Role of Family in Developing a Culture of Peace: Panelist—Mr. Charles Ballard (Founder and CEO, Institute for Responsible Fatherhood and Family Revitalization); and Panelist—Prof. Lan Young Moon (Associate Professor, Sun Moon University.)

The Role of the UN & Politics in Developing a Culture of Peace: Panelist—Dr. Nicholas N. Kittrie, Chairman, Eleanor Roosevelt Institute for Justice and Peace; and Panelist—H.E. Ms. June Clarke,

Ambassador to the Permanent Mission of Barbados to the United Nations.

The Role of Religion and Spirituality in Developing a Culture of Peace: Panelist—Ms. Camelia Anwar Sadat, Founder

and President, Sadat Institute for Peace; and Panelist—Rev. Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak, President, Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace.

Following this session, there was a break for lunch. During the afternoon there was an optional section that was very well attended, presented by:

The evening session began at 5:15 pm with a reception in the West Terrace and quickly moved onto

the Bridge of Peace Ceremony and Celebration Banquet in the Main Dining Room. The evening's keynote address was given by Ms. Maureen Reagan, Political Analyst and Former US Representative to the Commission on the Status of Women, and long time WFWP member. Ms. Reagan reiterated some of the steps and stages that progress has been made in the area of women's issues as they relate to the United Nations.

Before everyone shared the evening meal together almost everyone present crossed WFWP's "Bridge of Peace" to affirm their common commitment to the building of peace, one relationship at a time and setting the stage for meaningful sharing of the evening meal and entertainment. Holding the Bridge of Peace Ceremony at the United Nations was, for WFWP International, symbolic of Bridging differences at the global level—the fruit of many similar ceremonies performed world wide making sisters of previously "enemy" nations, groups or cultural segments.

"Reconciliation is an essential part of peace building. Without it, history cannot be resolved," said Ms. Sheri Rueter, developer of the Interracial Sisterhood Project in Los Angeles, California. "But with a foundation of respect, forgiveness and repentance, the new bonds forged between women are potent well springs of new possibility." All this happened before the group of 185 got to enjoy some remarkable talent from Japan and America during entertainment performed by the New York City Symphony, and led by Mr. David Eaton.

By the end of the entertainment and celebrations, everyone stood to sing together, "Let There be Peace on Earth, and Let it Begin With Me." The sincerity of this moment shared by people from all over the world—seasoned ambassadors, delegates, UN staffers, academics, NGOs and first-timers, reflected the unity of spirit and desire for a culture of peace that can be shared by all. It was a taste. And we all hope and pray for this seed to sprout and grow in the new millennium.

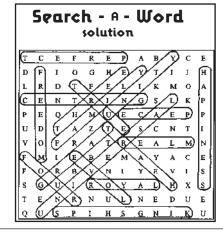
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renovations completed since. The campus consolidation plans call for relocating the dining facility to the Cox Student Center. However, this may not happen for some time. Therefore, renovations aimed at improving the atmosphere and aesthetics of Marina are currently being undertaken. A new drop ceiling and new lighting have been installed as well as a new fire alarm system, emergency lighting and exit signs. The walls were painted and the floor tile repaired. The lobby area will house art work from the art gallery.

Project Status: Complete. Budget: Approximately \$75,000.

#### Carstenson Hall:

Carstenson Hall (circa 1899) is utilized as an interfaith center by various religious groups throughout campus. Fred Carstenson, a former University Trustee for whom the building is now named, contributed \$150,000 in 1982 for renovations to the 14,500 square foot building. Since that time, however, there has been very little mainte-



nance and virtually no renovation work completed at the building. The primary objective of the current renovation work is to bring the building into compliance with life safety codes and to complete some very basic, but much

needed, repairs. Substantial funding will be needed if the building is to ever be completely renovated. At or near completion are new exit and emergency lighting; new fire alarm system; sealing of penetrations, miscellaneous repairs to the porch, columns, portico, roof and gutters; painting of various areas; limited grounds cleanup and tree pruning. Also, new drop ceiling and lighting in kitchen and service hall; new entrance lighting; painting entry walls, stairs and second floor landing; new carpet in entrance, stairs and second floor landing.

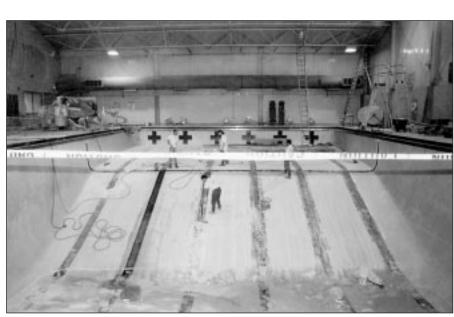
Budget: Approximately \$35,000. Project Status:

The project is approximately 90% complete with final completion scheduled for the next few weeks.

#### Library Consolidation:

Several options for consolidating various administrative and academic programs to the Wahlstrom Library building have been developed and are currently being reviewed and refined. Each renovation project that has been undertaken or is being planned contains energy efficiency components. These primarily consist of new energy efficient lighting, better controls on heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems and better energy management systems. In addition, proposals

have been received on a separate performance based energy efficiency initiative for several of the buildings in the core area of campus. This project also includes improving the ventilation system in the Wahlstrom Library. It is



hoped that a contract will be awarded for this work in the near future.

