

Chicago Hosts National Celebration of True Parents' Work

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I remember reading a short story from many years ago about how Father walked over to a fountain somewhere in Europe and all the fish swam over to him. Then watching him, his host tried the same thing, but none of the fish swam over to him.

In a similar vein, as we prepared to greet our True Parents, a horrendous December snowstorm closed the Chicago airports and much of the mid-west. 80% of the flights at O'Hare and Midway were canceled and we became greatly concerned about whether True Parents plane would even be able to land.

However, as we studied the weather map with the security guards, we noticed one clear spot in the entire mid-west at about 9am—that was Chicago.

One incredible experience was that it seemed that after nearly 5 minutes after the doors opened that over 2,500 Ministers, Political leaders, Community Leaders and other VIP's were gathered and filled nearly every seat of the Grand Ballroom of the Chicago Marriott Hotel. As the host, Bishop Ki Hoon Kim is always incredibly nervous before the actual event began—But as true Parents entered the banquet hall at high noon—every seat was filled to overflowing. There had been great unity between Rev. Kim, Dr. Yang, Mr. Joo, Rev. Jenkins, and all the leadership in America. We felt that this really brought our nation to a new level as the elder son nation in God's providence. Many of our Tribal Messiahs expressed the feeling that we are truly living in a different era now. It was very surprising to see how the Ministers are recognizing our True Parents. God's grace truly covered everything. Despite the challenges faced during these past events, America was able to bring a victory before our True Par-



ents. True Father is said to have been overjoyed and inspired by the success of the December 15-16th events, revealing a great hope for America and already challenging leaders with new events and goals. Because of the unity and combined effort and prayers of all our family members, we once again brought victory to our True Parents. We feel ready to move on and bring a greater foundation for the sake of Heavenly Father and True Parents in 2001!

Friday morning, the day before the banquet, Chicago was preparing for three conferences while guests from many states were making their way through the winter weather to partake in a series of historical events. The first group of guests arrived the night before and began to trickle in early in the morning. The bulk of participants were caught up by delays in traffic and airline flights. However, amazingly, there were only a

handful of cancellations due to weather, and most participants, even if delayed, made it to Chicago showing their sincere desire to be part of the new vision for the world. Some brought additional unregistered guests who wanted to partake in the events, even paying their own expenses, including room and meals. In the end, the hotel ran out of double rooms because the list of participants exceeded the first numbers we expected.

On Friday, December 15th we hosted two events, simultaneously. The International Inter-religious Federation for World Peace (IIFWP) Conference took place in the Hilton Hotel. It brought together religious leaders, political leaders and educators to discuss the vision for IIFWP, its direction, and its role in establishing new levels of peace throughout the world. Combining readings from Father Moon, roundtable discussions, and presentation by speakers, an atmosphere of aspiration emerged. The conference had several ambassadors, former political leaders, professors, founders and directors of national organizations, and religious

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by Reverend Moon

This address was given at the Banquet in Chicago on December 16th, 2000

I am truly grateful that you have granted me the opportunity to speak to you today. I am Reverend Moon. No doubt you have already heard about me through many rumors and stories. I have stirred up a good deal of controversy around the world. At the same time, I have initiated a number of events and accomplishments with worldwide impact. I must add that these things have resulted from the historical reality of my having served God to this day.

Today in this brief encounter I would like to speak to you for a time on the subject "The True Family and I," because the world's problems stem from the family. Let us ask what we mean by a "true family."

Why Are Mind and Body in Conflict?

Today, if we ask whether the world in which we live is good or evil, we must answer that it is evil. Why, then, is it evil? It is because whether we consider world history, American history, or the history of any country, there has been constant conflict. Conflict and struggle mean that the parties involved will not develop, but will necessarily decline. To say that the world is evil implies that America is evil, that Americans are evil, and that we, ourselves, are evil. If we study ourselves, we cannot deny that within ourselves there is a struggle between mind and body. The origin and cause of this struggle remains a mystery which must be solved.

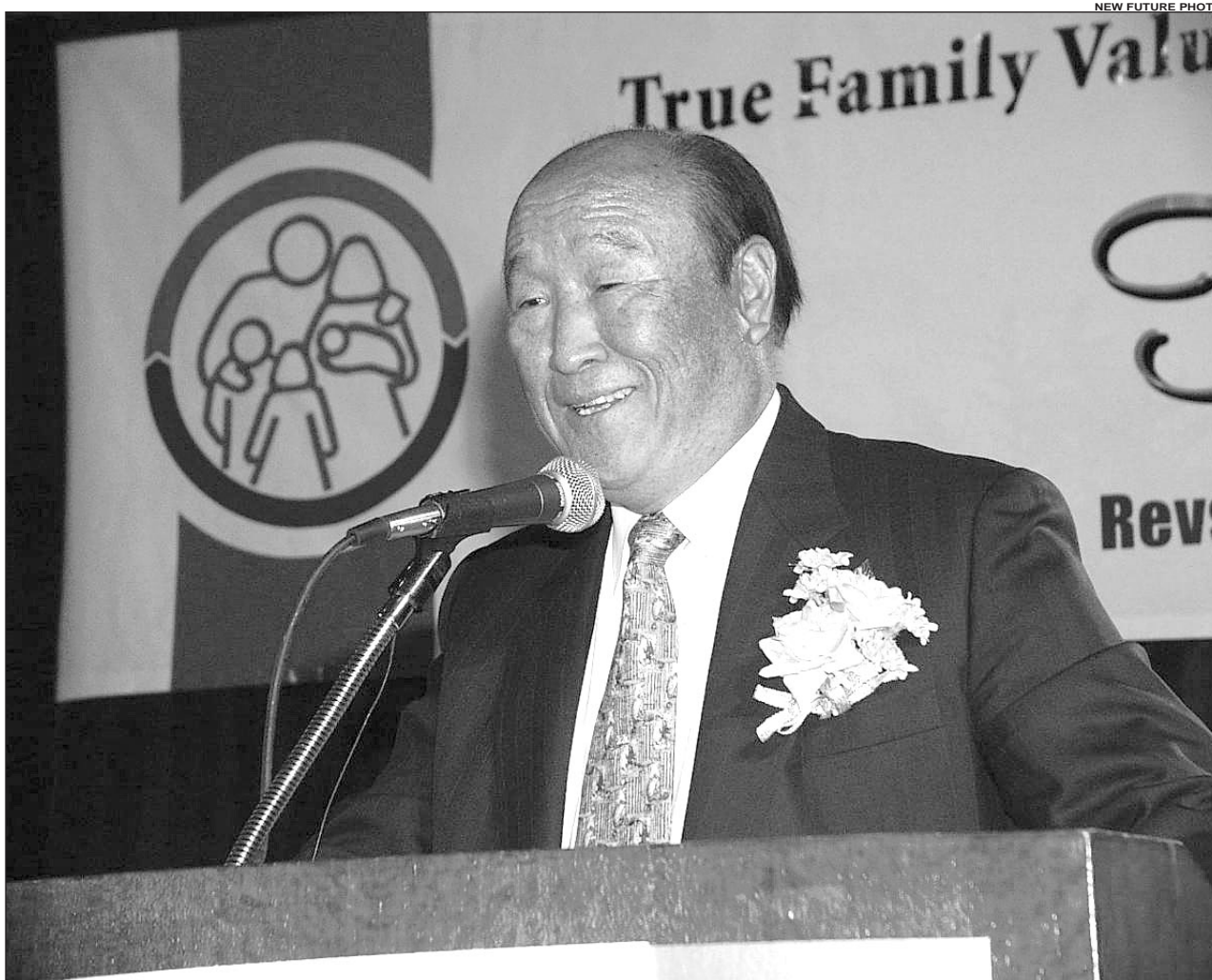
If an individual does not possess a foundation for peace within himself, then he will not be happy, no matter how peaceful his family, his nation or the world might be. This is because the individual is the true battlefield. As you know, World War 1, World War 2 and the Cold War have already ended. In the midst of any other future conflicts, it will be possible to have a truce. However, the struggle between mind and body has existed from the beginning, without a moment's truce. It has continued throughout history and, of course, it continues today. We do not know how much longer it will continue in the future.

When we think of this and at the same time consider that God exists, the fact that God would permit the historical struggle between mind and body to continue is a major problem. But if we agree that human beings committed sin, we can understand that it is the human responsibility to indemnify it. God cannot take that responsibility upon Himself nor can He interfere with it.

Where does the struggle between mind and body originate? We inherit life from our parents and from the parents of their parents. If we continue going back in this manner, we eventually arrive at the first generation, that is, the first human ancestors. It is a fact that the struggle between mind and body originated through a prob-

lem in the conjugal love of Adam and Eve. Our life originates in our parents' love. Since this struggle began before any of us were born, we have to conclude that the problem relates to the circumstances in which our first parents entered into a love relationship with each other.

The love of Adam and Eve was not a love of true happiness. Instead, it was conflict-ridden love. Because the roots of our life are in this love, we



must conclude that the conflicts in our inner self originate there. The Bible teaches that because Adam and Eve sinned, they were expelled from the Garden of Eden. After they were driven out of the Garden, they began to multiply children. God could not follow them and bless them in marriage, because it was He who had driven them from the Garden. Thus we must ask, under whose guidance did they marry? We must concur that, because of having fallen into sin, they married in the hands of Satan.

God Is Working to Recreate Love

The fall consisted of Eve being tempted by Satan and her later temptation of Adam. Therefore, when our ancestors, Adam and Eve, established a relationship of conjugal love, that relationship was not a happy one. Instead, it was conflict-ridden. Humanity, because of its roots in that relationship, cannot separate itself from that struggle between mind and body. This reality is very clear and my explanation is logical. The fall began with immoral love. Due to a love relationship which God

did not desire, Adam and Eve united with Satan. They did not become the ancestors of goodness, but rather the ancestors of evil, planting the roots of evil love, evil life and evil blood lineage.

If this is true, then what began with one fallen family grew into tribes, nations and a world of five billion people who are descendants of Satan, incapable

evil and war. On the other side, God has been working to recreate humankind through love and peace.

When the Last Days come, Satan has to give over to God's side his spiritual power as a ruler over humanity and the respect which he once enjoyed. Satan retaliated by coming up with atheism, the ideology of no God, which supported the appearance of human-

ism, materialism and communism. After World War II, the struggle between God's side, the right wing, and Satan's side, the left wing, moved to the world level. Further, after World War II, because of the victory of God's side, the world entered a transitional period in which to welcome victory and peace based upon the realm of Christian culture.

The present era is the era of the realm of individualism: the era of free sex, the era of children denying parents, the era of parents denying children, the era of denying the couple. Through homosexuality, an attempt is being made to destroy completely the family ideal. It is

this ideal that the Messiah, at his second coming, intends to establish in order to change this hell into the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. The Messiah, as the True Father, desires the unity of mind and body, the unity of husband and wife, and the unity of children.

The Relationship of Spirit and Matter

Problems must still be solved on a worldwide level. They include: (1) Which came first, matter or spirit? (2) Is the materialist theory or the idealist theory correct? (3) Which comes first, reality or concept? (4) Is evolution or creationism correct?

Let us attempt to answer these by way of an example. When we observe the animal kingdom, we discover that the first thing formed in a newborn animal is the eyes. The eyes are made of matter. Would those eyes know prior to birth that the sun existed? Being purely material, the eyes do not know, but something or someone prior to the material knew that the eyes were created to see sunlight. Someone knew.

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not know that the atmosphere existed, but the eyes were formed with eyelids to assure that dust in the air does not damage the eye. The eyes, being purely material, did not know that steam and other heat radiations could dry the eyes and damage them, but someone knew and, for that reason, we blink so that our eyes can stay moist. The conclusion is that through the simple example of the eye, we can solve the great debate over whether thought precedes existence, whether spirit precedes matter, and whether concept precedes reality. We can answer the debate of spirit versus matter, of creationism versus evolution. Given this, we cannot deny that everything was created by God. Therefore, we must return to the original world of creation, and realize the kind of self, the kind of family, and the kind of world God desires.

The Purpose of Religion

Thus, I would like to explain the complicated relationships that came to surround each one of us after the fall. It is logical that if Adam and Eve had not fallen, it would have been normal for their minds and bodies to have been one, just as God is one. Due to the fall, the body emerged as another positive, which was opposed to the positive of the conscience that relates to God. The repulsion between these two positives led to a history of struggle. We must be aware of this. The body became the base of operation for hell, and the conscience became the base of operation for heaven. Man did not know that he contained, within himself, the division of two worlds. From this perspective, we all should ask ourselves if our body leads our mind or our mind leads our body. In reality, throughout history, the body has had complete license to lead the mind. If the conscience were strengthened, we would automatically return to God and bring the world to be with God. The fact that the physical body leads the conscience, instead of the conscience leading the body, originated at the time that our ancestors established a relationship with Satan. This resulted in the power of false love. The problem is that this power of false love, which tied the first ancestors to Satan, was stronger than the force of the conscience. God, who knows the situation of human beings very well, cannot abandon fallen humanity. Instead, He must establish a strategy to weaken the body-centered force that dominates our conscience. The historical system for salvation which was created and driven by God is religion. Religion was necessary in the past and it is still necessary today. God has established many religions. According to their different circumstances and antecedents, the world's cultural spheres formed. Until now, religious people did not know that the purpose of religion is to prevent the body from continuing to lead the mind. If there had been no fall, religion would not have been necessary.

Something bad happened, and religion became necessary to correct it. What does God intend to do through religion? He intends to discipline the body. You probably think that by believing in religion you will be saved, that by believing in Christianity you will go to heaven, or that by believing in Buddhism you will go to paradise. But it is those who are united with God's love who will enter heaven. To enter heaven, Adam's family should have been a family whose center was the love of God, a family that had a blood relationship with God. Until now, no one knew that the place where such families dwell is the Kingdom of Heaven. Therefore, to strengthen the power of the conscience, we must dominate the body. We must liberate our conscience, so that it can lead our body by our will. We can then return to the bosom of God's love as original beings, free from sin.

If we ask what religion should do, the answer is that it should motivate our body to do everything it hates to do. What does the body hate most? To fast! To serve! To sacrifice! Furthermore, religion asks us to be an offering. The offering is destined to shed blood; it must be capable of sacrificing its life. Therefore, the Bible tells us that he who is willing to lose his life shall gain it, and he who wishes to save his life shall lose it. This paradox teaches us that if we live according to the flesh, we are going to hell. If we win over the flesh and liberate our conscience, we will go to heaven. If we completely subjugate the body, and our conscience stands in a totally subjective position, our conscience will open us to unlimited desire and infinite hope.

The Nature of the Conscience

In the course of history, there have been many religions and religious leaders. Yet those who believed in those religions and in those leaders could not totally control their bodies and deny themselves. They could not liberate the conscience and position it to relate with God on the original basis. We sinful people did not become true olive trees. Instead, we became wild olive trees, with our roots in false love. Man should have had his roots in God's true love, yet we established roots in Satan's love. How are we going to solve the problem of being wild olive trees, instead of true ones? This remains an inescapable, extremely crucial task, which we must fulfill. If you study yourself, you will notice that your conscience knows everything about you. Your conscience is closer to you than are your own parents. It desires to possess eternal love and to be embraced eternally in God's bosom. When we marry, we separate from our earthly parents, but not from our conscience. The conscience exists with us prior to our birth on earth. It loves us, and its mission is to transform us into eternal sons and daughters of God. In this sense, the conscience does not need a teacher. Have you ever heard of a Secretary of Education announcing a plan to educate the conscience? If the conscience had gone the original way, we would have known clearly the course

we should follow in life. It would have taught us and guided us to return to God's bosom. On the basis of our conscience, which knows everything about our life, there is a computer in the spirit world that registers everything we do on earth. When you go to the spirit world, you will discover this. Until today, we did not know that the mission of the conscience is to convert us into unblemished, true sons and daughters of God. Is there anyone

here who is convinced that he or she will never die? We all will go to the spirit world someday. When you enter the spirit world, they will immediately know you by your name. They will know about your entire life. They will also know about your ancestors, because the spirit world transcends time and space. We should not bring anything into that world that would stain our conscience.

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C A L E N D A R

DECEMBER 2000

- 6 Shin Pyung Nim's Birthday (11/11/96)
- 18 Un Jin Nim's Birthday (11/23/67)
- 22 35 Previously Married Couples' Blessing (1976)
- 27 Shin Choon Nim's Birthday (12/2/90)
- 28 Hyo Jin Nim's Birthday (12/3/62)

JANUARY 2001

- 1 True God's Day (1968)
- Sekkai Nippo Established (1975)
- 2 Day of Victory of Love (1984)
- 3 Heung Jin Nim's Ascension (1984)
- 5 Ye Jin Nim's Birthday (12/11/60)
- 10 Kook Jin Nim & Soon Ju Nim's Blessing (1989)
- 11 72 Couples of the Second Generation Blessing (1989)
- 12 1275 Couples' Blessing (1989)
- 13 Shin Yul Nim's Birthday (12/19/92)
- International Federation for the Victory Over Communism (1968)
- 18 Jun Sook Nim's Birthday (12/24/67)
- 20 Shin Gil Nim's Birthday (12/26/87)
- 24 Hoon Sook Nim's Birthday (1/1/63)
- Lunar New Year
- 26 Yeon Jin Nim's Birthday (1/3/81)
- 29 Father's Birthday (1/6/20)
- Mother's Birthday (1/6/43)
- 30 Choongmo-nim's Ascension (1/7/68)

FEBRUARY 2001

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

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For that reason, know that the conscience is above all other teachers.

