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Providential Blessing Heralds Pentecost

by Rev. Phillip Schanker

On May 27, 2001, in the Trianon Ballroom of the Hilton Hotel in New York City, Heaven truly fired a "shot heard 'round the world." On this memorable day in that historic location, a simple, brief, yet dignified Marriage Blessing ceremony of some 60 couples was performed, officiated by Reverend and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon in their capacity as True Parents. But Father and Mother Moon have held blessing ceremonies linking hundreds of millions by satellite, officiating from such marquis locations as Madison Square Garden in New York or Seoul's Olympic Stadium. Why did this humble, small ceremony attract media from around the world, generate front-page news on every continent, and create a more powerful impact upon the planet than any such blessing in history?

First, it was because some 50 of the couples were in fact religious leaders: ministers, imams, and clerics; Pentecostals and Baptists, Lutherans and Muslims, Native Americans, Sufis, and more; spiritual leaders in their own right. But it was the participation of one or two such men of God that shook the world, and provided for many a new and profound understanding of the significance of the Blessing of Marriage: His Grace Archbishop Emmanuel Milingo of the Roman Catholic Church, and the Most Reverend George Augustus Stallings, founder and Archbishop of the Imani Temple African-Amer-

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Purity, Lineage and the

by Reverend Sun Myung Moon

This is an excerpt of a sermon given on February 18, 2001 at the Belvedere International Training Center, Tarrytown, NY. The interpreter was Peter Kim and these notes were taken by Michael Kiely (NM: Lagos)

Lineage took a wrong turn from the misuse of the love organ. What is the meaning of the human fall? It is misuse of the love organ. Therefore, the lineage took a wrong turn. Without the fall, lineage and the love organ should have come directly from God.

God's attributes are eternal, absolute, unique and unchanging. Our lineage and love organs should be that way. That should be the organ God likes, not the one that Satan can interfere with and destroy. The human fall was the destruction of the lineage. The original lineage should have been a royal lineage, but now it is the lineage of butchers. That is why they are in opposite positions.

You have many stepfathers and mothers, stepbrothers and sisters here in America. The word "step" means the lineage is mixed. Dirty water. The blood and everything are mixed there. What about your ancestors' lineage? Is your lineage crystal clean? Is it like ocean water? Or is it all mixed up? Originally, human lineage should have been like ocean water, crystal clear. But in America we see free sex being practiced. It denies original lineage. Such a society, is it God's Kingdom of Heaven? Can God dwell there?

The sexual organ is like a way to connect to continue the lineage. We talk of inheriting a lineage from thousands of generations. Within us the lineage is to be connected to another level. It is a culminating point. But is our lineage clean or mixed with the practice of free sex? Concave means shaped in a certain way. Is yours like clean water or filthy water? If we look at it in a microscope, will you see nothing or will you be shocked by seeing all the mix of dirty stuff? If we truly have a conscience, how can we go around and open our concave container to receive things? It will be so dirty.

Man's convex love organ, thousands of your ancestors culminate there. When these two organs meet together, lineage is mixed. Through that, new life is created. Do you think that new life would want to get involved in the dirty, filthy lineages of its parents? Will the newborn try to run away from this filthy abomination? "I would rather not be home," it might say.

The human being has more than 40 billion cells. Included are cells from Adam, our original ancestor. How complex we are in terms of the structure of human cells.

If you truly understand the background of the sexual organ, then as teenagers when you meet and try to make relationships, won't you be scared of and afraid of doing that? If you make a wrong move, you cannot reverse it. If you create a mixture of black and white, maybe not in your generation but down the road (a few generations) a sign of this mixture will emerge. The worst possible man and woman meet together and have a relationship, and then won't they create the worst devil? They both inherited Satan's lineage. Do you think they can separate it from them? If you young people do something, you will create a worse thing than the atom bomb. People do not believe in their children. Even after you raise your children, you cannot control them after a certain age.

They have their own life. But when you grow up and have your own love organ without any principle, how dangerous it is. That is why Jesus said, "Repent! For the kingdom of God is here." What he meant was to repent about the false use o the sexual organ. The kingdom of God and heaven are included there. God's lineage started there but does not appear there.