#### Cortright Hall:

Cortright Hall, almost one hundred years old, has been used for a variety of functions over the years but currently only occupies a few people. It has been decided that, once renovated, Cortright Hall will provide a much better location for the Admissions department than their current location on the 6th floor of the Wahlstrom Library. Its easily identifiable and accessible location, along with the character of the building, will create an atmosphere much more conducive to the recruitment of students. "Cortright is a beau-

tiful building that with the right sprucing up can become a warm and welcoming building for parents and students who approach our campus for the first time," said Jocelyne Poisson, Dean of Enrollment Management at

UB. A new visitors' parking lot next to Cortright is also in the works. The idea behind the renovation of Cortright is to provide an easily accessible and highly visible welcome point for visitors to the campus. The newly renovated building and parking lot will provide visitors a convenient beginning point in order to visit many of the

important nearby University buildings. Work on Cortright is slated to begin this spring.

Project Status: The scope of work and budget is being finalized. Subject to the availability of funding, it is hoped that Admissions will occupy the building in spring or early summer. Construction plans for the parking lot are completed and work will begin in the spring.

Budget: The final budget is still being developed. However, it is expected to be approximately \$125,000 for the building renovations and \$100,000 for the parking lot, ADA compliant entrance and related site features (information sign, parking lot Slighting, etc.) •

#### by Dan Fefferman-Washington, DC

What I feared has come upon me; what I dreaded has happened to me. I have no peace, no quietness; I have no rest, but only turmoil. Job 3:25-26

ve been wanting to preach on the Book of Job for several months now, and when I was called to preach on the Sunday before Christmas, I was afraid I would come off more like the Grinch than a spreader of Holiday cheer. I come from a Jewish family, but not a very religious one. So we got to celebrate both Hannukah and Christmas. But I don't think I've ever heard a Hannukah sermon in the UC, except for the kids. I think that's a pity, because Hannukah's a wonderful way to teach about God's providence. You get to light candles and hear the story of how the Temple was restored and rededicated to God about 200 years BC. When I first joined the Unification Church, we didn't celebrate Christmas either. We didn't have a tree in the center, didn't exchange gifts; we just went out witnessing. Since about 1974, we started to celebrate Christmas in the UC.

First let's talk a about Christmas, then the Book of Job. And then I'll try to offer some thoughts about how the two relate to each other. What does Christmas mean to you? (presents, joy, family, True Love, giving, forgiving) I think for me, Christmas, more than anything means a return to hope and innocence. It's the day that we celebrate the birth of the Christ child. It's a time of wonder, a time of grace, when as children, everything we ever wanted magically appears under the tree, and our parents encourage us to play and take delight in the gifts we have been given. What a wonderful holiday!

And we in the United States have built a whole culture, and a substantial part of our economy, around this wonder. I know it's fashionable to decry the commercialization of Christmas. And it CAN get out of hand with its spending frenzy, advertising, materialism, consumerism, and shopping madness. But it's also a testimony that in some ways our culture maintains a healthy dose of innocence and optimism.

And, of course, it's also symbolic of the rebirth of light at the darkest time of the year. To quote Isaiah 60, which Christians traditionally view as prophetic of Jesus' coming:

'Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look about you: All assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried in arms. Then you will see and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth of the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come.'

Rev. Moon teaches that God's hope for mankind was renewed for the first time when Jesus was born as the Second Adam. So in that sense, Christmas is a time of hope even for God. Yet there is also a serious side to Christmas. Rev. Moon asks,

'Will fruitcake and ice cream make a merry Christmas? Christmas is truly the celebration of the birth of God's son, but without knowing God's purpose for sending him there cannot truly be a celebration of Christmas After hearing me, "Merry Christmas" becomes "Concerned Christmas." The true content of Christmas is the amount of love you gave during the year. That is far more dazzling than any amount of decorations.'

Why does Rev. Moon emphasize the serious side of Christmas? It is because he is not only in touch with the hope of

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Christmas, but also the ultimate outcome of the story that begins with the nativity. In Unificationism, Jesus came to renew the original ideal given at the time of the creation of man and woman in the Garden of Eden. He was not only to teach and exemplify true love as an individual. God intended for him to have a ideal family, to marry and with his wife establish the model of True Parents. And on that foundation, with Jesus' family at the center, the whole of society and the entire world could be restored. In this way the Kingdom of God would exist on Earth as well as in Heaven.

Seen from this perspective, Jesus' crucifixion was a tragedy. It frustrated the will of God and prolonged the realization of his providence for 2,000 years. When we celebrate Christmas, we need to keep this sober fact in mind.

It's wonderful to celebrate the birth of the Baby Jesus. But it's easy to fulfill our responsibility to the Baby Jesus. Baby Jesus doesn't speak. We need to remember,, that the Baby Jesus became the adult Jesus. And when he did, he asked us to do hard things, like;

- to love God with all our might
- to love our neighbor as ourselves
- to 'take up the cross' and follow himto forgive our brother seventy times seven
- to love our enemy
- to give our lives for our friends.

Listen to more of Rev. Moon's words about Christmas:

'Christmas Day is the perfect day for repentance, for checking how much you have truly lived as Jesus' representative and loved the world as he did. We are the people inheriting the true tradition of Christmas which God conceived in His

heart. The true meaning of Christmas is the tradition of the true love of God.'

When we reflect on this serious side of Jesus' life, then we can see that perhaps the Book of Job is not an inappropriate text to deal with when considering the true meaning of Christmas. Let me ask you, what does the Book of Job mean to you? (Faith, suffering, injustice, the problem of evil).