There are many distinguished personalities gathered here today. Some of you are professors. I can honestly say that there has never been a professor who possessed a teaching superior to that of the conscience. The role of the conscience for a man is the same as that of a compass for a ship.

God is the Root of the Conscience

I would like to ask those of you who are married, "When you married, did you want your spouse to be inferior to yourself?" The answer is "No." If I asked you whether you wanted a spouse ten times or one hundred times better than you, no doubt you would reply that, if it were possible, you would prefer that he or she be one thousand, ten thousand or one million times better than you.

The conscience's ambition demands the maximum amount of love. It wishes to possess the Absolute Being. The same was true for our ancestors. The same will be true for our descendants. If we were to ask God, He would respond that it is true for Him. Is it not impossible for all of our desires to be fulfilled? A mayor will want to be governor. Later, he will want to become president. Ultimately, he will want to ascend to the highest position in the world. That is how far the ambition of the conscience extends. From the beginning of history, people have generally thought that the conscience's ambition cannot be satisfied completely. But Reverend Moon, the person who is standing here, has arrived at the conclusion that it is possible to satisfy even the highest ambition of the conscience.

How big is the conscience? How can we measure the conscience? Do you think that the day will come when the conscience possesses God? Do you think that if something bigger than God exists, the conscience will desire to possess it? What is it that the conscience's ambition is seeking? The conscience desires to possess whatever has the maximum value in the cosmos.

Then how big would God's conscience be? Which is bigger, the human conscience or God's conscience? If God's conscience is bigger than a man's, what would He do with it? The conclusion is that we, in our immense ambition, desire the same thing that God desires: true love.

The Conscience Desires True Love

What do you think? We know that God is absolute, but does He not feel lonely? Do you think that He feels happy? Ladies and gentlemen, even if a person becomes the president of the nation, if he lives alone, without a spouse, that person will feel neglected. If we do not have an object of love, we are unhappy. Doesn't God need someone? How would you feel in that situation? Even if God is God, He feels very lonely.

Human beings feel empty when they lack money, knowledge or authority, but God does not need money, knowledge or power. We must ask ourselves what God needs most. We call God "the King of Love"! God is the Creator of Love! If it is the case that God is the King of Love, then He is like a bridegroom. This means that He needs His object of love, whose position is that of a Queen of Love. This is an absolute principle. Who, then, can be the absolute object of God's love? My answer is: a true human being!

Ladies and gentlemen, you need money. You need knowledge. You need power. But if you do not have a spouse, all of that will be useless. A husband needs his wife and children. A wife needs her husband and children. The family is the place where we find these partners of love.

The individual serves God, the subject of love, in the position of an object of love who completely satisfies the ambition of God's conscience. The family in which a man and woman unite as objects of God's love, and where children live happily, should be the initial foundation of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth, centered on the true love of God.

Just as a man wants his object of love to be infinitely more valuable than he, God also wants man, His object of love, to have infinite value. A person of that value is a true person. We did not know that Adam and Eve were meant to be that kind of man and woman. No one has known that we were created with such value. If we were given such a high aspiration in our conscience, it is because God is

He hoped that we would be one thousand or ten thousand times more valuable than Himself. You must understand this very well.

True Love of God and Man

If, at the beginning of creation, God



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and man had united in a relationship of true love within a family, we would not have to worry about hell or heaven today, because we automatically would have entered the Kingdom of God. The problem here is that God's true love and man's love did not begin at a common point, united as a subjective and objective love. From the first family, God's love and man's love moved in two different directions with two different goals. Therefore, it has been impossible to realize the ideal world for which God and man are longing.

God's ideal of a common point of beginning was completely frustrated. False parents arose centered on Satan's love. As their descendants, we inherited that false love, false life and false

willpower, we were supposed to conquer God's love through our conscience.

What does the conscience do to win the true love of God? If you unburden and liberate your mind completely, your conscience will automatically connect with the true love of God. If we

compare the size of the conscience to that of love, we will see that the size of love is greater. We can know this from the fact that the conscience begins from love.

The Kingdom of Heaven is the place where we go to live in unity with God, in true love and with a free conscience. It is the place we go after having lived centered on love and after preparing ourselves to be in the lineage of God's love. Without winning this love, we cannot enter the Kingdom of God for thousands of years. Due to the fall, there will be no connection with the Kingdom of Heaven

until humankind is illuminated by God's true thought and sustained by God's true love.

The person who lives in unity, with a true conscience and true love, will enter the Kingdom of Heaven automatically. No matter how much a person believes in Jesus, he cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven if he is not linked to the love of God. The struggle of our mind and body prevents us from entering the kingdom. The person who remains in Satan's lineage cannot enter the kingdom. The religions that have the mission of opening the way are struggling among themselves. They will meet a sad end in the Last Days.

God cannot be found where there is conflict. Catholicism and Protestantism must become one. Religion is not a key to open the doors to salvation; rather, it is a movement to subjugate the body and liberate the conscience. We have to know that we cannot receive the key that opens that door if we fail to inherit the love, the life and the true lineage of God. We will not receive salvation just by believing in religion. In reality, religion only exists to discipline the body.

When our conscience is liberated, its ambition for love can be raised to encompass God. How does this seem to you? Reflect first about what you are doing with your life. Will you try to find out more about this? Who is the first to know what someone is doing? Who knows first, the conscience or God? The conscience knows first. Man is distinct from God because he occupies the object position. In the same sense, husband and wife are distinct. The characteristics of each are clearly different. If we were to conclude



the subject partner and He wants man to be in the position of His object partner. He did not want man and woman simply to be a part of Him, but rather to be completely different personalities. God allowed us to have such an elevated power of conscience because

lineage, and are thus destined for hell. We have nothing to do with the Kingdom of Heaven. A person may have money, knowledge and power, but if she loses the love of her life, none of those things have any meaning. We did not know that, by being people whose spirit dominates our body through

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that God knows everything prior to its happening, we could say that we are a part of God, as if we and God were a single entity. But if such were the case, we could not be the object partners of God's love.

A person who stands alone cannot realize the ideal. After Adam and Eve sinned, they hid themselves among the trees. God asked, "Adam, where are you?" and Adam answered, "I am here." God understood, and said, "You hid yourself because you have sinned." Since man began from God, he should return to the position of object partner to God. We must return to God.

Friends of God

Ladies and gentlemen, your sons and daughters grow up. When you reach the age of one hundred and your children reach the age of eighty, the relationship of father and son also becomes a relationship of friends. Friends! We cannot compare the physical strength of a woman with that of a man. Women can never defeat men physically; but, through love, wife and husband are attracted to one another and they come to resemble each other. If Adam and Eve had become the objects of God's love, would that have been pleasing to Him? Absolutely, yes! God created the universe before Adam and Eve perfected themselves as the objects of His love. God had the ambitious hope that in the future they would be His ideal objects. If, after having perfected themselves as the objects of God's love, they had asked God to create something greater than what He had already created, do you think He could have done so?

Given the infinite ambition of our consciences, we should know that God can create everything we desire. God created us with the value of true love object partners. Because this absolute value was lost, it must be restored. This restoration is the purpose of human life and history. God established religions and promised that someday each of the founders of those religions would return.

Christianity has taught that Jesus will return. In Buddhism, they speak of the return of Buddha. Confucianism alludes to a new Confucius. Likewise, in Islam, believers await the return of Mohammed. What could be the reason God established the different religions? We need to understand that the Will of God is accomplished centered on His beloved children, children who are like God's flesh and blood. With that type of son and daughter, God wants to form families, tribes, races and nations.

We need to understand, then, what the Messiah is. The Lord in his second coming is the person who completes the ideal for which all religions have longed, descending to the earth with the root of true love from the eternal God. He will become a True Father. Through the restoration of that lost true love, he will work to establish a true family on earth, on the foundation of true life and true lineage.

That is the purpose of the providence of salvation. Due to the fall, God lost the true mother as well as the children of Adam's family. This means that God could not have true children. There was no family connected to the blood lineage which was to come from God's love. Through fallen parents, blood ties originated from false love and false life, and the struggle between mind and body began. Adam and Eve became enemies to each other. There was a fight to the death between Adam's sons.

The providence of salvation is the providence of restoration, which God has been leading in order to restore his lost sons and daughters, restore the absolute unity of mind and body, restore the absolute unity of husband

Kingdom of Heaven as well.

Today, the founder of the Unification Church is here speaking to you. If you ask me, "What is the mission of the Unification Church?," I will say that it is a place where God's true love is present. It is the place where we want our mind and body to unite in true love. It is the place where we want to form ideal marriages with absolute unity between husband and wife. We are carrying out the mission that God has given us, by means of an ideology that can make all people into inseparable brothers and sisters.

Centering on the love of the True God, my wife and I are cleansing all the polluted elements that originated in the false family formed through false

erhood that transcend nations through this means. Through this means, we want to realize the ideal of one great universal family, centered on God, and thus proclaim the ideal of True Parents, true spouses, and true brothers and sisters. In this way, we will begin the world culture of heart. From earth to heaven, we will be liberated to fulfill the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

Since the end of World War II, for the past fifty years, the entire world has persecuted and criticized Reverend Moon. The time has come for you to know that such persecution was not the result of my committing a crime. Instead, it was to save you. And now, unlike in the past, people realize that I am a man of goodness.

I was instrumental in bringing about the collapse of communism. It was Reverend Moon who reached out to Mikhail Gorbachev and Kim Il Sung. To save the United States, which is going toward collapse, I built a foundation for the sake of creating hope. There are difficult political circumstances between North and South Korea which Reverend Moon is resolving. The same is true for the Middle East.

What I have proclaimed has come to pass. The entire world did everything it could to put an end to me, yet I did not die, and today I am firmly standing on top of the world. If I can boldly proclaim the truth to you today, it is

because of God's love. You need to know that if I survived, it was because God absolutely protected me. For this reason, I believe that you should study the Unification Church with this same seriousness.

We have met together today and this is a day of deep significance. I have shared a very important message with you and I have placed my trust in you. I kindly ask that you not forget this. I also ask that, based on this new awakening, you determine to follow the path to bring God's Blessing to your families and your nation. In that way, ideal families will begin to appear on this earth.

As you probably know, Reverend Moon and his spouse are known throughout the world as the True Parents. If it is true that as the True Parents, we are connected to God in true love, true life and true lineage, I would like you to remember one thing. Beginning from a true family and you, a realm of liberation, liberty, unification and happiness will begin. This will allow the hope of peace to sprout upon the earth.

Thank you very much. ❖



and wife, and restore the absolute unity of parents and children in the true love of God. This true family, which is qualified to live eternally with God, should be connected to Christianity, which is in the position of the bride to the Lord. By establishing such a blood relationship with God, we can realize united families, united tribes, united races and united nations, which thus will bring about the united world, the culmination of the providence of salvation.

The Necessity of True Parents

Distinguished people of America, is it not true that America would like to receive God's Blessing? To do so, you must become a people whose minds and bodies are united in God's true love. You must also unite as absolute husbands and wives. When the number of families that unite as absolute children of God grows, then God will come to live in this nation. If this happens, then automatically this nation will be the central nation of the world.

Man has this nature. If his beloved lives in poverty in the countryside, he wants to live there with her. In the same way, wherever God's beloved sons and daughters dwell is the Kingdom of Heaven, even if it is a place of poverty. If it is prosperous, it will be the

marriage. This false marriage was caused by false love, false life and false lineage, which stemmed from the false, fallen parents. My wife and I established Headwing Ideology, an external ideology through which we can overcome and defeat both left-wing ideology and right-wing ideology. We also introduced the internal ideology of Godism. In other words, through True Love, we have purified the world of conscience and the spirit world. By doing so, we have achieved True Parents' position. Thus we are able to sow the seed of True Love, the seed of True Life, and the seed of True Lineage, which signifies the unity between God and human beings, to the couples participating in the International Holy Wedding, the ceremony of resurrection bequeathing this great Blessing.

This is the ceremony, then, that opens the path by which mankind will reach the new and true family. By having families from around the world participate in these marriage ceremonies, we want to connect the world to God's great Blessing. It is my fervent desire that all the world's people receive this great Blessing and become families and peoples that can establish the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

The purpose of the Unification Church is to establish relationships of brother-

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leaders. These participants, especially the ambassadors, not only agreed with Father Moon's ideas but also saw the necessity and supported the establishment of an IIFWP. The American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC) took place in the Chicago Marriott Downtown (this was the same hotel which Father hosted the 1983 ICUS Conference and that Father and Mother had each spoken in on many occasions).

An event for the original 120 ministers who had gone to Korea earlier in the year quickly became a gathering and revival for over 200 clergy. Candidates who wanted to be part of the original 120 ministers, and spouses packed the room. With the theme "Bringing Down the Walls," clergy from different denominations preached support for the creation of one body to bring down the walls that divide Americans and begin the healing of the world. The atmosphere was an incredible mix of joy, urgency, and seriousness about the responsibility and vital role of the ACLC in America today. Voices of affirmation and unification came from around the room as ministers agreed with speakers on topics

from healing the divided America after the elections, to uniting the body of Christ to take leadership in America and in the world, and to re-establishing their role in the relationship of the prophet and the king, becoming America's conscience and saving the present declination. Both conferences brought forth victories and a strong level of unity among participants with Father Moon's vision. These participants all took part in December 16th's IIFWP inauguration and the True Family Values Ministry (TFVM) Banquet which Father Moon and his family attended.

Last year when True Father came for Chicago's True Family Values Ministry banquet, Dr. Tyler Hendricks reflected, the atmosphere of the event built up and hit its peak with the arrival of the True Parents of Mankind. That level of spirit was already reached at the conclusion of the December 15th conferences and, therefore, the level of spirit present by the TFVM banquet was phenomenal. The weather the night before was forecast to be cold with heavy snow during the night continuing through the morning of the 16th. However, the morning began calm, unusually warm, with no snow. The temperature reached a high of 41° during the banquet and almost immediately dropped off to single digits after the banquet was over.

The morning opened with the inau-

guration of the IIFWP and the installation of its new leadership. All the ACLC participants joined the IIFWP conference participants and partook in the inauguration. The hall was packed and the spirit built during the event was incredible. A surge of hope, eagerness, enthusiasm, and passion arose from the inauguration creating the vision into a mission.

Slightly after 11:00 am the doors opened and the banquet hall quickly began to fill. Over 2,500 people were gathered for this event. The theme of

20 years, nearly every major event that our True Parents have hosted. Like our True Father, General Sorensen just recently celebrated his 80th birthday and was recognized at a recent American Leadership Conference in Chicago.

With the entrance of Father Moon, Mother Moon, and eldest son Hyo Jin Moon, the atmosphere illuminated with the support and unity of those present. A video highlighted the accomplishments of Father Moon, focusing on all the successful achievements in

tion for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU) members. Father's 35-minute speech continued on for two hours and took on a Hoon Dok Hae style. Father Moon read parts of his speech, "True Family and I" and would break off from the speech and begin speaking, clarifying details. Many times the ministers would shout comments up to Father and he would respond in kind. It was as if Father Moon embraced all the participants, no longer looking at or treating the minister as guests, or other VIPs any different from FFWPU mem-

bers. The message of truth he was bringing to all his children and the warning he was addressing to save all his children. He spoke to everyone as one, impressing upon them that God's principles apply to all. The first words he spoke were in English which the hall delighted in, and he continued making sure everyone's headsets for translation were working. Participants noted a sense of



the 2000 TFVM banquet was "Empowering the Family, the Church, and Society through True Family Values," and the banquet was to honor one last time, Father Moon's 80th birthday. The program began with lunch and entertainment including 1999 Ms. Wisconsin whose platform was abstinence, the incredible world renowned tumbling

the year 2000 alone. After a deeply personal welcome from one of our most precious friends and one of the leading Congressmen in America, both Father Moon and Mother Moon were welcomed with individual introductions by Pastor T.L. Barrett, Jr. and Rev. Maxine Walker, respectively emphasizing the unique roles both have played in touching the hearts of people. A tribal chief from Ghana took the opportunity to personally recognize the work of Father Moon and reiterated his offering of 400s hectares of land to help substantialize the vision of Father Moon for peace zones throughout the world. Proclamations, letters of greetings and telegrams from the Speaker of the House, the Governor, the Secretary of State, the State Treasurer (all of whom are American leadership Conference graduates) acknowledged the world transforming work of Father and Mother Moon.