In the human fall, there was false accusation. We should love our enemy, but what about our love organ and lineage. You sisters look so gentle and pretty, but your lineage is filthy and dirty. You need a blood transfusion. But there is only satanic lineage? What can you do? Where can you find God's love? That is why throughout human history God created many religions through which he trained people to receive the Lord of the Second Advent. The role of the messiah is to clean the filthy blood lineage and give God's blood to mankind.

All humans have Satan's blood and false lineage. So, someone (the Messiah) must come with the skill of a doctor to change the blood lineage. It is an engrafting process. The wild and true olive trees need a grafting process.

Even if the wild olive tree might be one-thousand years old, you can cut off the main bud and put a new bud into it. Can you see a difference between the true and wild olive tree buds? No. True religions have been opposed for this reason. They were chased out of their homes and villages. Is there only one lineage or more than one? (One) Forever. Do you own such a lineage? What kind of lineage do you have? It is complicated. Yours is full of mud and junk. Do you think God can accept that lineage in the Kingdom of God? Can you change your lineage with lipstick and rouge? You can change your brand of lipstick (but not your lineage that way). When you are young, you may have pinkish red lips. When people die the color of their lips changes from red to blue. What about the sexual organs? Do they need makeup? How can we cleanse our sexual organ?

Nowadays people talk about cloning. If you take cells from someone, don't they contain your lineage and genes? Can you get rid of that lineage? How can we solve this problem? Even if we pluck out our eye and remove our nose and repent for thousands years, we can't do it. When we approach God with satanic clothes, can he accept us? Don't you think God can smell you? Dr. Sang Hun Lee's book says one can smell people.

The worst possible crime we can commit in this world is adultery. The smell of an adulterer in the Spirit World will be the worst stench. Do you want to multiply this kind of lineage? (No.) No. Your conscience will say no. Do you have confidence that you can enter the Kingdom of God? Show your hands? None? Have you engrafted True Father's teaching onto yourselves? Do you believe in his teaching absolutely? Even without knowing the details? True Father started with absolute faith and practiced it.

Blessed couples received true lineage. Lineage is the problem, a big problem. It is a problem because of the misuse of the sexual organ. Leaving your husband and making a relationship with someone else is a big problem. Satan is like a prostitute. Don't we all have that kind of mind? Perhaps a Westerner may feel "If I sleep with this oriental man, it will be good." We all have this problem, no matter how old. Sometimes old women have the urge to live with a handsome young man. Among six billion people, there are all kinds of handsome men and women all over the world. If you become a promiscuous person, you can commit all kinds of sin.

Unless we can overcome sexual, physical desire, we cannot be connected to God. In other words, we need God's help. Otherwise, we will fail. Sexual desire is so strong. That is how we were created. What do we need to overcome this? We need the truth, knowing that the human fall turned history upside down 180 degrees. Then we can force ourselves to overcome physical desire. Our mistake was that God has lamented for thousands of years and thou-

CALENDAR

JUNE 2001

4 72 Couples' Blessing (1962)
10 Il-Heung Shipbuilding Established (1986)
13 Hee Jin Nim & Hye Shin Nim's Blessing (1998)
39 Couples' Blessing (1981)
1st Stage of the 360 Million Couples' Blessing (1998)
14 Jeung Jin Nim's Birthday (1982)
Declaration of True Parents' Cosmic Victory (1999)
16 Washington Times Established (1982)
17 Declaration of the Return of the Sea to Heavenly Dominion (2000)
21 True Day of All Things (5/1/63)
23 Il-Sung Construction (1978)
Day of One Heart (1989)
24 Declaration of the Return of the Land to God (2000)
29 Ceremony of the Return of the Cosmos to Heaven (2000)

JULY 2001

1 Chil Il Jeol: Declaration Day of God's Eternal Blessing (1991)
Day of the Celebration of Victory (1973)
2075 Couples' Blessing (1982)
4 Religious Herald Established (1971)
7 Young Jin Nim's Birthday (5/17/78)
13 Universal Ballet Company Established (1984)
18 Sung Jin Nim & Dong Sook Nim's Blessing (1973)
24 124 Couples' Blessing (1963)
26 Youth Federation for World Peace Inauguration (1994)
27 Hye Jin Nim's Birthday (1964)