The Book of Job challenges me. It puts me in touch with the fact that good people suffer, whether they be called Job, Jesus, Rev. Moon, or you and I. It teaches me that God makes the rain to fall on the righteous as well as the evildoer, and that we cannot always be certain that if we do well, we will be blessed. It makes me wonder how a good God could allow so much evil in this world he created.

These days, when I think of Rev. Moon, I think more of the Book of Job than I do of the Gospels. Job was a righteous man, and yet he suffered. Like Rev. Moon he suffered by seeing his financial foundation undermined. Like Rev. Moon, he suffered by seeing his own children die before their parents. Like Rev. Moon, he suffered by having his so-called friends second-guess him and tell him that he was being punished by God for his sins. So when we read the Book of Job, we can understand more deeply the heart of Jesus and Rev. Moon.

Jesus, too, was a righteous man, and yet, in the Garden of Gethsemane, when he asked God to remove that bitter cup, he too was required to suffer. And in a sense, even God has gone the way of Job, losing all that he created, forfeiting his position as ruler, and losing his beloved children as well, because of man's alienation through the Fall.

Actually I love the Book of Job probably more than any other book in the Bible. But I don't like the way most preachers deal with Job. Most preachers use it just to show that we should be unshakable in our faith in God, as they say that Job was. They like quote passages like Job 1: 3. Right after all of Job's earthly goods were destroyed and all of his children died. There, Job says:

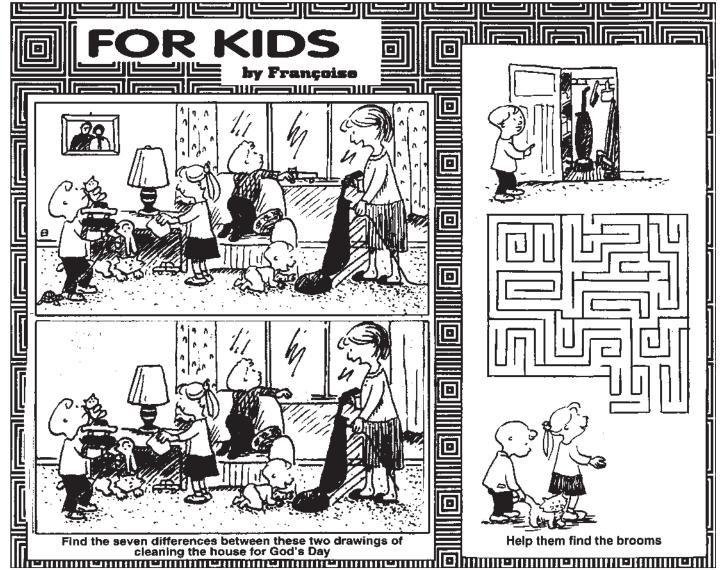
"Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart. The LORD giveth and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

Or they tell the story from Job chapter 2, when Job is suffering in his flesh, and his wife says:

"Are you still holding on to your integrity? Curse God and die!" Job replied, "You are talking like a foolish woman. Shall we accept good from God, and not evil?"

The trouble with these preachers is that never get past the first two chapters. They forget to tell you, or mabye they just don't know, that eventually the agony and injustice did get to Job. Listen to what Chapter 3 says:





# the Book of Job

After this, Job opened his mouth and cursed the day he was born.

"What I feared has come upon me; what I dreaded has happened to me. I have no peace, no quietness; I have no rest, but only turmoil." (3:26)

Or Chapter 6: 'If only my anguish could be weighed and all my misery be placed on the scales! It would surely outweigh the sand of the seas—no wonder my words have been impetuous. The arrows of the Almighty are in me, my spirit drinks in their poison; God's terrors are marshaled against me.'

Or Chapter 7: 'Therefore I will not keep silent; I will speak out in the anguish of my spirit, I will complain in the bitterness of my soul.'

Ch. 9: 'He destroys both the blameless and the wicked. When a scourge brings sudden death, he mocks the despair of the innocent.'

Ch. 10: 'I loathe my very life; therefore I will give free rein to my complaint and speak out in the bitterness of my soul. I will say to God: Do not condemn me, but tell me what charges you have against me. Does it please you to oppress me, to spurn the work of your hands, while you smile on the schemes of the wicked?

Ch: 13 'Only grant me these two things, O God, and then I will not hide from you: Withdraw your hand far from me, and stop frightening me with your terrors. Then summon me and I will answer, or let me speak, and you reply. How many wrongs and sins have I committed? Show me my offense and my sin. Why do you hide your face and consider me your enemy?'

Had enough? I suppose that many of us would answer that it was not God who

was Job's enemy, but Satan. Or perhaps we would agree with Job's friends and say that Job's suffering must have resulted from some sin Job or his ancestors had committed. Or perhaps we'd say that Job's children died and Job suffered as a condition of indemnity for a greater purpose. The interesting thing is, though, that the author of the Book of Job doesn't see it that way. When God finally gives his own answer to Job, he takes full responsibility for the world with all its violence. He asks, not without a note of sarcasm:

'Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you understand. Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone—while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy?'

'Does the hawk take flight by your wisdom and spread his wings toward the south? Does the eagle soar at your command and build his nest on high? He dwells on a cliff and stays there at night; a rocky crag is his stronghold. From there he seeks out his food; his eyes detect it from afar. His young ones feast on blood, and where the slain are, there is he.'