Other letters sent warm regards and gratitude, including letters from the Rev. Jesse Jackson and a very personal letter President and first Lady Bill Clinton. Many members were impressed by the seriousness of the ministers as they received Father Moon's words, and noted that Father Moon's style of deliverance had changed. Usually toward ministers, he sticks with the written words and presents a speech. This time, his tone, his style of deliverance, and his content were no different than if he were speaking to only Family Federa-

security watching Father Moon, feeling he was like a father taking care of his children.

As Father Moon addressed the reality of spiritual world, those present opened up their minds and listened with seriousness. As he warned Christian and Muslim, professor and politician alike of the consequences of dying without fulfilling God's purpose of creation, the audience responded to the intensity of the truth with internal reflection. Father Moon called all Christians to go beyond their churches and their denominations, impressing onto them that faith in Jesus alone is not enough. He stated the necessity of knowing and embodying God's love. That is the key to entering Heaven. As he spoke many ministers began to feel Father Moon's heart as they responded back in affirmation of these statements. With the bold statements of truth Father Moon poured onto the hall, and with the dramatic description of the reality of heaven and earth, the audience had to open their hearts and minds to not only listen but accept these as truth. These were revolutionary ideas presented about spirit world, Jesus, and the role of the True Parents, and yet the crowd was supportive responding positively. Father Moon continued to emphasize the necessity of faith in these words. "Go back and pray to see if what I am saying is true." With the declaration that Satan had been completely defeated ministers shouted back, "Amen!" With the warning that if we really want him to come back, next time he'll bring a big baseball bat to train everyone,

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exhibition, and the True Family Values Choir. Awards were presented to five recipients who contributed to bringing True Family Values back into America. These included Elder Willie Jordan, pastor of the 12,000 member St. Mark's Baptist Cathedral and retired Air Force Major General Ted W. Sorensen, a veteran of World War II, the Korean War, the Berlin Air Life, and for the past

Chicago: The Founding of the North American Chapter of IIFWP

by Frank Kaufmann

Leaders in the administration of Dr. Chang Shik Yang and Reverend Michael Jenkins convened concurrent initiatives in Chicago, Illinois from December 15 - 16, 2000. A two day meeting of the True Family Values Ministry entitled *Empowering the Family, the Church, and Society through True Family Values* took place in the Marriott Downtown Chicago, just two blocks from the international seminar of the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace (IIFWP) on the same days. The IIFWP conference was entitled *Renewing the Family and Building a Culture of Peace*.

The IIFWP conference, culminating with its August inaugural plenary, marked the official founding of the American chapter of the federation. With its December 16th inaugural, America joined all other UN Member States in establishing its own IIFWP chapter.

This initiative for founding national chapters, began in earnest following the conference *Assembly 2000: Renewing the United Nations and Building a Culture of Peace*, which was convened and sponsored by the IIFWP under the chairmanship of Ambassador Wakarim Wibisono, President of ECOSOC, at the United Nations in New York, from August 17 - 19, 2000.

Following this path breaking conference, the IIFWP launched an ambitious, education project in every one of the United Nations' 190 member states. The IEP (International Education Project) seminars of the IIFWP are devoted to the study of values affirmed in the United Nations, Millennium Declaration. They are held in each country, and these occasions simultaneously provide the occasion for that nation to found and establish its IIFWP chapter.

December 16, 2000 marked the founding of the American Chapter of the IIFWP.

The American chapter, international seminar of the IIFWP began midday, Friday, December 15th, 2000 under the able moderation of Reverend Phillip Schanker, Vice-president of the North American Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU). Dr. Frank Kaufmann, Director of Religious Affairs for the IIFWP spoke on behalf of Dr. Thomas Walsh, Executive Director of the IIFWP who was delayed due to inclement weather affecting air travel throughout the region. Dr. Kaufmann explained to conference participants the history and mission of the IIFWP.

Following this introduction, panelists took up the issues of the first session entitled, *Toward Global Dialogue and Cooperation Among Nations, International Civil Society, and Religions*.

Reverend Michael Dickerson, FFWPU director for the State of Kentucky, presented readings on the topic followed by professional responses from Senator Donzella James of Georgia, and Dr. Frank Kaufmann of the IIFWP.

The second session was moderated by Reverend Kevin Thompson, Family Federation leader in Northern California, with readings from Reverend God-

These three sessions had a certain blessedness and magic about them. All speakers were somehow at the top of their game; like an athlete 'in the zone.' Each spoke substantially and eloquently, moderators were scintillating and effective, readers clear and communicative, and participants in the audience were attentive and engaged. Even under conditions of serious professional engage-

inaugural of the American chapter of the IIFWP took place from 9:30 - 11:00. This too bore evident blessing. Reverend Schanker moderated for a panel of 6 speakers, culminating in the Keynote Address given by Reverend Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak, Chairman of the Board of the IIFWP. Here on this occasion of particular grandeur, Reverend Schanker continued to manifest his superior skills as a session moderator.

Over 500 delegates were in attendance (as both the True Family Values participants, and the IIFWP international seminar participants gathered together for this momentous occasion.)

The session opened with words of welcome and reflection from the North American Continental Director of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, Dr. Chang Shik Yang. He was followed by the dynamic and stirring oratory of Pastor T.L. Barrett, Superintendent of the Chicago area Church of God In Christ, and Co-chairman of the American Clergy Leadership Conference. Dr. Barrett was followed by Professor Cheryl Lau. Dr. Lau by contrast presented her reflections with a quiet and studied elegance,

equally as effective and engaging. Drs. Lau and Barrett spoke from their positions as members of a small and select international advisory body to the headquarters and main leadership of the IIFWP international. This body was appointed during *Assembly 2000*.

Then followed a high point of this decorous founding moment. State Senator William Owens of Massachusetts gave a moving and heartfelt introduction to the keynote speaker of the occasion, the Reverend Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak. Also as this time Drs. Thomas Walsh and Frank Kaufmann were introduced to those in attendance as representatives from the international leadership of the IIFWP.

Reverend Kwak spoke at some length from a prepared text. The speech was staid and laden with information and purpose. Much of IIFWP's eminent activity and history was laid forth in concise narrative, the purpose and future vision was elaborated as inspiration, and the conclusion wed the dreams of the IIFWP to the best dreams of America and its high minded leaders and citizens.

Finally, the three newly appointed co-chairs of the American IIFWP chapter were honored, and each shared their heart and thoughts at this historic

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win de Silva from the Family Federation in Southern California. Responding this time were Mr. David Caprara, founder and president of The Empowerment Network, and Dr. Muazzam Gill, Editor in Chief of the National Educator, and expert on security related issues.

The final session that day, *Renewing the United Nations*, occurred over dinner, moderated by Rev. Schanker. A brief reading by Mrs. Sheri Reuter, Vice-president of the Women's Federation for World Peace-USA outlined the essential principles of the IIFWP vision. U.N. Ambassadors to the U.S. from Togo and Niger, joined by other African diplomats, as well as the President of the African Ambassadors' Spouses Association, shared an impassioned response to Rev. Moon's proposals for renewing the U.N. They urged the entire diplomatic community to consider these dramatic proposals carefully. Dr. Cheryl Lau, from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, capped off the evening with an engaging and thoughtful response.

ment of complex and weighty issues speakers received standing ovations, joy and laughter often flowed through us all, abundant conversation filled



every fleeting moment, and the community seemed to gel to an uncommon degree around the vision which took shape throughout the course of the seminar.

On the following morning (December 16, 2000), the formal and official

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the crowd roared with laughter. Father Moon had truly subjugated the environment, bringing forth a serious message, a warning, but creating a composed atmosphere by maintaining humor throughout and honing down anxiety of listeners. Ministers praised the fellowship experienced being with different races, different denominations, and different religions. The spirit, they said, was incredibly inspiring, and the vision of Father Moon, one that they are allied to support. The reflection of FFWPU members states that Father Moon had developed a heartistic relationship with those present, continuing to speak overtime, as if wanting to spend every minute with his people, as a father desires with his children. He noted several times that he was on his way to Hawaii, but he continued to speak up until his flight's departure. He had embraced all present as his children, as members of his movements, as the new army for God. Not all could stay until the end because the program had been elongated, but everyone left with a treasure chest in their soul, filled with God's spirit and True Parents' vision and hope for mankind.

We truly feel that the events of December 15th-16th, brought a victory for IIFWP, ACLC, TFVM, and for the True Parents of mankind. From here a new beginning for America, as we close the year 2000, commences and a new level of spirit or hope for peace and unity opened with the success.

Post Script:

As the weather reports got worse and worse and many members and



ministers flights were canceled, we began to wonder if we would in fact be having Pledge Service with Father and Mother the next morning. But 30 minutes after the speech was over, they were winging their way to the airport. And the next thing one knew—Rev. Kwak, Mr. Joo, and Rev. Kim were waving bye-bye as True Parents golden chariot raised up into the air headed straight toward their next stop in Hawaii.

Several hours later Rev. Kim received a call from True Father in Hawaii thanking him for the efforts of the American Family in bringing such a joyful and heartwarming experience to True Parents.

Reflections

Here are some of the reflections from Dec. 16th Banquet:
Rev. THOMAS JACKSON New Original COGIC President - South Shore Ministerial Assoc. Vice-Pres.- Assembly of God Int'l COGIC

"It was very good, very impressive, a very good speech. Father Moon spoke about the same things I am speaking to my congregation. I loved his speech. I'd like to hear more."

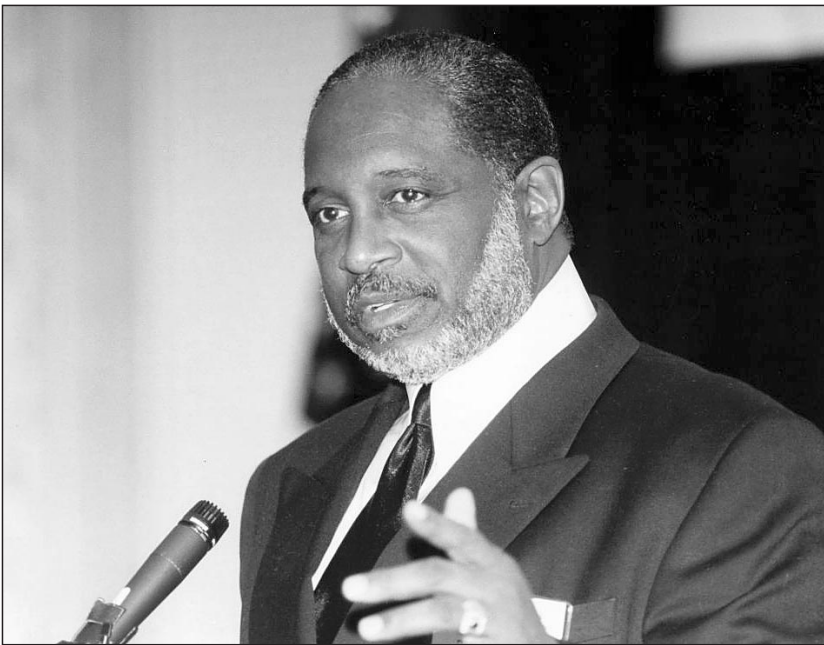
Mr. EDDIE McCANN JR. Director of Intergovernmental / Public Affairs for Coalition of Religious Leaders in Illinois.

"I enjoyed Rev. Moon's speech. I was closely listening to Rev. Moon's speech. I hugged Rev. Moon and He said that I was so big, and I told him yes. Does the mind control the body or does the body control the mind? I never thought about that point. Rev. Moon's speech made me think about many points, about grace and mercy and about conscience. Also, I realized that if you don't have a good husband or wife then you are not completely happy. Father Moon's speech made a perfect sense."

BISHOP DAVID TERRY St. Mark's Church of Holi-

ness Chicago, IL

"We can't just follow Jesus. We have to pay something, make some condition. I liked the strong message of Rev. Moon, everything was true. In Luke 14:16 Jesus spoke about the man who invited many people to a banquet but many people didn't attend, this banquet was like that. Everything that Father Moon talks about that night was so true. I really like that strong mes-



sage from Rev. Moon. He said that the speech of Father Moon will be his main sermon for his Sunday Service." BISHOP DAVID TERRY St. Mark's Church of Holiness Chicago, IL

"It was fantastic! Almost like a miracle!" MRS. WRICE from St. Louis, Missouri

Yoly T. Tubalinal Managing Editor/Publisher Philippine TIME-USA News & People Magazine

People normally judge the success of an event based on the number of people that attended it. If it were to be my basis of judgment, then I can safely say, the event last Saturday at Marriott Hotel was a tremendous success. But I always go beyond the size of the audience and the noise of the people that filled the ballroom. I look, instead, at the quality of people that quietly sat on their appointed places, they, who listened with much enthusiasm and undivided attention to the speeches of those that delivered their preaching and testimonials before a huge crowd of believers, observers, doubters and

maybe, non believers, too. Many of these people are highly educated and very much respected in their fields. And they were there to cheer Father Moon and Mother Moon for their teachings. These intelligent men and women took time out to be at this event and share in the joy of many believers. And I thought, they, too, must believe. They, too, must share Father Moon's teachings. Father Moon is, no doubt quite passionate about his mission. Father Moon undoubtedly commands the highest respect among this multitude of intellectuals. That's a remarkable feat!

Dr. Kunle Johnson Christ Progressive Prayer Church Chicago Parish

I arrived early to witness the grand opening of the Banquet which was solidly organized. The atmosphere was serene and divine. You could feel the Spirit of the Lord moving around the very large banquet hall. I was flabbergasted at the multitude of people from different cultural ethnic and religious back-

ground assembled at the celebration of Rev. Moon's 80th birthday. I was eager to see, feel and hear the message from this Man of God.

I believe Rev. Sun Myung Moon was God-sent. He is a Messiah of this end time called millennium. The movie shown us was educative and it revealed how the Holy Spirit was guiding the Moon's family in their Divine journey. Through the Christendom and

how they were winning souls for Christ. I was amazed at the eulogies and comments delivered by personalities at this Grand occasion about Rev. Sun Myung Moon and his wife. They are the Moses of our generation leading us to the promise land which is eternal life.

The caliber of dignitaries and personalities assembled at the banquet hall was unprecedented. Only the President of America can attract such a caliber of personalities. I was very sure that many churches were there that day to spy and take a cue from the True Values Ministry's high level of organization and the Moon's system of winning souls for Christ. The major spiritual gift of the Moon's Ministry is effective evangelism to propagate the Gospel of Christ. The church will continue to abound in number and in the grace of the Almighty God.

I wish the True Family Values Ministry long life and a more prosperous year for a job well done in the vineyard of the Lord. Thank you and God Bless You. ♦

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moment. Dr. Billy McCormack, founding board member of the Christian Coalition, Louisiana pastor and the Governor's Director of Drug Prevention in that state, spoke movingly of his youthful days picking cotton and plowing the fields by horse on his sharecropper-grandfather's farm in Tennessee. He shared the experiences that led him to crusade all of his living days as a warrior for racial equality, justice, and harmony. Many were brought to tears. Next, Reverend Michael Jenkins reflected upon the great pioneers working to build racial harmony in our century (most especially the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.), and expressed his deep sense of honor in sharing the chairmanship of IIFWP-USA. Lastly, the Hon. Danny Davis, U.S. Representative from Illinois' 7th district, member of the Congressional Black Caucus and himself a sharecropper's grandson and fighter for racial harmony, spoke eloquently of IIFWP's mission of promoting peace.

Once again, from the viewpoint of this writer, this closing plenary and IIFWP inauguration carried with it that same magic and blessedness. The atmosphere felt electric with purpose, and warm with a feeling of family love, from among a large community who felt that we stood a chance somehow to make a difference; a difference for families, for couple, for young people, and for our nation and the world.

We concluded and headed across to the 5th Annual Awards Banquet of the True Family Values Ministry. This glorious event is described on these pages. ♦

Chicago: Testimonies and Reflections

Chicago ACLC, IIFWP and TFV Events, December 15th to 16th, 2000

Region 1 Washington DC

Deborah Taylor: Washington DC.
I was fortunate to attend both the inaugural meeting of the American Clergy Leadership Conference held May of this year in Korea and the recent event held in Chicago, Illinois, December 15th and 16th, 2000.

The May event was a 'mountain top' experience during which the ministers and staff alike witnessed spiritual highs, miracles and warm brother and sisterhood many times over.

Rev. Lee, Rev. Lykes and myself traveled to Chicago along with twelve ministers and bishops from the Washington Region. The first hurdle we had had to overcome was assuring some of the ministers of safe weather in Chicago.

Surprisingly, the weather was quite mild for both days, however, it paled in comparison to the warm welcome we received from the Chicago Staff. I was very curious to see what would happen during this December event. It was sure to be interesting, as the 120 chosen ministers would receive their promised 'special gift' watch from Father Moon. However, my curiosity was guarded as I thought to myself, hey! this is a BIG responsibility. Do they really understand it?

I was thrilled to find that during the time from May to December, many of the ministers, had "grown up." They seemed much more understanding of their responsibility and *The Watch*.