AUGUST 2001

1 Hee Jin Nim's Ascension (1969)
Day of Returning to the Home Country (1993)
3 Kook Jin Nim's Birthday (6/14/70)
4 Sun Jin Nim's Birthday (6/15/76)
Hye Jin Nim's Ascension (1964)
7 Unification Theological Institute (1971)
16 Il Sung Il: Total Victory Day (1985)
17 Declaration Day Jeon-ban & Jeon-neung (1999)
20 Declaration of the Providential Age of Salvation by Love (1989)
25 30,000 Couples' Blessing (1992)
360,000 Couples' Blessing (1995)
Chil Pal Jeol: Declaration of the Realm of the Cosmic Sabbath for Parents of Heaven and Earth (7/7/97)
28 Federation for World Peace (1991)
30 Shin Goon Nim's Birthday (7/12/83)
Shin Kwon Nim's Birthday (7/12/89)
31 Pal Jong Shik: Day of the Settlement of 8 Stages (1989)

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Love Organ

sands of people were killed.

Young people, we must have a clear idea where our lineage is connected. Then we will think again about what we will do? Even an old person can have such a desire. Our flesh is the base of Satan, so it is our enemy. We should absolutely center on our conscience and through it, on our mind. If we don't, we will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Even if you are a missionary for many years, what you receive from True Father you cannot pay for, even with the sale of your home.

When the engrafting process with True Parents occurs, you start a new olive (or apple?) tree. In the secular world people cannot forget their first love, but when you have this engrafting from True Parents, you should have the same feeling. On Fifth Avenue (in Manhattan) you will see many well-dressed ladies on the street. But do they think about their false lineage? They may have an expensive suit, but this has nothing to do with changing lineage. Neither does makeup make a difference.

What about young Americans who go to nightclubs and dance and have one-night stands? They mix their blood. Your lineage is so filthy; there is no way to clean it. When a young man appears in front of us and holds our hand and tries to make a love relationship, we know we should not make a relationship, but we are sometimes stupid.

How can you be engrafted? You cut off the branch and put a new bud there. The messiah is the first person who has successfully engrafted, sometimes cutting off hands! After four-thousand years he has finally been successful.

In order to get rid of false lineage, even if you go into a coma like a vegetable, you cannot clean your lineage. Think how difficult it must have been to have one man, the messiah, come to clean out everything. Don't you think God would like to have cut off and made a new lineage? People repent every day, but it is impossible to have an engrafting process on their own. You were engrafted at the main bud. Clan, tribal and national messiah. This is the National Messiah branch (pointing). Cut it off. We need these levels, but we need the worldwide level to complete the engrafting process.

Suppose we did engraft at the end of the branch of an individual. Then can you walk proudly saying you have completed the engrafting process, even though your root is satanic? If the root system dies, a new tree can grow.

Without having anything to do with the messiah tree, people suddenly see the new tree and climb it and try to pick the fruit and eat it. If you are truly engrafted to the new tree, then if you remain at the tip of the smallest branch, the center of the branch, you are still connected to the root directly.

Do we have the confidence to say we have completed all the responsibilities so we can call ourselves central blessed couples? Can we say we have come through all the stages of the engrafting process successfully and can thus can call ourselves a central blessed couple? (No) If your arm or leg must be cut off, even if we must simply endure amputation, we must endure and be successful in the end. Even though True Father has taught us this truth, some people have the attitude, "Father's talk is just talk, I must live my own life."

At the end of our prayer we don't pray but report how "my" central fruit is growing. We are a central blessed family. Without learning from us, others cannot change. They must learn from us, our tribe and family. We must have the determination to have one nation connected to them. We must have a knife to cut off the bad lineage, even without grandparents.

You sisters, I have seen you for 15 years. Where do you hold on? Your sexual organ is like the head of a poisonous snake. If you use it wrongly, it may destroy your family or even your nation. Because of the misuse of the sexual organ by Adam & Eve, they were cut off. The Kingdom of God may fall apart. Our five senses must not be misused. We have to examine ourselves always whether our five senses are properly used.

Where would True Father's mind go, to the place where many people wear makeup? Or where people yearn for True Father? Korea has suffered for seven thousand years. They have been invaded many times. Korean tradition has been there. This pure Korean race has waited for thousands of years.

True Father warned second generation in Korea, not to attend other universities. True Father told them, rather, to go to our Sun Myung Moon University. Even True Children were told not to go to graduate school (at other institutions?). One senior blessed couple disobeyed True Father and put his children through other schools. They all failed.