'Would you discredit my justice? Would you condemn me to justify yourself? Do you have an arm like God's, and can your voice

thunder like his? "Behold behemoth, [which I made along with you What strength he has in his loins, what power in the muscles of his belly! His tail sways like

a cedar; the sinews of his thighs are close-knit. His bones are tubes of bronze, his limbs like rods of iron. He ranks first among the works of God.'

(And of the beast Leviathan) 'Any hope of subduing him is false; the mere sight of him is overpowering. No one is fierce enough to rouse him. Who then is able to stand against me? Who has a claim against me that I must pay? Everything under heaven belongs to me.' (Job 38-40)

The Book of Job leaves me gasping in awe. Dozens of books have been written about it from every imaginable perspective. I think what appeals to me most about it is that it accurately reflects man's existential situation. In the end, we are created beings, and our existence, as well as our salvation, is contingent on God's grace. Yet, can we be sure that God will protect us? Job's own words sum it up.

"Though he slay me, yet will I hope in him."

In times of spiritual difficulty, we need hope. That is why we need the spirit of Christmas. But in times of spiritual prosperity we also need to

reminded that all glory is fleeting. We need to face the fact that life is not all presents and decorations. Sometimes bad



### To My Dad

You fought in World war II to save the world

to make the world safe for democracy to make the world free from Hitlerian totalitarianism

to save the Jewish people to save Western society to make the way straight for my very own birth and the birth of your grandchildren.

The children/grandchildren in "Saving Private Ryan"

seem to have no idea of what their father/grandfather had gone through—or why. You never told me why. I assume you knew it had to be done and you just did it.

Now its my turn-my world is at war. Our nation -the nation you fought to preserve and protect is being torn apart.

Not from a danger from abroad Not from a Hitler, a Mussolini or an

Emperor Tojo
But by our own indifference
Our laziness-as if we just did not care.
Where would I be today?

Would I be speaking German?

Could I have African-American friends?
Could I have Jewish friends?
Would I even be here-be alive.
If you and your generation had just not

No, my nation is-I believe, every bit at war as it was 60 years ago. But in lieu of Pearl harbor,

we have a war within our very own borders:

Divorce, drugs, gangs, pornography, homosexuality, family breakdown, prayer being removed—

not only from the schools and the public square—

but even from the pulpits of our churches and synagogues-and perhapsfrom our way of life itself.

Yes you cared
You put your life on the line to make my
world

free and democratic To give me every choice under the sun. So now its my turn.

I have to caré.

Every bit as much as you did.
So my children, your grandchildren
will be able to bring those free choices into
fruition.

B. Russell Sucharoff, Washington, D.C., O8 January 2000. Note: the author's father, was a 25 year old flyer in Italy during WWII. A special thank you to Michael Marshall for the inspiration.

things happen to good people. That is why we need the Book of Job.

Look at what happened to Jesus. Look at what happened to Rev. Moon's son Young Jin just a couple of months ago, falling to his death from a hotel balcony. Or Rev. Moon's other son Heung Jin, who died in a car accident 15 years ago almost to this very day. They were innocent, and

yet they suffered. And think of Rev. Moon himself, who like Job, lost these sons of his and who even surpassed Job in offering everything to God. But do you think Rev. Moon reached this point of offering without agony? Don't you think there was also a dark night of the soul for him as well, when just a short time after proclaiming the end of indemnity, his son was taken from him?

We need to be put in touch with the original innocence that Christmas evokes so well. And we also need a healthy dose of the hard realities that the Book of Job captures. Hope and reality: Christmas and the Book of Job. Let's keep both polarities in our hearts and minds as we approach the New Millennium. As the Muslims say, "Praise Allah, but remember to tie you camel the fence."

Rev. Moon tells us that Christmas is a good time to repent and check ourselves, to see if we are living up to that standard of love that Jesus taught and practiced. So I'd like to encourage each and every one of us, starting with myself, to ask:

- Have I been loving God with my whole heart
- Have I been loving my neighbor as myself?
- Have I forgiven those who have done me wrong?
- Have I loved my enemy?
- Have I forgiven God, for the injustices I have experienced in this world he brought me into?
- Have I accepted God's forgiveness, and have I forgiven myself?

In closing, let me read one more quote from Rev. Moon's talk on the True Meaning of Christmas: "We are gathered to celebrate the true Christmas because we know God and His purpose; we know Jesus' purpose and intention for coming to this world. And in addition we are hand-picked by God to vindicate Jesus and liberate the heart of God by accomplishing what Jesus left undone. If we say Merry Christmas with that mind then God and Jesus would respond thousands of times, 'Merry, merry, merry Christmas.'" (Dec. 25, 1979) �



#### Paul Carlson

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his month we'll begin a new series of four articles, each dealing with a different aspect of human society and its future. In this first installment we'll look mainly at 'external' technological development. The ultimate fate of nations will be addressed in the fourth article.

Because the vast majority of people identify themselves by nationality, we'll focus mainly on the 'national level.' Such governments hold the bulk of world power, and despite ideals of a unified world, nations will be around for a while yet.

#### **Nations**

The Principle agrees with secular historians that organized nations (originally 'city states') were a primary step on the road to civilization.

Secure borders, a common language\*, and a healthy traditional culture are key components of a harmonious nation. Lose any of these and you eventually lose the nation itself. Successful conquerors always move to erase or override them. Equitable laws are another necessity, for without them governments cannot be stable. [\*Unless you happen to be Switzerland.]