A couple of the ministers from Washington, DC, came to me at different times, assuring me over and over again that, "You can count on me." Their words had a much deeper ring of truth and seriousness, than ever before. Of course, only time will tell what the 120 will do. But, I have a feeling deep in my gut that together with the assistance and push of spirit world, along with the 'watchful' eye of their special gift, a New Breed of Disciples — True Disciples have been born.

I hope, we (Internal Blessed Couples) can keep them, (The 120) in our prayers and try to support them as much as possible. We also had four ministers with us, who were considered 120 candidates. This means ministers who did not attend the initial event in May in Korea, but desire to join the group. These are all ministers of high standing who have supported True Parents for a long time.

Honestly, I was struggling when the decision was made from the top to talk about and to present the watch while these candidate ministers were watching. There was an announcement that the candidate ministers were welcome to stay and watch the presentation or they were free to go to dinner.

Boy! My heart was churning. Then

suddenly, I realized, it is good for them to go through this. Everything cannot be easy. Especially, becoming a cherished disciple of the Lord of the Second Advent. My struggle and my pity went away.

Amazingly, when the change took place in me, two of the ministers with me began to change almost immediately. Instead of feeling sorry for themselves, they began to realize why they did not deserve the watch. Thinking back on this part of the conference, I am almost sure, it was a test of God, to find the True 120 Candidates who could fill the empty spots. I was proud of both Dr. George Marshall and Bishop

of Heaven and Earth.

Bishop Willie Davis, Jr.: Christ Rescue Temple Apostolic Church Winston-Salem, North Carolina

I attended the American Clergy Conference that was held 12/15 & 16 in Chicago, Illinois. I thoroughly enjoyed the conference; the knowledge that I received was very gratifying. I appreciate the opportunity to have been selected to attend this conference.

I congratulate The Reverend Moon on the celebration of his 80th Birthday. I pray that the Lord will continue to bless him as he continues to bless humanity.



op Steaven Harris, as they explained to me honestly, "I wanted a watch, but I understand why I can't have one."

And I was also proud of myself, for I think had I continued to struggle, it would have been much harder for them. We all grew up a little bit more on December 15th, 2000!

Finally, I would like to briefly share what I witnessed on December 16th when our Glorious Parents spoke to the ministers. The ministers around me were listening intently even though some of Father's content did not settle too easily.

Sometimes, I could almost read their faces. What! What does he mean even priests shall enter into marriage! What! How dare he say if we want to go to Heaven we have to connect to Him! At times the only thing that could quell their turmoil was to doze off into a deep sleep, only to be awakened by the spirit world and Yukemi Lemont and myself yelling Amen! At the tops of our lungs.

Despite their bouts of temporary anguish, in the end, they seemed no different than any of us, as they struggled to get up to the front as close as they could, hoping to be near Their Father and Mother, The True Parents

The watches that were presented to the attendees of the Korean Conference were beautiful gifts from Rev. Moon. It would have been a great honor to have been a recipient.

Rev. Dr. Fred O. Ogunfiditimi: International Hose of Prayer for All People, Inc (Church).

This Conference had been an exceptionally rewarding conference in so many areas: 1 Trip - The trip to Chicago was very enjoyable and well coordinated by the people in charge, despite the very short time of planning.

Hotel - Hotel arrangement: Hilton Garden - Everything was well set and all schedules were well met and maintained.

2 Chicago Marriott: The conference started in time and not on time. Session 1 — This was one of the most rewarding session particularly the welcoming address given by Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak. He mentioned how Father Moon specifically proposed the establishment of a world religious council of authentic religious leaders. The religious leaders that would serve as the "conscience" of humanity.

This simply states, Quality leaders,

Selfless leaders, Very devoted leaders, Radical leaders who are ready to transform the present societal ridiculousness to glory.

The "Moonlike" leaders who will like to live their lives for the betterment of others. The "Christ like" leaders who will be ready to lay down their lives for the salvation of others, etc.

The keynote speech of Dr. Taylor - This keynote stormed the assembly and stabbed all authentic clergies awake to vowing within themselves to do something that will effect a World Family of Peace.

The highest peace for any human being is the domestic peace, which is the main source of World Peace. Objective for which we are seeking in his statement he reminded us that we are all the same blood.

Father Moon equally spoke like another Jesus of the present day. His speech will serve as blessings for those who make the best use of it and as a curse for those who make a disuse of it.

The Award, The Gold Watches signify: Purity, Honor, Dignity, Joy and Peace. The 33 Diamond Stars signify the years of the Lord Jesus Christ on earth who brought all the above to this world.

For Father Moon to have presented this to us, therefore, simply tells us to be his ambassadors to spread the good tidings to the world. If this wonderful spirit is instilled in us we will all use it to bring peace in ourselves, our families, our communities, our societies, our churches, our mosques, our states,

our countries, our continents, and finally our world in general, where there will be nothing but peace!

Region 4, Boston MA

Rev. Jerome T. Edgerton: Rush Memorial AME Church Cambridge, MA.

"Is this not the same Rev. Moon I heard and read about in the early 80's as anti-Christ? A brainwasher? A destroyer of families? Now I know how evil the media is. His message is simple and clear — we can build a good and vibrant society, nation and world beginning from the family with God as the core. What a beautiful concept!"

Rev. Harold Kenneth Dutille: First Baptist Church, Richmond, ME

"I have never attended any conference with such diverse background of people — clergy from different denominations, different religions, political leaders, academicians etc. The spirit and the family atmosphere surrounding these events demand all of us to take responsibility and let the spirit be felt in our churches, communities, the nation and the world."

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Rev. Bismarck Bamfo: State Leader Boston, MA

Rev. Dutille was overwhelmed and kept on talking about the good works of Father Moon. Rev. Dutille is a person who could not deal with other denominations. However, through his association with our movement, those walls have been destroyed. Furthermore, his sermon for Dec. 17 was based on the need to strengthen and discipline the body through religion.

Pastor Edgerton was so inspired about the entire event, especially IIFWP (HDH) sessions and Father's speech at the banquet. He also prepared his sermon based on the importance of the family in the realization of world peace. He is therefore preparing to participate in January 2001 Blessing with his wife.

Any minister, whatever his or her status, would have a second thought after attending such a program. Unification Movement is really a movement of peace, and we are working toward that goal. I hope videotapes of those programs would be edited and sent to all states and all nations as a tool for witnessing to ministers. We have to let people know what True Parents are doing.

Region 5, Columbus, Ohio.

Dr. Joseph J. Russell, Psychologist/Teacher, Columbus, Ohio

This conference, "Renewing the Family and Building a Culture of Peace," has triggered a renewed curiosity for further examination of strategies to world peace. It provided a biblical framework for revisiting the traditional role of family as a major contributory to responsible parenting and "public-minded love." Research shows that a spirit centered, value oriented family give structure and meaning to family life and help connect parents to children in profound ways that secular influences cannot match. In this sense, the conference provided a kind of biblical history of the meaning of marriage and the role of man and woman.

In another sense, the conference connected with another kind of experience, the broadening of family to include an international brotherhood. The acceptance of our international family member based on a high moral standard of mutual trust. Thus, starting with the concept of family and ending with God's principle of "Living for the sake of others."

I am indebted to the conference sponsors and the Rev. Moon for this revisiting experience. Insights gathered from this conference provided me with strong support and stimulation to examine Unification concepts and values more closely with a view toward family growth as a means to world peace.

Bishop Wilson Jemison: Pastor of the "Church of the Living God" Columbus, Ohio

Personally I am moved by the investments made to organize this conference and the expensive watch that I received. I am afraid to wear this expensive watch and I am looking for a box



to keep it safe.

The conference was great, the speakers were great and especially the speech given by Rev. Moon was great, but it was very long and I was sleepy at some point. But I definitely enjoyed his words. I enjoyed everything, the testimonies and especially the video presentation. As one of the "120," I was moved by the video and I still believe that our trip to Korea made an impact to everything, because we prayed sincerely and came together in one accord. And that togetherness is the foundation for everything.

Thanks to Rev. Moon and the organization

Rev. Dr. John Mwamba: Vice-Regional Director, Columbus, Ohio.

My impression of the Chicago trip is that I am moved by the fact that in both conferences ACLC/IIFWP, the



readings and comments from participants were made based on True Father's words alone. For me that is fundamental to see the participants not only embracing Father's vision but expressing it and substantiating it from their own life experience. That itself is the key. True Father himself read his own speech. To me, we should not invent the wheel, but deliver Father's words at any occasion to people because there are source of life.

True Father felt an urgency that day to proclaim his messianic mission as True Parents of humankind as we enter the new millennium, the time of appearance of the Lord of the Second Advent, the Lord of Lords and the King of Kings.

I regained confidence and courage to proclaim the messianic age. True Father was very direct in delivering his message to public. And our participants from Region 5 were impressed by the energy and spiritual power that True Father's words affected positively the audience and challenged them in many ways.

This is definitely the beginning of the "Millennial Kingdom of God" on the planet earth. It is amazing to see ministers, ambassadors, scholars and politicians "praising" True Father for his vision, ideas and accomplishments. They are all testifying to the public as John the Baptist. I feel the time has come for us now to build upon this strong foundation that True Father has established. And it's because of the strong foundation and the confidence that True Father feels free to proclaim and declare many things in public.

Region 8, Chicago IL

Rev. Thomas Jackson: New Original COGIC, President South shore Ministerial Association, Vice President Assembly of God International Church Of God In Christ Chicago IL

It was very good, very impressive, a very good speech. Father Moon spoke about the same things I am speaking to my congregation. I loved his speech. I'd like to hear more.

Rev. Tom Jackson: National Vice President of the Church of God in Christ National Governing Board under Bishop Patterson:

"Rev. Moons words were exactly what I've been teaching my congregation. I am deeply inspired. His words are what America needs."

Pastor T. L. Barrett Jr.: National Co-Convenor of the American Clergy Leadership Conference:

"Father Moon's words are the State of the World Address. This should be broadcast to every nation."

Rev. Harold White: Dean of the National Baptist Convention Ministers

"I'm just overflowing with joy. My members absolutely loved it. This was the greatest feeling of warmth that I ever had. Even more than the Blessing 2000 experience in Korea. My members are so excited. They didn't want to leave. I was deeply moved by Father Moon. The Holy Spirit is moving. I was overwhelmed with the presence of Jesus and the Holy Spirit during Rev. Moon's speech. "

Dr. Harrison Bolton: Superintendent of the Church of God In Christ,

"My members were deeply moved by the Holy Spirit. Father Moon speaks the truth. We will join together to save America."

Dr. Maxine Walker: Publisher of the Spiritual Perspective Magazine,;

"I absolutely love Father and Mother Moon. This is changing history. I'm so deeply honored to be part of this family. Rev. Jordan is very happy with the work of the Lord."

Rev. Leroy Elliot: Pastor New Greater St. John Missionary Baptist Church, National Board. Member, National Baptist Convention,;

"Jesus had to have John the Baptist. I'm Father Moon's John the Baptist. I will prepare the cities for his speaking tour where-ever I have a strong base." Rev. Elliot is one of the top Christian evangelists of the National Baptist Convention.

Mr. Eddie L. McCann, Jr: Director of Intergovernmental / Public Affairs for Coalition of Religious Leaders In Illinois Chicago IL

I so enjoyed Rev. Moons speech. I was closely listening to Rev. Moon's speech. I hugged Rev. Moon. And he said that I was so big, and I told him yes. Does the mind control the body or does the body control the mind? I never thought about that point. Rev. Moon's speech made me think about many points, about grace and mercy and does your conscience make you think? That if you don't have a good husband or a good wife then you are not completely happy. Father Moon really made sense.

Bishop David Terry St. Mark's: Church of Holiness Chicago IL

We can't just follow Jesus. We have to pay something, make some condition. I liked the strong message of Rev. Moon, everything was so true. In Luke 14:16 Jesus spoke about the man who invited many people to a banquet but many people didn't attend, this banquet was like that. "It was very good, very impressive, a very good speech. Father Moon spoke about the same things i am speaking to my congregation. I loved his speech. I'd like to hear more."

Mrs. Wrice: from St. Louis, Missouri

"It was fantastic! Almost like a miracle!."

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Region 9. Minnesota

Reverend Walter L. Battle:

The entire conference was one of exceeding greatness. I say this because there were so many other Ministers and lay persons that I spoke with that shared the same concerns about America and believed that what Rev. Moon was doing was the solution to many of the crises that this nation is facing. There was a consensus on approach to the problems. There was consensus to the fact that the walls must come down.

The high momentum and the spirit of the event did not end in Chicago. On the way back to Minneapolis I was talking with reverend Charles Ford who is the Pastor of Berean Missionary Baptist church here in Minneapolis. He was One of the 120 ministers who did receive the Golden watch. On the plane we became so inspired that he asked if I would come to his church on Sunday morning, 12-17-00, to share and testify about our great experience. I said yes and I went there on Sunday.

He asked me to sit in the pulpit with him and to be his special guest. When it was time to introduce the visitors, he stood up and said "I have a very special friend that I want to introduce to you." He introduced me to his entire congregation as his friend. He said that he and I had traveled together to many conferences and are now working together to bring change to the community. Before he was to give the Sunday sermon, He said I want Rev. Battle to speak and to say what ever the spirit gives him to say. In other words I ended up giving the first Sermon. He then got up after I was done and gave another sermon.

The spirit fell into the house. There was tears and praying. One woman testifies that on the night before her son called her and said that he was tired of living the life he was living. He told his mother that he wanted to be married. He did not want to live unmarried any more. He said he wanted a family. The whole church began to pray and give thanks to God. They new that this woman had been praying a long time for her son and his situation. The spirit filled the place. God is good.

Rev. Jim Gavin: National Executive Committee:

American Clergy Leadership Conference: "When we drove back from the speech the ministers could not stop talking all of the way. Rev. Eugene Wright of New Life Baptist Church and Rev. Charles Ford of Berean Baptist Church both reflected that Father Moon's words are of great importance for the Christian Church. What he said was absolutely true.

The Christian leaders must live according to the word. There are serious problems in the church community — infidelity, homosexuality and many other problems that must be cleaned up. They were also moved that

the Bishop of the Church of God In Christ sent his personal greetings and that the Coalition of Religious leaders, including Roman Catholic Cardinal George sent their proclamation of support.

Rev. Jim Bard, VRD:

The occasion of the December 15-16 ACLC and IIFWP conferences was truly auspicious. I was very impressed to see prominent Black leaders like Dr. T.L. Barrett, Hon. Danny Davis and Dr. Hycel Taylor speaking on the same platform and in one accord with prominent white leaders such as Dr. Dan

rience in Chicago. It was incredible. From the early morning I had received phone calls about the weather from two of our ministers. The were so worried that they would get stuck in Chicago because of the pending weather I really felt that this was a test for them so when they spoke to me I simply said that I was staying. Do what you feel is best. They decided that they would leave at 1 PM. They had even talked Rev. Blaire in to going with them.

We were having lunch with True Parents and I was talking to one minister Rev. Jim Slater a new best friend. I told him that when the prophet of

it was so wonderful to see these two men of God Offering The Messiah the whole world. Every thing was so perfect!

Rev. Wendell Blaire:

Thank you so much for the opportunity to meet Father Moon. I wanted to greet him and Mother Moon at the dinner but the security would not let me. Some of us thought that we would leave at 1pm to catch an earlier flight because of the snow storm that was on its way. But the Spirit of God told me to "Stay right were you are. Do not leave this place no matter what" I was

just a short time later that you called me up front to present that the gift to Father & Mother Moon.

Rev. Jackson was so inspired that he kept saying If you receive the man of God you'll always receive the blessing. Not only did I get my picture with Father Moon but I was able to offer him the whole world. I was even able to hug him. What a blessing it was to be there. Tell Father Moon Merry Christmas & happy New year for me. God bless all of you at the family Federation.

Region 11, Denver CO

Rev. Steven Williams: (Testimony, as told by

Rev. Peggy Yujiri, VRD)

This is the first event he has attended. He is a white United Methodist minister, 39 years old, with a sizable church. He was very inspired by the events in Chicago. He agreed with True Father's ideas and was inspired about the Blessing. He told Rev. Ngalame that he would like to attend the Blessing himself. He also reported that about 15 years ago he had a dream about establishing an interreligious movement, but he could never find anything like his dream. This conference reminded him of his dream, so he felt that he is supposed to work with us.

Region 12, Seattle WA

Rev. Gerhard Wiesinger, VRD:

After the banquet, I had an opportunity to meet and talk with Dr. Billy McCormack. I was impressed with his ability to listen to God and obey God's direction. Although his wife is ill and there were many other matters he needed to take care of, he felt that God wanted him to attend the meeting in Chicago. Therefore, this is what he had to do. His wife must be of a similar spirit. Although she is ill, she asked her husband to go to Chicago.

Dr. McCormack said it would have been a tremendous loss had he not listened to God. Dr. McCormack said that he wants to devote the rest of his life to this new mission (being a co-chair of IIFWP). To see an elderly minister with such clarity and obedience to God's direction was a great inspiration to me. ❖



Perkins, Dr. Billy McCormack and Jesse Edwards. Moreover they were not only united with each other they were shouting the praise of our True Parents and the leaders of the Family Federation.