Even in the IMF crisis time, True Father built Sun Myung Moon university. Other schools reduced their scale, but Sun Myung Moon University expanded. The main campus building is currently being built. It is huge. The dorm and lab have already been built. Prestigious schools like Yonsei and others, we will see in the future (what will happen to them). We have built our schools for the sake of your children.

As parents for three generations we have to have a filtering system for three generations so we can clean up (our lineage). It is Hood Dok Hae. It is the best filter you can find. By doing Hood Dok Hae in your family, has your family failed or prospered? When your family follows the Hood Dok Hae tradition and wants Hood Dok Hae more than meals, then it can go to the Kingdom of Heaven. In Korea we have started doing public Hood Dok Hae.

People do not know how this truth was found. Has anyone imagined having a coronation of the kingdom of God? If the coronation Ceremony is true, then politics and everything else do not matter. Humankind did not know the truth. Suppose God says by radio, "I will take seven presidents to the Spirit World" and it happens; will people follow True Parents? This kind of time is coming.

True Father has done everything. He has forgiven evil spirits in Spirit World and matched them with good spirits.

What does sung hwa mean? Glorious ascension. The secular world doesn't understand this. Unification Church members are considered crazy. Secular people think we will end up in hell. But we think the secular people will end up in hell if we don't do anything about it. We are those who are marching to the Kingdom of Heaven, but people pull us down to hell.

Even when True Father looks at his grand children playing, they look like True Father. The grandchildren have no fear. They climb up and jump. Without that spirit of adventure and courage, do you think True Father would have been able to find truth? In the future what do you think will happen among all those who truly understand the truth of God and the value of the lineage; wouldn't they want to have a small branch of True Family lineage in their family? The time is coming. It won't matter if you are British, Italian or German. Those families will all want to have something to do with True Father's lineage.

Remember the blood lineage. What makes your five senses work? Your lineage. The meaning of the human fall is the contamination of the blood lineage through sexual intercourse. Because of that, God has been incarcerated for thousands of years. The first love should be connected to God. How great and precious the Unification Church teaching is! We go beyond the concept of messiah. True Father sends blessed couples out all over the world to be national, tribal and family messiahs. How precious we are as blessed couples!

True Father is tired of Physical World, but in Spirit World everyone will welcome him. What world does True Father prefer? He can control all of the Spirit World. He holds the one key. If True Parents comes to live in your home, you may serve him well the first few days, but then you will grow tired of him. True Father has enough foundation to live comfortably. But you don't have that foundation. Can you maintain that level of comfort?

When we go to Spirit World, we want to see the reality of a great banquet with great performers and dignitaries. That kind of banquet will happen every day in the Spirit World!

Do you understand? We possess the most fearful organ, the love organ. Unless we become one mind and body, we cannot enter the kingdom of God. Even after forty days of fasting, you forget meal time. But to unite mind and body, you still cannot enter. We are still struggling between mind and body.

Your mind, on Sunday morning, says "I want to go to Belvedere." But your body says, "True Father won't come." Later on, if you have given into your bodily desire and you find True Father came and spoke, you will regret it. Those who have the confidence that your lineage is not contaminated at all, show your hands. No one? What shall we do? What choice do we have?

If you go to a restaurant with ten of your friends, maybe the best restaurant, you should try your best to find the most humble seat out of ten. That is a 180-degree different position (from the usual attitude). If you eat all together, will your fork go to the most favorite food? Just do the opposite. Take the dish no one cares about. If you eat the worst dish, you still have a chance to eat the most delicious dish. Out of 100 people while everyone else is eating the most delicious food, you become the last to eat it and you eat the most humble food. If they see you doing that, then you will be served as the leader and will have the opportunity to eat delicious

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ican Catholic Congregation.

These courageous men of God are both known for their willingness to stand up for truth even in the face of great adversity. They were joined on this historic occasion by such pioneers as Pastor and Mrs. T.L. Barrett of Life Center Church of God in Christ in Chicago, who were reunited after 10 full years of separation, estrangement and divorce. Their "marriage miracle" occurred during the 50-state "We Will Stand!" tour, and became a model for the healings and miracles that were to touch many families during that tour.