Historically, some of the original citystates attained a high level of development, with skilled craftsmen, civic arts, and indoor plumbing. Each reached a certain level, but eventually declined. A few, such as Egypt, Greece, and Rome, contributed much to later nations.

#### **Development**

Today, nations continue to rise and fall. In 1997 Bill Clinton stated, "The nation-state is declining, outmoded." He wondered aloud, "What will the New World Order be like?" Under his humanistic leadership, the United States has become one of the only nations in history to begin voluntarily trashing itself.

Upon independence, the majority of former Soviet states were drained of money and motivation, and now they're mired in debt and unemployment. To break out they'll have to ditch their class and ethnic divisions; also their stagnant, non-work ethic.

Many Third World countries barely manage to survive, much less progress, and are classed as "developing nations." How can these nations get ahead? Time and resources are not the only factors.

Mexico resents the USA for its wealth, even while helping themselves to as much of it as they can get. Yet Mexico had a

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full century to develop before North America's British colonies—much less the USA—even existed.

Many Latin American nations are rich in resources, but for spiritual and social reasons they've hardly made good use of them. Brazil, with millions of acres of fertile soil, is a net food importer. Their primitive slash-and-burn practices are turning the lush Amazon into waste land.

India, Egypt (and others nearby) are quite poor, despite having thousands of years in which to develop. Their British (and French) colonial administrations 'gave them a leg up,' but the vast majority of their people haven't fared well.

This isn't entirely their govern-

ment's fault. It's well known (if not 'pc' to say it) that many peasants will only do enough work to get along; double their pay and they'll start showing up only half as often! This was confirmed by an elderly friend of this author, a former Central American plantation owner.

On the other hand, some nations are trying too hard to develop. Albania fell into chaos after several popular, government-sanctioned 'pyramid scheme' investments collapsed.

Mainland China is permitting rampant exploitation (including slave labor), and severe pollution, in a headlong drive to build up their industries.

Red China will never attain its goals without allowing their people religious (and political) freedom, as most of their Asian neighbors have lately managed. China will eventually have to crack down on technology also, if they want to keep their citizens leashed . . .

#### History

Economists have documented a lack of 'drive' in older societies, which prevented their overall progress. For example, in medieval times, the Catholic Church taught that the very idea of 'personal gain' was sinful. This was one reason European Jews originally got into banking

Also, no member of a Craftsman's Guild was allowed (and rarely tried) to better the work of another. Those who did found their innovations resisted, often with violence.

In the past, every major town had a unique system of weights and measures, coined its own money, and charged local tolls and taxes. Commerce was risky and expensive.

Recently, historians have learned this was not a universal situation. The Roman Empire had wide-ranging merchants who operated under government

standards and protection, and only minimal regulation. They were well-established as far east as India and west into Scotland, and may have reached China and Brazil. Marxist historians, think-

marxist historians, thinking Capitalism an exclusively modern phenomenon, had to be dragged kicking and screaming into acknowledging these discoveries . . . During the Middle Ages,

Imperial China almost equaled

Rome's reach, sending powerful, five-masted war junks all the way to India and the east coast of Africa. China grew inexorably in power—until they abruptly 'pulled the plug' on them-

Cumbersome regulations and sheer

selves!

xenophobia strangled their growth. China (and its eager pupil Japan) soon got to the point where they had an Imperial supervisor keeping watch over every single skilled worker.

This history leads to some interesting 'what ifs.' Star Trek once depicted a never-fallen Roman Empire. Or imagine victorious Chinese war junks forcing Elizabethan England to cede a 'Hong Kong' at the mouth of the Thames River.

#### Progress

Over many centuries Rome and China invented numerous clever devices, but failed to take full advantage of them. Archimedes built a spinning steam turbine over two thousand years ago, but nothing came of the idea until Europe's Industrial Revolution. The British first encountered military rockets while conquering India, but it took Germany to build the V2, and America the Saturn 5.

The difference between clever gadgetry and true science is more philosophical than technical. Paganism, with its dark forces to placate, prevented any real grasp of scientific laws. Caste societies, with their social straightjackets, throttled most innovations in their cradles.

Monotheism with its coherent universe, democracy with its nouveau riche, and free enterprise with its competingyet-cooperating innovators, together gave birth to our modern world.

Some scholars and politicians still don't appreciate free enterprise, including Russian hard liners, many Third World leaders, and most American economics professors. These socialists have yet to grasp Adam Smith's insight: the 'invisible hand' that guides a flourishing

economy better than any central planner.

Free enterprise isn't always the rule in America. We have our own monopolies, and

Microsoft may be broken up like Ma Bell was, or rapacious Standard Oil a century ago. Meanwhile, ever-larger mergers are

Meanwhile, ever-larger mergers are taking place, and now the banks may get into providing stocks and insurance. (Talk about "putting all your eggs in one basket!")

#### The Future

Several years ago this author visited a small town in far northern California, and observed its city seal: a montage of locomotives, schools, and industry, with the motto 'Partners in Progress.' It seemed somehow quaint, as if the banes of pollution and overpopulation had never clouded their thoughts. (Given the scenic locale, they wouldn't have clouded mine either!)

No nation until America ever supported such a burgeoning host of 'Futurists.' Universities, government agencies, and corporations all employ well-paid prognosticators, and several have become best selling authors. (Read B. Fuller, Toffler, Naisbitt, etc.)