Rev. John Tranberg told me it would be very difficult for him to make this conference since he was closing on a new house Friday the 15th. But after reading Rev. Daugherty's words, "If you cannot make this sacrifice, then that is the sign that this mission is not your calling," and hearing from me that Rev. Moon would be speaking on Saturday he said his conscience told him he had to make it no matter what. Then on Friday night his plane was canceled due to bad weather so he took a flight the next morning at 7am but was delayed on that flight one hour because of a snow storm! He finally made it and was able to attend almost all the sessions on Saturday. He, like all the other ministers, was very supportive of Father's message and of his courage to state his beliefs without hesitation to anyone. As Rev. Jesse Griffin said "Rev. Moon is his own man."

Nadia Metawah Chong told me she spoke with Rev. Jesse Edwards who asked her to invite him to come to St. Paul because he went to school there and would like to speak about the activities of the ACLC and UFC. Rev. Ford was inspired to invite Walter Battle to preach with him at his church on Sunday. The Spirit of God is active in Minnesota. Thanks be to God and our True Parents!

Region 10, Dallas TX

John Jackson: Vice Regional Director, Dallas Region

We all had a very wonderful experience

God comes that those who receive him also receive Gods Blessing but for those that do not receive him Gods Blessings pass the by. I just finished saying this to Rev. Slater when Rev. Blaire walks over to me and sits down. He turns to me and said God has spoken to me and he said that I shouldn't leave this place. So I'm not going. We made eye contact and he said the spirit of the lord just spoke to me and told me not to leave. So I don't care If nothing else happens I staying right were I am. I looked at Rev. Slater with eye brows raised and said Good!

The other two ministers were walking out. I started to cry for them I could see so plainly that as they were leaving the room that their blessing was being left behind. Rev. Blaire asked me what was wrong. I KNEW we were supposed to make an offering to True Parents but I had nothing to give. I wanted to give True Parent the whole world and I told them both how I was feeling. rev. Blaire said you mentioned that you wanted to something to Father for our region. I said yea but I didn't Bring my check book or anything for that matter. He said if God wants you to he would prepare something.

We all just sat there listening to Father speak then Rev. Jenkins motioned towards us I thought me who then Rev. Jenkins mouthed the words Rev. Blaire I told him he wants you go on! I looked at Rev. Slater I said see look at this! Then he got up and said I'm going to take his picture. Then Rev. Jenkins asked Rev. Slater to join Rev Blaire. Now they were asking me to come to take the pictures.

When they came forward to present the gift to True Parents they were holding this beautiful globe made of stone

The First Twenty-One Day

by Nora Spurgin

When the call came to attend the 21-day workshop in Chung Pyong, each of us had to deal with dropping everything and responding to our True Father's call. There was very little explanation as to the meaning of the workshop. Faithfully, we put aside our immediate plans wanting to, "be there when True Father needs us" as June Darby Perrion, from England said.

Christel Werner, expressed her response, "Most of all, I looked forward to meeting True Parents again in an intimate way. True Parents were really our personal True Parents as they shared their deepest love and concern for each of us. We deeply repented for not measuring up to their expectations, when Father asked us many times, 'Did you live for others?' and 'Do you know God?'"

We soon sensed that the workshop had a great deal to do with the unification of North and South Korea. At one point True Father said, "I can't unite a nation until you can unite your mind and body and your marriages."

Upon our arrival we heard that Father wanted to visit, but he was so disappointed that the number was so small. More sisters arranged to come and soon there were eight hundred Korean, Japanese and Western women mostly from the 777 blessing and up. Marie Ang spoke for all 14 Westerners, when she said 14 Westerners were a definite minority.

Everyone was awe struck at the transformation of Chung Pyong from a rather rustic camp-like atmosphere to a plaza of stately marble buildings. The lovely, natural environment embraces elegant and placid buildings. Daemo Nim explained that she was instructed to use only the very best materials.



Rocks, landscaped hillsides and sculptures were carefully placed and tended, giving one a sense of walking into heaven.

Our 21-day workshop was held in the large main building where we slept on beautiful, wooden floors at night and held our sessions during the day. There was always a sense of clarity, cleanliness and beauty. Beautiful paintings adorned the walls; even each toilet stall held a little square oriental painting. Everything tastefully blended into an astonishingly beautiful environment for spiritual cleansing and learning.

Our schedule was based on the regular Chung Pyong Workshop schedule with adjustments for True Father's frequent visits. Reverend Yoon was called from Jardim to conduct the Hoon Dok Hae sessions. The warmth and wisdom that he interspersed during the HDH sessions with advise on family life was an expression of Father's interest in strengthening our family relationships. Betsy Jones remembers

our bodies from the negative energies (spirits) that were embedded within us, causing problems like illness, disease, resentments, jealousy and arrogance,

Father saying that the most important things that a wife does is to embrace her husband, resolve our conflicts and achieve intimacy. He told us to express our desire to be with True Father in our love for our husbands.

The three clapping "ansu" sessions per day were focused on cleansing

arms (lymph nodes) breasts, and stomach organs and the uterus and knees.

"Perhaps the most touching moments I experienced were during the sessions where True Father came and spoke, eager to see the faces of sisters he worked with and blessed years ago. He asked one or two sisters to sing and then spontaneously sisters came forward one by one, bowed and then waited their turn to perform. Some gave testimonies of their pioneering experiences which Father listened to very closely and seemed touched by the stories and songs," Marie Ang said. It was quite amazing to see these elderly ladies—it was like a grandmother's workshop—singing and dancing and spontaneously relating to True Father. He spent a long time just smiling and listening and sometimes asking them questions or commenting on how different they look now!

Gertrude Koch states how moved she was when True Father said, "I waited so long to call you all together." Someone else said, "It was as if Father



etc. Daemo Nim explained that as blessed couples we were like a landing pad for spirits to seek returning resurrection or share in our lives and thus become a hindrance to us. In a positive way they could be liberated from us, and their problems, so they could become a positive contribution to the providence today. Daemo Nim also spoke clearly about our health, saying that when these negative energies clog our bodies the blood doesn't flow freely and stagnates in certain parts of the body causing illnesses such as cancer. She explained that clapping breaks down these stagnating pockets and gets the blood and oxygen flowing to the cells so that with the release of negative spirits, toxins and poisons were also released. At Chung Pyong the angels were trained to assist in the release and disposal of such spiritual and physical negativity. She asked us, as women to focus on the under-

was afraid he wouldn't have another chance to give us his words, and let us feel his concern and love."

Elke Van der Stock from Holland said, "After so many years it felt like coming home. Seeing the 36, 72, 430 and 777 couples and the early Western members was fulfilling a hope I had long cherished. One of my deepest realizations was that Heavenly Father living through our True Father received all the persecution, torture, and disrespect True Father went through."

Every weekend Daemo Nim holds an ancestor liberation ceremony which many members from Korea and Japan attend in order to liberate additional generations of ancestors. We were able to join these liberations. During these weekends, families slept on blankets on every bit of floor space they could find. There is no way that we can ever appreciate the concern for our families that Daemo Nim expresses. Through her work, millions from the spirit world are able to be taught The Principle and are receiving help to be ushered into



Blessed Wives' Workshop



the national level registration for the Kingdom of Heaven. This was a new start even for God and we needed to be pure. DaemoNim said she could see many transgressions which were being hidden; therefore Father decided that everyone would be re-blessed in order to enter The Kingdom on the same foundation.

As was mentioned before, Father talked a great deal about the one nation—the unity of North and South Korea. He challenged all of us to be ready to help make this happen. At the end of our workshop, he gave specific directions: We were to be mobilized to work in Korea for the next three or four years. On the last day, we received our graduation certificates and chose by lottery, a church where we would work in Korea. The churches were around Seoul and Incheon. We were instructed to visit our assigned church, meet the pastor and pray there before leaving Korea. Father sees the great need to educate the Korean people in preparation for a unified nation. We came home with serious minds about how we could fulfill this condition. Later we returned to Korea with our spouses and families to receive the family level Blessing with many more graduates. Mrs. Betsy Jones was the first of us to stay in Korea for several months to work in her area. ❖

the Kingdom of Heaven. She gave a deep, heartfelt plea for us to use this time wisely to liberate as many as possible.

During the workshop we also heard testimonies from many of the elder participants. Mrs. Kang, who has been blessed to St. Augustine, told her story, from the time she as a young missionary and met True Father in Pusan in the “cardboard” house to her most recent communications with St. Augustine. Her testimony became even more vivid when new communications from the spirit world (Dr. Lee) were read. St. Augustine responded to 14 questions that his wife asked. Many of the stories and songs of the “early days” took on faces as the authors or their songs and stories became real to us. At one point True Father asked a woman to sing the song, “Kamsahamnida,” a song

which had been received in the early days.

We had come to the workshop with little information about its meaning. As Father spoke to us, the meaning became deeper and deeper. We began to understand that the unity of the nation in which we would be registering was such a long, painful course for our True Parents. Father began to talk about the need to “clean up” all our sins before registering. We were certainly surprised when he announced that he wanted to liberate all the couples and free us from our sins and those of our children, in preparation for Family Registration. On the foundation of the women attending the 21-day workshop, the husband and children could all be qualified to receive holy wine again and be purified in order to enter into



Supreme Court Press Conference

by Rev. Phillip Schanker

On the foundation of the historic and diverse Million Family March, the American Clergy Leadership Conference has taken a major step forward as a truly interracial, interreligious and headwing movement of clergy. Now, the 2000 Presidential Election presents our nation with both a challenge and an opportunity. With the presidential vote and the House of Representatives near evenly divided, and the Senate an exact 50-50 split, the next president will need to build consensus, harmonize, and be able to forge unity and build consensus. As a truly diverse and headwing organization, the ACLC can fulfill an important role in gathering religious leadership to inspire this spirit of unity and cooperation.

But as the election dispute grows more partisan and divisive, the foundation of unity and support for the first American president of the new millennium is threatened. While most of us may have a strong opinion as to who is the actual winner of the election, even if our own chosen candidate were to emerge triumphant, if the supporters of the one who falls short are unable to accept the result or trust the process, they may act to undermine or oppose the president's agenda in a near evenly-divided congress. Public confidence in America's democratic process is also being tested. Who can speak out on this issue, and call the nation to reconciliation and unity?

Texas Regional Vice-director Rev. John Jackson felt called to gather religious leaders in Dallas to prayer, and to hold a press conference emphasizing reconciliation, and the need to focus our nation upon the true foundation of our democracy, which is God. Rev. Jackson gathered some 50 clergy and community leaders, and local media immediately recognized the

contrast between the partisan bickering in Florida and the unified spirit expressed in this ACLC event in Dallas.

Immediately upon hearing of Rev. Jackson plans, Rev. Michael Jenkins felt that it was exactly what our ACLC movement could and should do. We immediately planned a national level event before the majority of our men were to leave for Korea to join their spouses at the Chung Pyung Lake training center. But while Rev. Jenkins found many of our key leaders, such as Minister Benjamin Muhammad of the MFM, Dr. Billy McCormack of the Christian Coalition, and others were responsive and willing to partici-



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pate, strong political winds were blowing in our nation's capital, and we wanted to be sure to have all of our coalition strongly united and completely non-partisan. Rev. Schanker had prepared a location in front of the U.S. Capitol, but we

decided to wait.

Upon our return from Korea, at a breakfast meeting at East Garden, True Father, who has been following the American election closely, stated that the ACLC should stand up clearly and call for an end to the divisive struggle. We were inspired to know that we had somehow anticipated the need for such action, and knew that the time was now right.

On Friday, December 1, the United States Supreme Court was scheduled to hear arguments from lawyers for both candidates on the constitutionality of decisions made by the Florida Supreme Court. Realizing that the national and international media would be focused upon the Supreme Court at that time, we made plans for a small, dignified and clear pronouncement of the need for reconciliation and unity. We scheduled a press conference in front of the Supreme Court at 11:00 AM Dec. 1.

Immediately key ACLC leaders supported the idea, and made plans to arrive in Washington DC. We had no idea how many thousands of people were planning to be there and demonstrate for their candidate and against the other. When we realized that Rev. Jesse Jackson would be leading one march, Rev. Al Sharpton another, and that many diverse groups would partici-

ipate, we decided that the clarity and spirit of our message was far more important than trying to gather a huge crowd to rally. As we arrived at the Supreme Court across from the U.S. Capitol building, crowds filled the sidewalks on both sides of the street, and repeatedly spilled into the street, blocking traffic. Police lined both sides of the streets, attempting to keep demonstrators on the sidewalks, and to avoid confrontations between the two opposing groups. Confrontations occurred spontaneously everywhere, as arguments turned to shouts, chants to insults, and face-offs nearly turned violent. Not surprisingly, media was everywhere, focusing in on the fighting and controversy.

Just before our event was scheduled to start, a huge group of demonstrators who had crammed the court front sidewalk began to march, creating a sudden space and moment of relative calm. We unrolled a simple banner which said: The American Clergy Leadership Conference calls America to FORGIVE, LOVE, UNITE! and that included the date

and location. Our sound system and some accessories were stuck somewhere in the traffic jam caused by the overflowing crowds. Somehow a megaphone appeared, and Reverend Jenkins pulled it all together, moderating the presentations and introducing each speaker, each of whom had come out of support for the cause, love for True Parents, respect for Dr. Yang and strong personal commitment to Rev. Jenkins.

Standing side-by-side behind the banner were Dr. Dan Perkins of the Christian Coalition, who carried with him a message of support from C.C. founder Rev. Pat Robertson (which he later read), Dr. Hycle Tay-



lor, former National Director of Operation PUSH (whose founder, Rev. Jesse Jackson, was leading a demonstration across the street), and Minister Benjamin Muhammad, National Director of the successful Million Family March. Joining them were Rev. Jenkins, Rev. Levy Daugherty, President of the Pentecostals of Philadelphia Rev. Jesse Edwards, civil rights veterans Dr. Milton Reid of Norfolk and Rev. Charles Kenyatta of Harlem, representative DC pastors such as Rev. Cleveland Sparrow, and additional supporters and friends.

During our press conference, these righteous leaders spoke out one-by-one, calling America to return to its great tradition of faith in God, reminding us that this nation was founded as One Nation Under God, and that God is above the Supreme Court. They cried out: If my people who are called by my name, will humble themselves repent then will I hear from Heaven and heal their land. They expressed confidence that our democracy, though imperfect, was founded upon our faith in God and respect for diversity, and that if people come together, God would guide our nation. They challenged our next president, whoever that may be, to lead our nation toward renewal, to work with religious leaders to rebuild the family, restore the community, and renew

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America. And they called America to repent, and to bring God back into our national life. Dr. Hycel Taylor's message is attached and fol-

and it therefore impressed all who passed by. We had pre-arranged coverage from many media outlets through the contacts we have developed during the Million Family March. But the diverse and dramatic events were like a smorgasbord for the media appetite for controversy. So we tracked them down, and led them over to our event one by one: CNN, NBC, BET, CBS, and the Associated Press. Others passed by on their own, some who had promised and some just looking for stories, and spent time filming and interviewing our event: Copley

News Service, Radio America, The Washington Post, and many, many more. Local Newschannel 8 called later for interviews, for their report on the religious community role in the election controversy. They noted the uniqueness of this coalition

and its message. Rev. Schanker did a local religious radio program the following day.

As the excited and angry demonstrators marched by, they reacted at first as if we were from the other side. But as they recognized and understood what we were saying, they nodded their heads and signaled their approval. Many of the media were hard to attract, but once they recognized our uniqueness, they were interested. One national network reporter interviewed Dr. Taylor and Dr. Perkins together, and the whole point of his interview was how incredible to see the Christian Coalition and

the reports, photos and stories that may have come out.

After the event, our key ACLC leaders brainstormed and planned over lunch. It was obvious that this



lows as just one example.