Predicting the future isn't easy. Corporations now do 'multiple scenario planning' instead of making a single annual plan, because rapidly shifting conditions can make any sort of plan obsolete. Hundreds of high-tech startups, and even old timers such as Lotus and Wang, have come to grief on those shifting shoals. Losing-side companies have poured millions of dollars into Betamax videos, 8-Track tapes, and their newer equivalents.

The future sometimes develops in unexpected ways.

Alexander Graham Bell was actually working on a 'musical telegraph' when he discovered that his device would also carry speech.

Arthur C. Clarke envisioned geosynchronous communications satellites right after World War Two, but he thought they would be large, inhabited space stations—so that their crews could store and change huge quantities of vacuum tubes.

Apple Computer started in a humble garage, and has flourished despite endless pronouncements of its death. The MP3 audio standard emerged from the informal 'geek' community to rock the very foundations of the music industry.

#### The Ideal

Our movement, through several hightech companies and international charities, is now working to share advanced techniques with the Third World. For example, we're trying to help Brazil attain even a tenth of the efficiency of Korean agriculture, not to mention of US industry.

The new personal hope, and visions of the Ideal, brought about by the Divine Principle, need not be upheld amidst mediocrity or squalor. Progress will soon benefit the entire world.

Next month we'll look at law and the military; and their greatest challenges, dissent and conflict.

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are saints and sages among us. And yet our sages point out the problems and provide partial solutions, adding the nostrum that this world is imperfect and until the perfect comes, it is dangerous to claim perfection. If that is illogical, so be it. And the saints make the world livable but have not transformed it. A Messiah is needed. A saint excels with the world's definitions; the Messiah redefines the world centered on himself. Therefore many look upon him as, well, as something strange. Such is his lot.

I will close with a final word from the *First Things*' contributors:

"Success on the mission field of the West may come only when the West is no longer the West. Perhaps the rubble must be cleared before new building can begin. ... If it survives, the West will have to relearn the habits of Christian civilization from those once considered barbarians; and light will shine from what was once the deepest darkness. If good things can come from Galilee—and they can—then surely good things can come from Kenya and South Korea." (Peter J. Leithart)



## DR. TYLER O. HENDRICKS

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y the nature of the newsprint medium, before the millennium turns I am writing the article that will appear after the magical midnight has passed. It seems to me that the real excitement about this transition peaked about a year or two ago. It peaked for me when the digital clocks counting down the hours started appearing. Life has a continuity to it that defies abrupt changes, especially when one is active.

And yet change is in the air. In Africa, Russia and Eastern Europe there are huge displacements of populations wrought by war. One of our American national messiahs recently returned from Africa with reports of large numbers of our members losing their lives in the former Zaire. He continued by describing horrid assaults on human life in Sierra Leone. The dogs of war have yet to be leashed. Kofi Annan recently admitted the culpability of the UN in allowing the devastation in Rwanda to assume the proportions that it did. Such terror stakes its claim to inevitability, as some sort of historical necessity, in the minds of Amer-

In the West dramatic changes are also underway. As has been true for the past two hundred years, technology is stimulating big changes. Peter Berger, in the first chapter of *The Heretical Imperative*, provided a brilliant exposition of how technology, in the form of telephones, jet travel and the like, have affected how we live, relate as people, and even the way we think. His observations predate, and are buttressed by, the impact of the computer revolution.

Some eight or nine years ago, Gary Fleisher, who worked at HSA HQ at the time, set up a link between my computer at the office and my computer at home. By going through a few steps, I could send documents between the two computers. I didn't consider this operation to be all that earthshaking, but people such as Bill Gates did. They realized that while two computers talking to each other is no big deal, fifty million computers talking to each other is a very big deal. The difference is nothing more than a matter of scale. Receiving \$20 a month from one person for that access, again, is no big deal. Receiving \$20 a month from one million people is a very big deal.

Do you notice, by the way, the preponderance of computer and internetrelated advertisements in the print media and on billboards? In the New York area, at least, it is everywhere. There you have a simple way to identify the cause of America's present-day prosperity. It's technology. Mike Leone pointed out to me recently that two years ago the world's economy was on the edge of collapse. The powerhouse of Asia had melted down, Russia headed south and South America was, well, staying firmly south. If it were not for America's stability during that crisis, who knows what would have come?

And so big changes do take place, although not necessarily on specified dates. In this context I would like to introduce a few visions for the future. These appeared in the January 2000 issue of *First Things*. These strike themes close to a Unificationist's heart. The first

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concerns the inability of our government and schools to overcome immorality.

"Against the growing power of the immoralizing imperative, our democratic institutions have so far proved to be powerless. Far from resisting it, our schools have largely surrendered to it, and so for the most part have the courts. Our political leaders talk about 'family values' yet do nothing to support the moral integrity of marriage and the family. There are pockets of resistance, of course. I think the home-schooling movement may be the most significant, for what seems to be the driving force of this movement is not only the desire to secure a more sound education for children than can now be obtained in the

public schools, but also a well-founded fear of the immoralizing influence that the culture of the public schoolroom may now be expected to exert on innocent minds." (Hilton Kramer)

I am reminded of those moments when discussions of movies come up in our family. I find myself surprised at the number of movies that my teenagers have seen and I ask them when they saw these movies. They tell me that they saw them in school. IN SCHOOL! It is common practice for teachers to educate by showing movies. For instance, high school students learn about Shakespeare not by reading his plays but by viewing the movie, "Shakespeare in Love." Here we have a complete evacuation of any distinction between education and pop culture. Truly the home schooling movement is a reflection of God's love working through parents to reach the children.

Let us continue to another commentator's view of what lies in the coming century. "The rise of Asia will present us with an ideological challenge as great as the economic and military challenges. The American notion that our own political system constitutes man's highest political achievement will come under assault. This challenge will come most strongly not from dictatorships such as China, but from variants of the Singaporean—or perhaps a future Chinese—system that put far greater emphasis on community, order, and duty than on individual rights and personal autonomy.



"Once the Asian systems become reasonably democratic, ... it will force us to reconsider what the American system is and why we want to keep it. Too often in recent decades we have described it as a mixture of free markets and electoral institutions, a dry and lifeless formulation that would have surprised the Founders. They, like those in the Confucian tradition, understood that some conception of virtue—of what constitutes a life well led and a society well organized-must underlie our political institutions if they are to be sustained. The external debate over Asian vs. American 'values' and political systems will enrich the discussion within this country. It will remind Americans of their own communal values, their own understanding of personal and civic virtue, and the Founders' now nearly forgotten conclusion that religion was the irreplaceable source of both. Meanwhile, the large numbers of Latin and Asian immigrants to the United States, and the related debates over issues such as bilingual education and affirmative action, will force us to consider once again what it means to be an American and what 'American values' really are." (Elliott Abrams)

Abrams foresees a crisis of confidence in American values, but concludes that our American values will be

re-affirmed. By

confronting this

challenge from

the East, our

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mitment to and pride in our own values will grow. And yet one wonders where in those values we will find the resources necessary to solve the problems articulated by Kramer and echoed nearly everywhere. "It is already a fact of life that the telecommunications revolution has had the effect of ... immoralizing and infantilizing almost every aspect of popular culture, which is now massified on a greater scale than ever before," Kramer says. "It is also a fact of life that our democratic society has lost the power to protect its citizens—and particularly its children—from the evil effects of this

[immoralizing] cultural imperative." Now, given the fact that adherence to American values was stronger in the past than in the present, and that the persuasiveness of these values has been eroding continually, it is hard to see why one would expect that erosion to cease. Abrams simply predicts the victory of American values, without any explanation of how that might transpire. But erosion continues until the conditions that bring it about change. Erosion ceas es when the rains stop. This would be  $% \left( -\frac{1}{2}\right) =-\frac{1}{2}\left( -\frac{1}{2}\right) =-\frac{1}{2}\left($ equivalent to the "immoralizing" tendencies of human nature ending. It ceases when all the topsoil washes awayi.e., when there is nothing virtuous left in the culture. It ceases when a new agent is added to the soil to keep it in place. Those new elements usually are seeds that sprout root systems. Hillsides

with vegetation withstand the elements; hillsides without vegetation wash away.

In fact, the first generations of our republic's leadership feared the loss of public morality, what Kramer calls "Immoralizing." They were very aware of the aristocratic fear of the masses—not fear, but perception that the mass of humankind is, well, depraved. Of course, depravity exists on all levels, but the view of the aristocrats seems to have been that within a smaller circle it could be controlled. Again, it is a matter of scale. In any case, they had a fear of the appetites of the people, geared toward the basest form of satisfaction in sex and violence. They feared that if the masses gained control of the culture, the society would slide into ruin.

Were their fears justified? The best we can say is that the jury is still out. America has produced no high culture, no art, music or dance on a par with what was produced as a fruit of the throne-altar alliance between the 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries in Europe. America's contribution to world culture consists of jazz and rock music, graphic art, automobiles, skyscrapers and mass marketing. Among the world-famous American products are fast food, casual clothing, movies, Coca-Cola and a whole slate of labor saving devices. And this popular culture, this mass culture, is definitely losing touch with morality. Consider that the American clergy considered rock'n'roll to be of the devil when it first came out in the 1950s. Fifties rock is considered morally uplifting when compared with current fare.

Again, it can be seen as a question of numbers. The American founders equated "masses" with "mob." The choice they perceived was that between aristocracy and what they called "mobocracy." Mobs have a life of their own, as we witnessed recently in Seattle. An aristocracy has a certain self-awareness and sense of responsibility. A mob has nothing but demands. The tastes of a mob tend toward the lowest common denominator. American cultural leaders have perfected the task of defining and promoting the lowest common denominator. Food of minimal quality becomes world-famous, with the restaurants' napkins explaining how nutritious it is. Clothing is promoted as a means to enhance ego and attractiveness to the opposite sex. Popular movies market sex and violence as art. Underlying it all is the achievement of sex without responsibility through birth-control patches, condoms and abortions. The twentieth century delivered us the lowest common denominator. But it doesn't bring peace or happiness. There was a temporary confidence in the early nineties that two countries that housed McDonald's would never fight each other. That has been disproved. People in Calvin Kleins and Nikes are cutting off children's hands. People are destroying a nation with the aid of databases informing them of the wealth—hence potential ransom value—of their hostages (viz. Colombia).

What do we conclude from this? We conclude that wealth and power mean nothing. We conclude that true love is what matters. We conclude that there

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#### KIM KORMAN **Brown**

Kim is a Wife and Mother in Virginia Beach, VA

walked into the living room a few days after Christmas and saw four teddy bears sitting on plastic chairs in a row. Seated on an overturned plastic milk carton was my three year old son, Tadin, questioning them.