The streets were filled that morning with chants, shouts, and demonstrations - some comical, some dramatic. Signs reading: "Florida was Bushwhacked!" or "How the Gore-inch stole Christmas!" were everywhere. Darth Vader marched by with a sign that read: "Keep Counting Till the Dark Side Wins!" People were dressed as Uncle Sam, butterfly ballots, or one of the two candidates, among others. But in the midst of it all, only one event was truly non-partisan, truly unifying,



Operation PUSH together. We distributed press releases and statements to the media. Although our message was certainly not the media main interest, we will collect

event itself was an education for all of us. We made plans how to draw together other major religious leaders, such as Pat Robertson. We considered an interfaith reconciliation prayer service or event around the inaugural, and recognized the need to speak out on a continuing basis, to build upon the spirit of the MFM and this event, and bring the religious leaders together centered upon God providence. ❖

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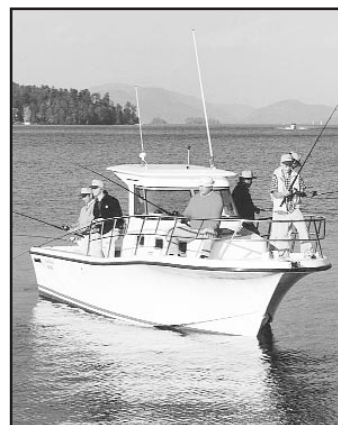


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My Trip to DC and the MFM

by Adrian Wilding—Vancouver, Canada

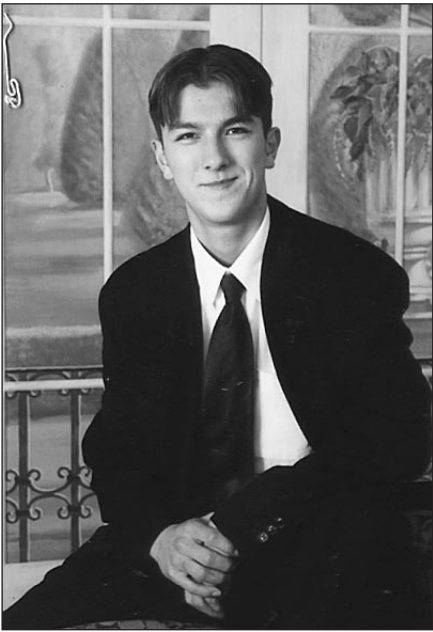
I left Vancouver International Airport last Sunday to attend the Million Family March. The flight down was pleasant, but tiring. Because the flight was fairly empty, I was able to lie down on three seats. However, like every flight where I had a chance to lie down, I couldn't sleep but simply closed my eyes and listened to the constant hum of the plane engines and occasional call from the captain on the PA system. Dinner soon strolled down the aisle. I was given the choice of "chicken" or "beef." I chose chicken and the petite stewardess smiled at me and handed me a white rectangular plate. Looking at it was like looking at beautiful art work sculpted to perfection—each and every piece placed perfectly to accent the other, topped with a small but elegant leaf all framed in a crystal clear display case. However, after indulging in my first bite, my taste buds and senses quickly made me realize I was fed a meal no grander than flavored cardboard with a pinch of coloring. I reached over and ripped the self-serving package of salt placed to the side of my plate, which had the most nutritional value of anything on my whole dish, and spread it over my food. As I watched the salt melt into my meal, the combination of fatigue and a pounding headache made my food look like it was receding (a stage of osmosis) like slugs do when exposed to salt. The thought of it made my stomach buckle and I quickly finished my meal. After washing my dinner down with a beverage, I continued to lie on the seats and closed my eyes, mostly to prevent my eyes from completely drying out.

The plane touched down in D.C. around 10:00 p.m. D.C. time. I was welcomed by a few of my BC friends. We said our hellos and quickly headed for the D.C. church. On the ride there, I was informed that many BCs were gathered at the church and were going to sell T-shirts and ginseng-up at the March. We arrived at the church around 11:00 p.m. and were briefed on what was to take place. Now, whenever there is a mass church function, there is always a plan or schedule that is supposed to be followed. However, whenever there is a mass church function, the plan or schedule that is supposed to be followed is never followed.

Such was the case at the D.C. church. The plan was to be at the selling booths at 12:00 a.m. with our teams and products. At 12:00 a.m. we found out our teams and our products had only arrived at the church minutes before. Despite the mass confusion and anarchy, everyone did manage to finally get into teams and be at a selling booth.

I was teamed up with all the D.C. blessed children and we set up our stand, neatly folding the shirts and placing the ginseng bottles on the table. After setting up, my eyes caught the table next to us. It was the Japanese. Naturally their shirts were folded much better than ours—every corner and side folded crisp and the logo perfectly centered on every single shirt. The bottles were not placed in a random gaggle like ours, but in perfect flavor-coordinated groups lined up straight and equally spaced apart like soldiers. I could only smile and shake my head at their flawless display.

After all our products were set up ready to sell, I began to feel tired. Since the day was still young and hours away from daylight, I decided to take a small nap. Looking around I realized that half my team already beat me to it. Some were resting on chairs, others were settled in a pile of bags and belongings, and the smart ones were curled up in their sleeping bags on the pavement. Because all the prime spots were taken, my friend Alex Compton and I grabbed all the empty boxes we could get our hands on and placed them on the sidewalk behind our booth. With boxes as my mattress and jackets as my blanket, I took half of the box-mattress and found a reasonably comfortable position. I didn't feel uncomfortable or awkward sleeping on the ground on a piece of cardboard. No one seemed to care or notice. I was a high-class bum. With that in mind, I closed my eyes while the ambient air washed



over my face and body and I dozed off to sleep.

As daylight crept closer and the number of people grew, so did our concerns and worries. There was a great deal of worry that began to brew, not only for our selling teams but for every merchant at the March. The problem, we began to realize, especially church members, was not that we didn't have enough product but that we had way too much product. In my opinion and based on observations I made at the March, with the amount of product and goods people bought, could have single-handedly supplied every consumer with the goods they purchased and still not sell out. If only that were the case! Thinking about it now it was quite comical because everyone strove

and set out to make a buck, but it seemed that people didn't realize or think that 14 blocks (on both sides) of merchants would also strive for that same goal. Not only were there enough blocks of merchants to build another CN Tower but it seemed like everyone was either selling the same "Million Family March" shirt or type of food.

Despite the disaster in the market, people did show. I did get a chance to walk over to the rally site with a few of my friends. Whoever's been to Washington, D.C. could better relate to how many people attended the March. I could simply say "3 million" and you can go "Wow, that's a lot." But this is how it sort of looked like. Picture this: from around the Washington Monument to Capital Hill there were crowds upon crowds of people. From an aerial view of the rally it would sort of look like an enormous rectangular chocolate bar spread across 14 blocks from the Monument to Capital Hill with a few white specs here and there. That's how a million families looked like at the March. Because everyone couldn't all be in the front of the rally, there were TV screens the size of houses placed from Capital Hill to the Monument about 30 meters apart and speak-see **WILDING** on page 17

LETTER

MFM & the UC

Dear Editor

Wrestling with the question of the Unification movement's coalition with the National of Islam to support the Million Family March (UNews Oct 200 p. 7), Rev. Levy Daughtery addresses an essential question. *Is Farrakhan racist?*

Rev. Daughtery answers this question by comparing Farrakhan's teaching that the white man is "the devil" with Rev. Moon's teaching that America is an "archangel nation." While I share Rev. Daughtery's hope that Minister Farrakhan will not ultimately turn out to be a racist, I'm afraid this approach to the question does not really take the bull, or the devil, by the horns.

Rev. Moon's view of America as an "archangel nation" functions to give the nation positive guidance concerning the role it must play in the providential process of restoration. Min. Farrakhan's statements about whites as devils, on the other hand, give no guidance to whites about their role. It is aimed at blacks, whom he believes need this kind of "medicine" to give them courage, independence, and self esteem.

I do believe that Min. Farrakahn is changing. He recently said publicly that the teachings of Elijah Mohammed were a medicine that, like chemotherapy, could be harmful to the health of the patient if taken "beyond their time." And clearly his speech at the MFM itself was far more universalist and inclusive than anything the Hon. Elijah Mohammed ever taught.

But hard questions still remain. Minister Farrakhan leads a movement that officially calls for a ban on interracial marriage and the establishment

of a separate nation for American blacks (points 4 and 9 of the official "Muslim Program" published each week in the "Final Call" newspaper). Until these two points are officially renounced, there can be no doubt that both Minister Farrakhan and his movement are still racist.

Because of this, I hope the Unification movement will be careful in future coalition efforts with them. In particular I hope that stronger efforts will be made to ensure that the official platform of marches we participate in more accurately reflect unificationist values than did the platform of the Million Family March. I also hope that we do not rush blindly into future alliances with the Nation of Islam without carefully weighing the consequences.

This is not to say that it was a mistake to support the MFM or that we should disassociate ourselves entirely from Minister Farrakhan. Rev. Moon has declared that Min. Farrakahn is a John the Baptist figure for the Islamic world. If so, then just as John the Baptist should have united with Jesus and adopted Jesus' teachings, so Minister Farrakhan needs unite with Rev. Moon and adopt his teachings. We need to help him do that by taking the opportunity to teach his people and even confront about policies they support which are unacceptable to us. Minister Farrakhan's movement still teaches that interracial marriage should be banned and that black Americans should create a separate nation from whites. Until those teachings are changed, can we really say he is fulfilling his role as John the Baptist to his people?

Respectfully
Dan Fefferman, Washington, DC❖



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IN MEMORIAM

Mark Wilenchik

Mark had the ability to embrace all kinds of people from every station of life, from a wide variety of faiths and diverse ethnic backgrounds. Looking at the faces in this room you can see the visible evidence of this. These friends include plumbers and Corporate Managers, electricians and religious leaders, teachers and children and this was possible because of his special capacity to love.

Many people who casually meet Mark knew him as a person whose serious face would break into a big smile on seeing them. This smile was honest and open.

We know Mark as being hard working, conscientious, and loyal and faithful to his family, friends and those he worked with. Where did these qualities come from and how were they nurtured so well in one person?

First, it is important to recognize and give thanks to Mark's parents for they instilled these qualities in Mark. At work with his father at the hardware store or from listening to the straight talk of his mother, Mark learned to value people, appreciate things and share generously the good things in life.

Critical in his upbringing is the faith of his birth, Judaism. We can be grateful for the inheritance Mark received from Judaism which includes his strong devotion to God, his ability to accept responsibility and an appreciation of the God - given dignity found in each and every person. He could grasp, as the prophet Isaiah taught, the Universality of God.

Mark was also Blessed with a loving, faithful, devoted wife, Tamie. Her strong faith would provide the encouragement and support for Mark in his quest to be the person of true charac-

ter that God intended. They worked as a complimentary team, searching, sharing and giving to each other and to those around them. Their relationship of love and faith resembles the quality of water, strong enough to dissolve rock, yet flexible enough to go through all kinds of obstacles.

Perseverance is one quality of Mark that sticks in my mind. Many of you know of the success of the Hotel New Yorker and understand Mark's role in that success but this was no overnight victory. Mark suffered for seven years trying his best to manage the difficult situation at Continental real estate. Many people would have given up because their was no chance to bring the kind of success that could make you satisfied. Yet Mark held on and could see to it that things turned around. He really wanted to support Parents work at all costs. This patient sacrifice was the foundation for the grand success he experienced at the New Yorker.

Mark is a loving parent and you can see his legacy in his children Daniel and Hana. They are people of goodness, character and creativity and have grown

up with confidence that they are loved.

In Mark's last three days he made a clear determination to renew his devotion to God, his wife and family. He had just returned from the National Blessing ceremony in Korea and he was inspired to take on a more spiritual work, especially teaching. During his last three days, he amazingly searched deep into himself to repent for any shortness or misjudgments he made. He was really determined to be 100% pure in all things. His moving into the spiritual world opens up many opportunities for Mark to fulfill his deep spiritual desire.

We are deeply grateful to God, for many of Mark's qualities are a result of God's love. Through our relationship with Mark, we could come to understand a part of God, especially his patient strength, his wide embrace, and his commitment to excellence. This is a time of gratitude to God for the life of Mark Wilenchik and we appreciate the legacy that he has left here for us to build on.

This is a brief chronology:

Mark graduated from the University of Connecticut majoring in Anthropology and History. In 1975, he joined

the Unification Movement in Oakland, California. He went through a period of fundraising and witnessing where he served as a fundraising captain and also worked in public relations.

In 1979, he traveled to London, England where he pioneered in Home Church. Mark was matched to Tamie Asakura in 1979 and received the Holy Blessing in Madison Square Garden in 1982.

In 1981, he graduated from the Unification Theological Seminary in the first Divinity class. He was a class officer and won honors in Public Speaking. Mark was instrumental in the development of interfaith conferences and anti-communism conferences at UTS.

During True Father's court case, he served as assistant to Mike Runyon. After he graduated from UTS, he pioneered the West Point, New York center.

In 1983, Mark became the Conference Coordinator for CAUSA International and then became a Vice-President for News World Communications, Inc. for a short time until he became President of Continental Development Corp. in which he managed the Tiffany Building and other major real estate buildings in the New York area.

In 1995, Mark was appointed Managing Director for the New Yorker Hotel. Mark helped to guide the successful transition of the New Yorker to its current status as one of New York's premier 3-star hotels.

Mark served on the Financial Committee for the NJ-FFWPU and also served on the Board of Directors at Bridgeport University.

On November 19, 2000, Mark and Tamie completed the 2nd level National Blessing and Registration.

John Gehring ❖



WILDING
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ers the size of buses.

As the day began to wind down and people started to head home, merchants became frantic and desperate to sell their goods. A shirt that was once sold at a hefty \$15 dollars (that's U.S. dollars for all us Canadians) was being given away for \$3. The taste of sweat and survival filled the air and shouts like "Shirts, 3 for \$4!" became common. People stood on chairs, tables or whatever they could to state their claim that their shirt was the one the passersby wanted. As the hunger to sell began to swell, people started to yell even louder. Veins started to bulge of out of people's heads and necks and prayers began to be recited—not asking God for help but for the right to assert to people that their shirts were blessed and that they would have good luck if they bought their shirts. There was a rumor that people became so desperate that they let shirts go for \$1. Another booth had brought around \$10,000 worth of drinks or an equivalent of an 18-wheeler filled to the brim. They sadly only sold less then \$200 worth of drinks.

Even if our booths didn't sell any drinks or shirts, we all went through an experience that we can look back on and have a good laugh at. Whether it was a five-hour exhausting plane ride or a simple drive across town, everyone made an effort to attend the March and make it happen. Our struggles and hardships brought us even closer to each other because we went through a tough time together, helped each other out and came out of it all together. And that's what the family is all about: helping each other out through the tough times and making the best of any situation. If you add all the time spent to prepare for the March, subtract the many sleeping hours we gave up, times all the merchandise people tried hard to sell, divide the hardships it took to make the March happen amongst each other, I'd say that equals one big happy family!!

I hope you all enjoyed reading My Trip to D.C. My name is Adrian Wilding and I am Canadian! That is all. ❖

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HSU Retreat Center Opens

by Josef Schrattenecker

On September 1, 2000 the Hsu Retreat Center officially opened to the general public. It is the first stage fulfillment of a decade old dream by Mrs. Sung Bok Hsu to provide all people who suffer with health problems a temporary home where healing and rejuvenation may take place.

How can this be done? Mrs. Hsu began her business in 1977 selling IL HWA Ginseng tea door to door in Columbus, Ohio. From this small beginning a large company with three retail centers and a mail-order department developed. At the very heart of this growth lies the success of the Hsu Internal Cleansing Program. This program utilizes of course ginseng tea, but also a variety of internal cleansers, developed by her, and other nutritional supplements. Through these cleansing and nutritional supplements the vital parts of the body, namely the digestive, eliminative, circulatory and lymph system are cleansed and rejuvenated.

In addition, Mrs. Hsu teaches and utilizes the principles of Proper Food Combining to aid in the process of restoring and maintaining good health. Combined with drinking the cleanest water available, from a large steam distillation unit in the



basement of the Retreat Center, the body is enabled to cleanse itself and thereby release the energy and vitality inherent in it to overcome the often crushing burden of disease.

But that is not all. Exercise in clean,

fresh air also matters a great deal. It does not have to be sweat-inducing exercise. Taking daily walks may be all that's needed. The Retreat Center sits on 73 acres of land with beautiful walking paths meandering through the lush woods cozying up to the back of the estate. In those woods one can find a variety of herbs given to us by God including the one often called the "King of Herbs"—wild ginseng.

Last, but certainly not least, spiritual recovery often goes hand in hand with physical recovery. Sometimes, simple relaxation in a beautiful environment, away from the oppressive noise and busyness of city life, is all that's needed to be recharged. One may simply sit on the balcony, overlooking miles of rolling farmland, to feel a sense of renewal. On the other hand, as Unificationists we know that the study of God's word is

integral to our overall well-being. A well stocked library and cozy reading area is available for all retreat guests, of any religious persuasion. The spirit of the Pledge, which directs us to search for and develop True Love, permeates the Retreat Center and not just because Korean and English versions of its written manifestations prominently decorate the walls of the beautiful atrium.

We live in a society that seeks instant, simple answers and solutions to most, if not all of its problems. But those problems are due to living in ignorance for lengthy periods of time. By the same token, restoration requires both wisdom and time. That's why it may take days or even weeks of staying with and learning from Mrs. Hsu to set in motion the course of restoring physical and spiritual health. The doors are open. Recently, an architectural magazine prominently featured the Hsu Retreat Center. Accompanying the article was the following letter by Mrs. Hsu:

The first time I looked at this land, including the woods in the far back and the gently rolling cropland in the front, I knew this was what I had been looking for. I had been searching for property, not too far from Columbus, Ohio, on which to build a small-scale health retreat as my retirement project. I wanted to build a facility for the improvement of physical health as well as a place where people could unwind so completely that one could recapture the childhood feeling of happiness from playing in the sand box. This land had been up for sale for many years, but not much interest had been shown.

I started crying just looking at the land from the road. An embracing and healing gentleness surrounded me and welcomed me. I asked my Father in Heaven silently if this was the land He had reserved for me on which to do the work He had commissioned me to do, that of healing His children. The search was over. I asked the Realtor to make an offer that day.