"What happened to Bambi?" he said, in a serious tone. "What happened to Bambi?

I watched with great interest. Then Ranin walked up to each teddy bear and squeezed their noses as Tadin repeated the questioning. Bambi was lying on the rug, motionless. I thought to myself, gee, these guys are almost scary. I wasn't sure if I should be proud of them for their investigative abilities, or worry that they'll grow up to be interrogators for military intelligence. I really had to give them credit for making up such an innovative game with their same old toys.

Then there's the subject of new toys! I awoke Christmas morning to the sound of tearing paper. "Wait for Daddy!" I urged my moppets as I shook my husband who was not at all excited that Santa Claus had come. "Another half hour," he mur-

I let the kids open one gift each while they waited for their daddy. Dinosaurs! A Barbie Horse! A G.I. Joe! An alien! They

# l Call 'Christmas'

stood salivating over the pile of gifts as Daddy staggered from his bed and slumped onto the couch. They were about to dive on the presents when Peter said, "Let's say a prayer and thank Heavenly Father for today and let's sing Happy Birthday to Jesus." Which we did, and then Peter, in his wisdom, suggested that we pass

the presents out one at a time and watch each person open them. This added to the anticipation of each child as well as lending drama to the occasion. The whole gift opening frenzy was more special because it lasted longer and each gift was savored. This is the first Christmas that Tadin had an inkling of what was happening. His first big gift was a castle with knights and a dragon, which so fascinated him that he declined fur-

ther toys as they were passed to him. It amazed me that his greed gland hadn't kicked in.

A week after Christmas, the castle had been disemboweled—all its pieces scattered under the TV and behind the couch. Ranin's pirate ship with cannons and sails was similarly wrecked in the bathtub. Gracie's Barbie dining room with 1000 pieces of matching plastic china was also scattered like seeds in the wind. Only Tymon kept his stuff together in a big plastic box. He spent days chasing Carmen Sandiego across the globe on the computer.

Every year, I find myself grasping for the essence of the holidays that was so palpable to me as a child. I recall the best dishes and linen, the wonderful smells of food permeating the house, and the jovial feeling among the friends and family who visited or whom we went to see. I can't remember the gifts them-

> selves, aside from the faces of my parents who looked so pleased as my brother and I opened every-

thing with enthusiasm. After my brother left home to join the army, I remember sitting up all night alone on Christmas Eve, staring at the Christmas tree, unable to sleep. When I was 10 years old I had a paper route. On Christmas

morning, 1965, I delivered newspapers which awakened my awareness to the fact that some people have to work on Christmas Day. A shocking thought! Until then, I had thought the world had the day

Most (western) people that I talk with are looking for the essence of Christmas that they remember from their childhood. People from the northern part of the northern hemisphere remember (or want to remember) snow on Christmas morning. Others remember the grown-ups getting tipsy and laughing loudly from the wine or cocktails served with dinner, or they associate it with old movies like "Miracle on 34th St." or "It's A Wonderful Life". Some cherish the celebration of the birth of Jesus and the beautiful, spiritual music associated with it.

There exists in humanity a need to gather as families and celebrate together. I think every culture has such a thing that revolves around a special day of piety or tradition. It links us and creates what we remember as that intangible thing called

When I think of Christmas I think most of my mother, Iris Korman, who tried so

hard to give our family a beautiful experience during the holidays. She decorated the house, taught me how to bake cookies, and showed me what the joy of giving was all about. She was a person who couldn't wait to give gifts to people. She enjoyed buying things for people, and she made tremendous effort to give things that she thought each person would really like. She died before Peter and I had children, which is a great source of sorrow to me. One day I was reading one of her diaries from the time when she was lying in bed with bone cancer. I had never known that she felt as though she had become a useless nothing. I wish I had known when she was alive that she had felt that way, because I never adequately expressed to her the gratitude I have always felt concerning the quality of life that she provided. To children, their parents are a given, like the sun coming up every morning. If the parents are good parents, the children may not realize their good fortune until they grow up, see the coldness of the world, and then look back on their early life.

My mother comes to mind often at Christmas time, (all the time, really.) To me, she is the essence of what I call "Christmas". She was generosity, kindness and unconditional love, incarnate. I imagine her looking down from heaven, knowing that despite the final sorrowful years of her life, that she gave something of eternal quality to me, which I am doing my best to pass on to my family, however insufficiently.

So as my boys line up their teddy bears and question them, and as Gracie braids her Barbie's hair, I hope that they remember our times together, and that they can create a warm place for their families in the future, too. Maybe I can haul the teddy bears out of storage someday, and question them to find out if I was ever able to give as much as my mother did. God bless you, Iris.

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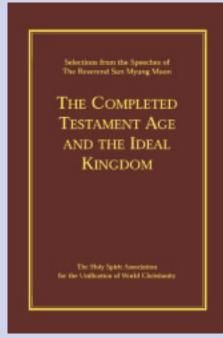
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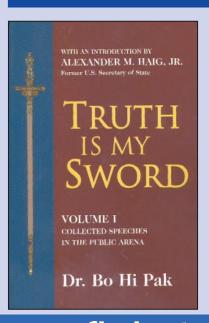
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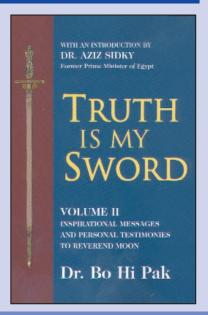
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