One of my dear customers of several years, Mr. Bill Halley, introduced me to the architect Bob Giesken. Since I had never undertaken the task of building a home before, I really needed his help. When Bob Giesken and Mr. Halley, who is a builder in Columbus, and I came to the site and walked around the land, I knew I was in the company of two of the best advisers anybody could ever hope to have.

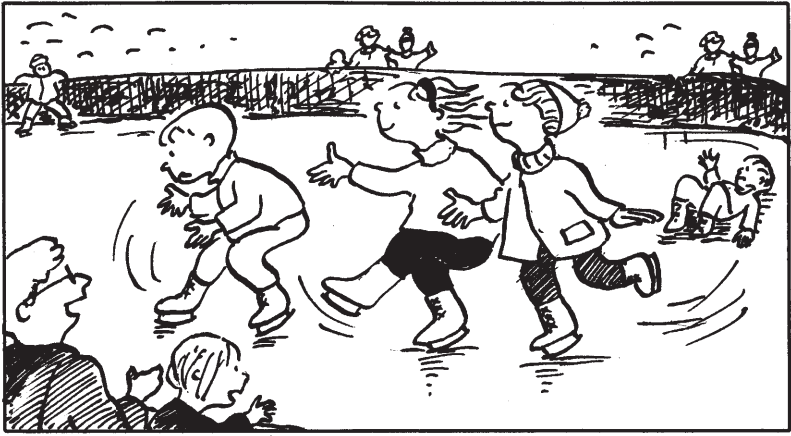
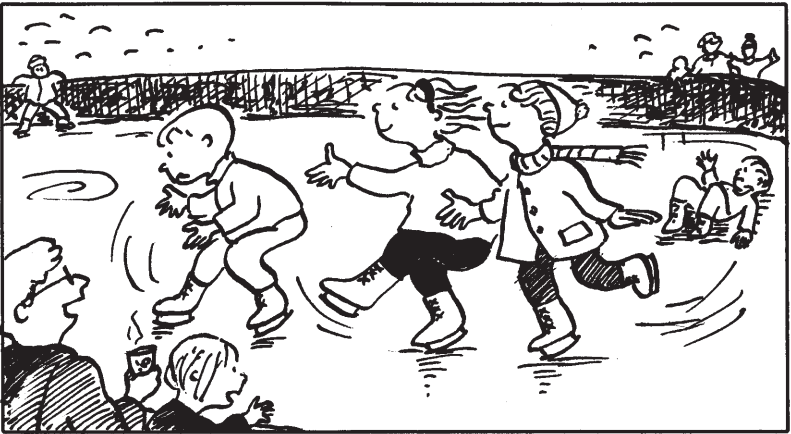
Bob's first comment was "We could build a beautiful home here." When he said that I knew he was the one to design it. We sat down and I gave him a list of desires that I had. I described the purpose of the building and how many guest rooms were needed. I explained that I wanted a green house and a pond, and told him all my other ambitions and dreams. He listened patiently and I could tell he was formulating a plan in his mind.

The next step was to select a builder. I count my lucky stars for the day I see Hsu on page 20

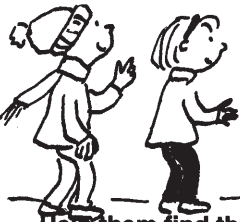
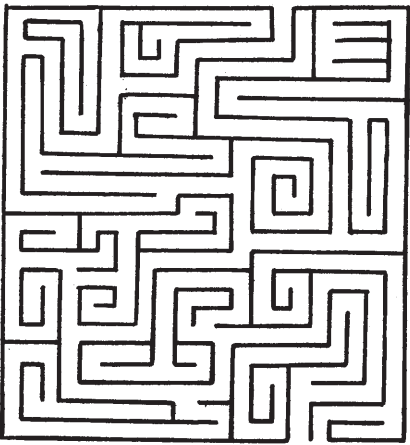
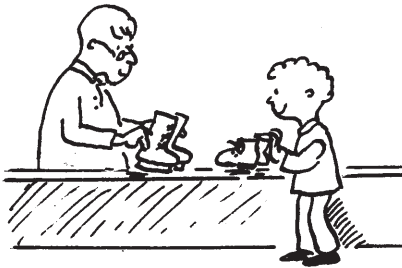


FOR KIDS

by Françoise



Find the seven differences between these two drawings of an ice skating party



Help them find the ice skates

Abstinence Because of Love

How to Say “No” and Still Be Friends

by Peter Brown

Even when we feel clear inside ourselves that waiting is better, it's still not easy to deal with the constant pressure from others to have sex right away.

The message gets blared at us everywhere; from television, from our friends, from the opposite sex (of course) and even sometimes from grownups and so-called experts. We get mixed messages don't we? It's bad enough to get put through the mill of peer pressure. It's even worse when someone in authority tells us that having sex is “natural and inevitable” and thus not worth resisting. Getting handed a condom doesn't really help us to say no, does it?

To complicate our lives even further, sex has become physically dangerous, with the threat of AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases. So called “safe sex” isn't that safe at all, when one considers the failure rate of condoms. And finally, the message about abstinence has sometimes become a tactic used to confuse already over-stressed teenagers (or their parents.) Abstinence has been re-defined by some people to mean any type of sexual activity that does not include sexual intercourse. In other words, you can do just about anything short of “insertion” and supposedly call it “abstinence.” That's like saying that you're not really swimming because you didn't get your hair wet.

I think adults should honor and respect teenagers enough to not try to hand them snow jobs like that. The search for “legal loopholes” (because some people want to have sex and still be able to say that they didn't have sex) has obscured the real issue: how to create marriages and families of true love.

It's time for teenagers to stand up and let people know that they're more than dumb animals run amuck. It is possible to save our love for our eternal spouse. Isn't it better to have pride in our inherent capability to be morally strong, intellectually clear, and concerned for the feelings of others? Insisting that sex should be saved for the “One” we'll love forever is the right thing to do, and the gutsy thing to do. Abstinence, real abstinence, means not having any type of sex. And we're all smart enough, and honest enough, to figure that one out. It isn't, after all, rocket science.

Abstinence is the true love thing to do. Anyone that tells us otherwise is inferring that we're not much more than mindless animals. That's not very complimentary, is it?

The best defense against pressure from others to have casual and uncommitted sex is to look them in the eye (with a smile of course) and say, “You believe in true, eternal love, don't you?”

Who can say no to that? If they do say no, then you know that they're not the right person for you, anyway.

If they say yes, you've got them. With a generous, magnanimous smile, (it's always nice to be magnanimous, isn't it?) firmly remind them that true, eternal love requires, by its definition, a rock solid, real commitment. Sex is the most intimate part of love, and isn't like a cheap handkerchief to blow one's nose into and casually throw in the trash.

Of course all the wolves out there will say things like, “Oh but I do love you! That's why we should have sex now!” Look them in the eye, and say, “If you really love me eternally, then you will encourage me to save myself until you marry me. If you're not saying that, something's wrong. Period.”

Frankly, though, saying no is a really tough thing to do in a society that's pressuring us to have sex now, now, now. On top of that, we ourselves, as humans, and as teenagers, find it difficult to resist the immediate temptation of sex. That's why the very first line of defense is not at the front door of his or her apartment, after a romantic evening out on the town. Saying no requires that we're clear headed and strong. Our biggest obstacle is the power of love itself.

Let's be honest. Kissing produces a powerful effect, both for girls and boys. Saying no after a long romantic kiss is like sampling the buffet when you're starving, and then walking out of the restaurant without eating. It just “ain't realistic.” So what's the best way to say no, and save our love for marriage? Honestly, the best way is to not date. No, that wasn't a typo. :-)

These days, people start dating, holding hands, and having girl friends and boy friends when they're ten, eleven and twelve years old. (Or younger.) How can we muster up the courage and strength to say no when we're dating all the time?

I know, I know. Now you might be thinking, “Well, how can I meet the person of my dreams, if I don't date?” It's a reasonable question. The answer is really rather simple. We see people all the time — at school, at games and events, and at social functions. At those public events, we're safe. Safe that is, from pressure to have sex, and safe from the pressure that may be inside us to just throw in the towel and do it.

When we're in a group, we'll still get a chance to meet people. We'll see how people act, and we'll have a chance to become friends with others. What we won't be is caught alone riding down lover's lane, or somewhere else, where it will become very difficult for us to say no.

Determining to not date is all well and good, but what happens when we find ourselves falling into that swirling fog known as “infatuation?” Then, the problem becomes the tugging of our own heartstrings. If we feel that we're embarked on a danger-

ous course, and can see that down the road we might lose our resolve to not have sex, then the best, most effective method to stop the multiplication of emotional love is to cut our relationship with the other person. It sounds brutal, but it can save us from serious mistakes.

Cutting off from another person sounds cruel. We need to be aware, though, of the incredible power of love — even love that is misdirected. Our hearts usually rule our intellects — so knowing that something is “wrong” just isn't enough if we've already fallen over the precipice of love. In concrete terms, cutting a relationship with another person may mean saying to that person, “I can't see you any more, because I don't want to engage in pre-marital sex. The only way to protect ourselves is to not see each other.” Most of the time, it's better to not say anything, and just stop seeing the person, because speaking about it often makes things worse.

Frankly, if more married men and women were aware of this method, there would be less infidelity in this country. People often don't set out to be unfaithful — they just aren't aware of the way that emotional feelings multiply until they become overwhelming.

Cutting a relationship is very, very difficult; but it is truly the best (and perhaps the only) way to protect yourself from illicit sexual relationships. It will make it easier to do this if you confide in your parents, and ask them for their help. They can give you moral support as well as external support. For example, if a boy or girl was really chasing you, and the situation became very troublesome, your parents could intervene. If for some

extreme reason you feel that you can't go to your parents, at least go to some responsible adult who can help you. The bottom line is, when you're in trouble, don't isolate yourself. Don't act alone. Get help in the beginning of a problem, when it's still small, rather than waiting until the end, when it might be overwhelming.

There are a lot of messages out there that “parents aren't cool,” but you know what? All of those people in the sixties that said, “never trust anyone over thirty” are now well past forty! It happens to everyone. Just imagine life without your parents. I mean really without your parents. Wouldn't you be even a tiny bit sad? Our parents usually love us more than anyone else in the whole world. It's very smart (and the true love thing to do) to treat them like friends and allies. And ... we need allies, don't we?

Until we all resolve the conflict between our minds and bodies, it's safer and more realistic to say that none of us can trust our hearts one hundred percent. We can, however, trust our circumstances. If we refuse to be alone with the person that we're attracted to, it is unlikely that we'll have sex with him or her. If we continually put ourselves in situations where we're alone with that person, then our risk becomes much, much greater.

If it all sounds too severe, take heart. True love is the most wonderful thing in the world, and is the ultimate destiny of every young man and woman. How to find true love, and avoid mistakes, is our goal, isn't it? One method is the old Jewish tradition of “match making.” (Remember the movie “Fiddler on the Roof?”)

Another method is the old-fashioned, nineteenth century tradition of “courtship.” Courting has recently started to make a comeback. Courtship is a really safe way for girls to keep the wolves at bay. The rules of courtship are very simple. The girl makes sure that she hangs out in groups and in public settings, and when a boy tries to approach her with that clever smile we all know about, the girl ever so sweetly says:

“Haven't you heard about courting? You have to go see my father or mother, and get permission to approach me, in public places only, with a friend present (to protect me, of course). If my parents say OK, then you can come and visit me. And, if marriage isn't a possibility, don't waste my time.”

I'd like to be fair to boys here, and suggest that the rules of courting be applied to girls as well. If a girl wants to get to know a boy, then the boy should react the same way, and suggest that the girl come over to meet his parents, and then observe the same style of safe, public courtship. There's no real logical reason that a girl shouldn't initiate a relationship; it's just a “tradition.”

Are all traditions good? It used to be a tradition that women couldn't vote in this country. We should examine all traditions under the spotlight of true love. Simply speaking, the rules

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of true love apply to men and women equally. There’s no room for double standards.

Some of your more doltish, insensitive acquaintances may laugh at the idea of courtship, but don’t worry. Real, honorable, unselfish men love and admire women who are protective of themselves in this way. Don’t listen to the mutterings of boys who are — at that moment — only thinking with their sexual organs.

Why should we hurry to date, anyway? Who wants to get married at sixteen, seventeen or eighteen? Isn’t it better to see the world a bit, find out what we really believe about life, and even start a career? Waiting until we’re older will give us a much better chance to learn how to love our spouse when we do get married.

At the same time, if two eighteen year olds decide to get married, with honor and respect and commitment, and a clear understanding of the road ahead of them, it’s certainly better than living a promiscuous life. It’s a toss-up between the huge difficulty of remaining abstinent and the higher rate of success if one marries at age thirty, when one’s love is more mature.

Becoming mature in our ability to love our spouse will also give us the ability to love our children when we have them. If teenagers date and have sex, they have to face the reality that

girls do get pregnant — even if they use various precautions. Given that fact, it’s very important to clarify once again that our goal is not just to “reduce teenage pregnancies” or “eliminate sexually transmitted diseases.” If those were our primary goals, then we would be talking about so-called “safe sex” and birth control methods. Many people would also say that the simple solution to unwanted teen pregnancies is abortion. Our discussion here takes the viewpoint that those methods miss the point entirely. We’re advocating “abstinence because of love.”

Searching for ways to have safe sex, or contemplating having abortions, ignores the primary issue that the couple should not have sex until they’re married and committed to building an eternal relationship of true love. Heartistic love should be the primary ingredient of sex, and the foundation for having children. From this point of view, abortions should never happen. If couples wait to have sex until they’re married and committed to each other, unwanted teen pregnancies or sexually transmitted diseases will no longer be an issue.

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plan, they’re then in a very difficult position. From the point of view of true love, the only good option is for the couple to get married and raise their child with all the heart and love that they can muster. To not get married, and leave the mother to raise the child alone, or to abort the child because it’s inconvenient, is a violation of heart.

It violates heart and true love because either action is essentially selfish. It would be selfish for the father to abandon the mother and the child. The mother will say, “Where is the man who said that he loved me?” The child will say, “Where is my father? Why did he leave my mother and me?”

It would be selfish to abort the child, because the normal, original, and natural consequence of true love is a child; to abort a child because of inconven-

ience is to deny true love itself — not to mention the beautiful and wonderful life that the child should have. My wife recently noted that Celine Dion (who sang the song “My Heart Will Go On” in the movie Titanic) and Iris DeMent (a folk singer) were both the youngest of fourteen children in their respective families. What a loss to the world if their parents had aborted them!

The best solution for teenagers is to say “no” to sex, for the sake of their own happiness, and for the sake of the children that they might have. If the teenage couple has children unexpectedly, they are obligated to raise them with true love, and provide them with a loving home. If either the teenage father or mother tries to abandon the child, the other partner needs to seek help, from parents or counseling agencies, in order to ensure that the child is raised properly.

Having children as teenagers is a huge task — for that reason, teenagers should wait to have children until their love is mature. ❖

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found Roger McClain from Jerry McClain Co. One homeowner who had their home built by Roger McClain 9 years ago told me “If Roger builds your home, you are lucky.”

It took about 14 months to complete the building from the time of purchasing the land to moving in. Those 14 months were a time of creativity and rejoicing. Each week I would be given a new set of choices to make, just enough to get involved but not get bogged down with. Many people told me that building a home is a hard task; it wasn’t so with this project. Each week was a joyous venture with pleasant challenges. I was learning about a world that I had never needed to deal with before.

Now the house is finished and I have already lived here for 5 months. I have had neighbor luncheons and many din-

ners of appreciation and recognition for those who have worked with me during this experience. I am a very lucky person to retire from 23 years of working as a retailer in health foods and to be able to continue in this field, doing what I like to do the most in a place, which is “heaven on earth”.

It is beautiful during the day and it is beautiful at night. I hear the wild turkeys gobble and pheasants sing, deer graze, my two puppies run and the 21 chickens cackle and crow.

I named my guest rooms “Parkview”, “Woodsvievw”, “Star Gazer”, “Friendship Room”, and “Centerview”. I sometimes think that I should be awake at night and sleep during the day so that I can enjoy the night view in this place. The stars are bright and when the lights are on in the house it looks like a magical and enchanted house from the outside.

The builder asked me if I am happy

here. If I am not, it is nobody’s fault but my own for I live in my dream house that has been built just right. I invited for dinner one evening the architect, builder, landscaper, concrete man, and a neighbor who cuts walk paths in the woods. I truly felt that I was amongst the masters of each of their fields. I am a lucky person to have this house to welcome retreat participants who have some serious health problems as well as those with less serious concerns. I find most participants to be my friends, and I am also a participant myself.

I eat right, exercise right and take herbs and other supplements detoxifying and nourishing my body and mind. Oh, yes I am busy but I am happy and at the same time peaceful within. I improve my health each and every day just as my retreat participants do. At the true beginning of this new millennium I wish all of you a most blessed

year and I invite you to spend some time with me to heal not only the body but mind and soul as well. I’ve had guests stay with me anywhere from 1 to 28 days! They included a Russian couple with the husband suffering from a brain tumor, a local couple with the wife suffering from severe diabetes, and a lovely lady from Texas with pelvic bone cancer. She improved so much that she is considering moving to Central Ohio to be near me. I also welcomed a dear brother from Florida suffering from cancer and many others with various degrees of eating disorders, weight problems, hypertension, and many other health concerns. Whatever time fits you best, I can arrange a way to give my wholehearted attention to you so you may leave from here truly refreshed and in better health. If the reader wishes to obtain more information, please call toll free 1-800-628-8420 or log on to www.hsu.com ❖

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to find the desire to give myself to you every day! It is hard to love people who seem mean—I don’t know how You do it...”

There came a point during these prayers, when the urgent supplications quieted to a murmur. The pledges of love and devotion were sincere as a young wife’s whispers in the ear of her husband. After talking to God at length about His will, the condition of mankind and personal rededication, Jenny stood up, and looked around. The internal sanctuary she found in the sweet, listening presence of God, was a stark contrast to the filthy bathroom. As one atmosphere dissipated into the other

it was hard to believe she could coexist in the two places. Her eyes adjusted to the daylight again and she washed her face, which was red with crying.

On this day it seemed wherever she went in the little town, she encountered suspicion and unfriendliness. She resigned herself to continue and decided to head for the crumbling edge of town. People were usually more friendly off the beaten path. She walked along a set of railroad tracks that led out of town. She passed an old abandoned railroad station that had two signs for restrooms painted on the side of the building. They read “white” and “colored”. She gasped when she saw that and stood looking at the apparition for a moment.

As she walked along there were feed stores, grain elevators and a beauty

shop. She wasn’t having much luck so she finally sat down on the railroad tracks and chewed on a piece of grass. She wasn’t going to be picked up for a couple of hours and she still hadn’t sold much candy in the evil twin of Mayberry R.F.D.. While she sat there squinting in the midday sun she saw a figure approaching.

It was a black man, rather large, dressed in blue work clothes like the kind worn by a mechanic. She glanced up occasionally as he got closer, planning to jump up and ask him if he wanted some candy. The closer he got, she could see he had some kind of skin disease. He was covered on his face, scalp, and arms—everywhere visible—with cysts or warts of some kind. It was a truly hideous and horrible affliction, so much so that she had to endure a

wave of nausea before she could look at him and speak to him.

The man’s clothes were in tatters, and his shoes were old and worn down. She tried to smile at him as sincerely as possible as she said, “Sir, would you like to buy some candy to help our church? It’s \$2.”

Without hesitation, the man reached down into his tattered pockets and said, “Sure, missy.” He pulled out two wadded up one dollar bills and handed them to Jenny. She gave him the candy saying thank you and watched him walk out of sight.

She sat down on the railroad tracks and cried.

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STEWARDSHIP

This month we'll discuss the Earth's environment, and the movement that has sprung up concerning it. In the years since Earth Day began, this movement has grown in prominence, divided into factions, and remains subject to controversy. Governments have gotten involved, from the local level right on up to the United Nations.

Rev. Moon is among the world's first published environmentalists. The *Divine Principle*, in its section on the Third Blessing, urges care for the environment.

Crisis?

There is a lot of conventional wisdom about the "ecological crisis," not all of it accurate. Are the rain forests going for good? Is the ozone layer vanishing? Is the Earth warming up (a separate issue, by the way), and would that be a bad thing? Are we getting buried under mountains of trash? These issues have bred fierce advocates.

Al Gore has weighed in. As this article goes to press, the Presidential election dispute has yet to be settled. Whether Gore wins or loses, his book *Earth in the Balance* deserves attention, and its positive aspects highlighted. He sees "eco-warriors" as "brave resistance fighters" in a battle as huge and dire as World War Two.

Gore advocates "new aquaculture," just like our movement has pioneered. Also, "quick technology transfers" to the Third World. (Ditto.) Gore states that "political corruption is like physical pollution." He has some odd ideas about how such corruption starts.

I applaud Gore's written defense of Democracy and Capitalism. He compares these to the new "parallel processing" computers. Communism and centralized economies are compared to clunky old mainframes.

Gore even notes that "government is worse in direct relation to its distance from those being governed." Thus warning against ecological solutions requiring an unworkable global bureaucracy—which many people do advocate.

Extremists

The environmental movement has spawned extremists. Some are large and well-heeled, like Greenpeace. Others, like Earth First!, are shadowy. Read Dave Foreman's book *Confessions of an Eco-Warrior*. He advocates tree spiking, which has killed at least one mill worker. Also the "direct action defense" of old growth forests, recently manifested in the tree-dwelling exploits of several activists.

Foreman does make one good point: the forest can do little to defend itself. (Thus the proposed Second-and-a-half Amendment: the "right to arm bears.") He readily admits a point made by Rush Limbaugh: that "the eco-movement is the new home of the radical left." Foreman welcomes help from political radicals.

Facts

The scientific facts underlying the

Environmental Crisis have nearly been drowned out by all the rhetoric. For instance, the Antarctic "ozone hole" is actually a small percentage-point drop, which varies widely each and every year. No data exists from previous centuries, for comparison.

In fact, Miami receives far more ultraviolet radiation than Antarctica ever does, even if its ozone cover were to vanish entirely! This is simple geometry: the angle of the sunlight hitting a spherical Earth.

Scientists such as the late Dixie Lee Ray weigh in on the optimistic side, claiming that the eco-crisis isn't nearly so bad. (Read her *Trashing the Planet*.) One must study the data carefully.

Julian Simon writes that "the [reported] extinction of species may be greatly exaggerated." Valuable plants are being needlessly destroyed; yet the rain forests have already advanced, and retreated to almost nothing, many times, with each passing Ice Age. The clearing of the Amazon Basin has been wildly exaggerated. Also, the disappearance of America's farmlands, and its trash disposal problems, have been overstated. (Read Simon's *Hoodwinking the Nation*.)

Many believe that the Americas, before the White Man came, were pristine. In reality, the original Native Americans caused soil erosion, the salting of fields, and the extinction of many species. The early Spaniard's method of farming caused less harm, as scientists confirmed in Mexico's Patzcuaro Basin. A farmer, if he had any sense, cares for his land the most!

Such exaggerations can hit close to home. This author's son attends an excellent religious school. One day they made a presentation about the environment, including the unsightly practice of clear-cut logging. What they neglected to mention is that the lumber companies are also replanting their vast forest lands.

Religions

There is a profound religious aspect to the environmental movement. Many activists say that modern people are "alienated from the Earth," and thus are harming it unknowingly. They wish a return to an older, Pagan religion. Goddess worshipers call the Earth "a living part of our being." Perhaps you've seen bumper stickers reading Love Your Mother, referring to the Earth as Gaia.

Before Safeway or McDonalds existed, people had to kill or gather their own meals each day. Such primitives better be close to the Earth—or they'd promptly starve! Most of today's activists are city dwellers, far less familiar with nature than the hunters and loggers they decry.

In his book *Eco-Scam*, Ronald Bailey says that environmental doomsayers are part of a long "millenarian prophetic tradition." Those who cry:

"The End is Near!" and believe that "the evil world of unregenerate men must be overthrown." Instead of divine fire, eco-destruction fits the bill nicely. Concerning such an event, John Muir famously stated, "I should rather side with the bears."

Many Christians think this is the Last Days, and our very Earth about to "dissolve with fire." They conclude it's better to get on with evangelism, and not bother with the environment. Recently, some Christians have recalled their tradition of "stewardship." Alarmed at the Pagan aspects of the environmental movement, they're getting involved.

Most Conservatives have been busy battling Communism, high taxation, and other pressing issues. They've allowed the Left to take

the moral high ground of defending the Earth. Now they're proposing "pro-people" action. Lately, this has brought on some dramatic confrontations over Open Road policies on public lands. Also, they wish to counter the extreme Deep Ecology belief that (modern) humans are "the AIDS

of the ecosystem."

Improvement?

Modern man has created thousands of new chemicals, vastly improving our standard of living. But we've dumped some very dangerous ones, as Japan's Minamata Bay community found, to its horror. Most chemical scares (like Alar) have proven false.

Most environmental "experts" call for heavy government regulation. Yet the EPA, and the White House, maintain whole fleets of gas guzzlers! Bureaucrats just can't handle such problems. They spent half of the taxpayer's Superfund "cleanup" billions on lawyers.

Some famous activists used to warn loudly against "global cooling." The warning has changed, but, as Ronald Bailey put it: "freeze or fry, the problem is always the same, Industrial Capitalism. And [their] solution is always International Socialism."

Sweatshop Capitalism did produce a sickening mess, like 19th century London's "killer fogs." Al Gore wrote that only advanced science, and a free and prosperous society, can tackle ecological problems.

Causes

Each society's character has an important impact on the ecology.

Communists, believing that "nobody owns anything," created horrible pollution, making little or no effort to clean it up. (In the old USSR, and today, in China.)

Racism causes eco-troubles as well. National and race hatreds foster artificial divisions of the land and seas. Wars cause an awful mess, with the land itself among the trampled victims. Saddam Hussein's destruction of

Kuwait's oil wells was only the most egregious example. (There are quirky exceptions, like quiet DMZs and empty military reservations.)

Such divisions hamper effective solutions, as with boundary-crossing rivers. America's polluted *maquilladora* border factories are another example.

Sexual immorality has an impact. People who are absorbed in lust have little energy for causes such as the environment. Those who are dying of AIDS, and the many who attend them, are also kept occupied.

Excessive greed, itself a kind of obsession, leads some people to overlook pollution, or hazardous conditions. (Material for countless Hollywood productions!)

Solutions

Ancient Holy Men and Medicine Women had a close affinity with the Earth. As did Korean shamans, and Rev. Moon inherits this sensitivity. He speaks of "being grateful to your three parents." That is: God, who made everything; the Earth, which supplies us with everything; and our own parents, who gave us birth, and raised us as best they could.

Our founder warned of ecological troubles ahead, with "ten times as many people" crowding this world. (A population of 40 billion, reckoning from when he spoke.) He said, "people will be eating sushi," because, by then, "all forms of burning will be limited."

Thus, he's gotten us involved with the ocean. He plans vast inland-sea-spanning seafood farms. These will be the best—if not the only—way to feed this teeming future humanity.

Corporations like to tout their environmental sensitivity, and one can only hope they possess a shred of sincerity . . . Most governments now punish the worst polluters.

The Feds are planning "bio regions," and sending out "species checkers" to chart the extent of any problems. (With some unfortunate abuses.)

Pollution laws have prompted wonderful innovations, such as practical, low mileage hybrid-motor cars. (After electric cars flopped, with good reason.)

Conclusion

What input can Unificationists make? The Principle says, "dominate the creation in heart." Its Third Blessing is a beautiful expression of stewardship.

Our Level Four book mentions "drives to restore polluted areas." Far from Joni Mitchell's lyrical nightmare about Paving Paradise, we are to have "concern and love for nature."

There is much ecological sensationalism, including proposals ranging from silly to Orwellian. There are real problems. Eventually, technology like large scale fish farming, and clean fusion power, will help.

We have yet to jump into this issue (in a big way), so please note that the spiritual Restoration is part and parcel of any effective solution.

Humanity's spiritual Fallen Nature is the greatest pollution of all. Cleansing the world of this scourge will open the way for a clean, peaceful, and plentiful Kingdom. ♦





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Love Them From a Long Way Off

The Missouri countryside was sleepy. The people of the small towns seemed to have a view of life that didn't stretch beyond the limits of the out-lying cornfields. They didn't warm up easily to strangers coming from St. Louis, raising funds for programs that wouldn't benefit their town. Jenny was raising funds for missionary work with a team of young people that sometimes traveled all over the state. In these rural locales she was often questioned, "Way-er are yew fru-um?" (Where are you from?) spoken in the elongated drawl common to Missouri. When she said, "St. Louis," they responded with, "I don't believe today," a euphemism for; "No thank you, I don't want any today."

The expressions, "I don't believe," or, "I don't believe today," spoken in what her Yankee ears perceived to be a countrified southern drawl, ignited a desire in Jenny to kick their southern shins shiny. The provincial phrases infuriated her. These people seemed incapable of giving to any cause outside the five mile radius of their podunk town. Her critical view of them did not reflect the embracing love she was 'supposed

to' have as a missionary. These encounters brought to reality Jesus' urging that one should, "Love your enemy."

This particular summer day she walked with a carton of candy under her arm, from one shop to the next in the charming little town square and was met with rejection again and again and again, much like a row of dominoes pitching downward in neat succession.

When she had rounded the town square and had sold exactly nothing, she sat down under a leafy tree on a park bench and did her best to not wish curses on the townspeople, their ancestors and descendants.

She had met the hardware store owner who questioned her religious beliefs and who assured her she was bound for hell. She was whispered about by mean spirited waitresses as they poured coffee for farmers in overalls at the counter, while Jenny sat in a far corner booth drinking coffee. Someone had threatened to call the sheriff if she didn't show them a peddler's license.

After shedding some tears and eating a Snickers bar, she felt ready to continue. The green leafy trees stretched their gorgeous, silvery selves over the streets, and she marveled at how God's creation still was able to smile down on the good and the wicked alike.

Her good friend, Margaret, an older sister on the missionary team, had told her that she had to love the people from a long way off. Margaret said when you walk into a store to sell candy, think about loving the people as you walk toward them. Smile at them with the thought that God loves them already. Ask God for a generous heart and generous eyes as you walk towards them. You're not there to get their money, you're there to love them with God's love. If Jenny could do that she found a wonderful sense of freedom, gulping in an atmosphere above the commonplace.

It hadn't been so tough to try to do that in St. Louis. Jenny sold candy in the little neighborhood stores and bars during the day, and knocked on doors in the ethnic neighborhoods in the evening. She loved the row houses. She made a game to see how fast she could run up one set of stairs, and down the next and up the next and down the next. Running like that made her breathless with enthusiasm, and selling the candy was relatively easy. She felt free working in the big, industrial city. She was part of the landscape and nobody questioned her.

While she worked, she prayed that God would bless each person who gave a donation. She tried very hard to convey sincerity to people when she sold the candy. It was easy to get into a silly and humorous frame of mind when she

could make people laugh, but at those times nobody bought anything. It made her feel a little sick and insincere. She knew that when she became what they called "off center", that she needed to pray. Jenny discovered that during a fundraising day, the only place she had found that could be an absolute haven of privacy for prayer was in a gas station bathroom. To maintain what Margaret spoke of as the generous heart of love, she needed daily prayer. In fact she needed what the missionaries called "show down prayer" with God.

Jenny stood up and picked the peanuts from the Snickers bar out of her teeth, and looked down the streets and saw a gas station in the distance. She walked towards it, blinking up at the summer day, straining to feel God's majesty in the green trees. She got the key to the ladies room from the attendant and went in to pray. Gas station bathrooms were much the same; grimy tile floors, grimy tile walls, a miserable toilet, sink and wastebasket. It was the most humble place to go but it was private. She pulled some paper towels from the dispenser and put them on the floor and knelt down on them to keep her slacks from getting dirty. Then she prayed.

It was hard to begin praying, the gap between herself and God was often awkward and distant. She wanted to shout and howl from the depths of her soul, but someone might hear, so instead she prayed in a desperate whisper, her body tense and urgent, displaying body language such as squeezing her hands together or pounding herself on the thighs. She begged God to reveal Himself.

"Heavenly Father, I'm sorry I can't love these people, I'm sorry I can't feel your heart towards them, I want to love them but I feel dead. I feel dead. How can I continue, how can I find the motivation to continue, please show me how

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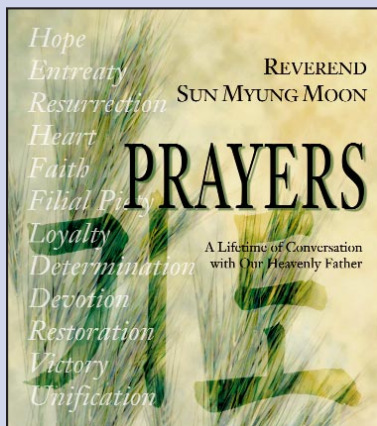
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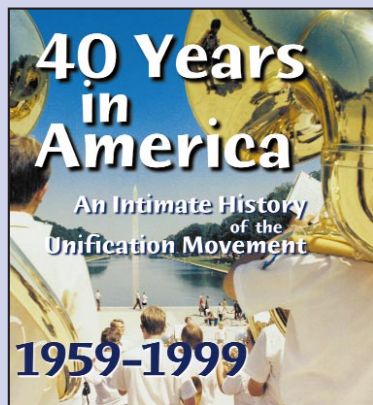
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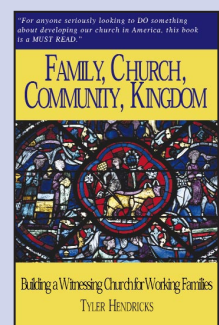
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