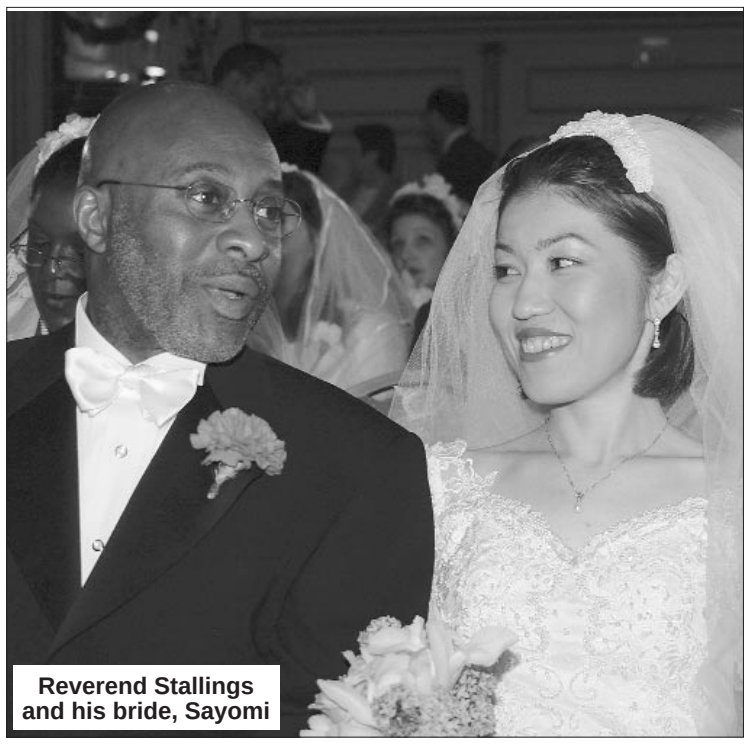
Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Edwards of the Pentecostals of Philadelphia, who faced severe criticism for joining hands with all faiths in the "We Will Stand! Tour, also rededicated their vows. Minister and Mrs. Benjamin Muhammad, Director of the Million Man March and the Million Family March, Bishop and Mrs. Dan Johnson, passionate leaders of Heart of Fire Ministries, and key leaders of the American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC) joined in consecrating their marriages in the ceremony entitled, "We Will Stand in Oneness!" Other distinguished participants included Archbishop Timothy Baymon, President of the World's Bishops Council, and former president of Guatemala, Ramiro De Leon Carpio.

The press conference after the Blessing

Origins of this Interreligious Blessing

As the We Will Stand tour, which began in Bronx, NY on February 25th, proceeded to 52 cities across America, Father Moon's unswerving message of family and fidelity as essential to the building of God's Kingdom and the restoration of America became crystal clear. He challenged America's faith leaders to take up the mission of restoring the sanctity of sexuality and rebuilding their families and churches by example. Even as Rev. Moon confronted audiences nationwide with frank discussions of God's presence and work in conjugal love, childbirth and parenting, he firmly but lovingly prodded the faith leaders to set the standard.

Father challenged Archbishop Stallings, whose church allows married priests but who had yet to embrace that path himself, encouraging him to complete himself by finding a wife. Pastor Barrett's testimony of meeting Father well past midnight after the Miami tour event is now famous. Father encouraged him to marry and be an exemplary leader of the family movement. He then learned of Rev. Barrett's desire to be reunited with his wife of 24 years, and after deep reflection and prayer predicted a rapid reconciliation which even Pastor Barrett had a hard time to believe, until it happened 10 days later! And in each city Father Moon challenged the pastors to be models of fidelity, faith and family.


Reverend Stallings and his bride, Sayomi

As the Barretts' wonderful testimony spread throughout the tour, and Archbishop Stallings felt called to complete God's love, life and lineage through marriage and family, the spirit of healing and renewal arose, touching one after the other. Additional couples in Pastor Barrett's church followed his example by reconciling. Tour participants began to seek healing for their marriages through prayer. Through such interfaith unity for fidelity, faith and family, we felt the spiritual power being released that could even overcome divorce and adultery.

Rev. Stallings was led to his future bride, who moved him deeply when they were introduced just before the tour. Throughout the busy tour others tried to encourage him in one way or the other, or to prevent the budding interest from being a distraction. Meanwhile, the Archbishop offered the relationship to God, confident that if Father Moon was truly anointed by the Lord to bless marriages, that he, too, would see the hand of God in this relationship. Sure enough, despite many potential brides and possibilities, both Father and Mother zeroed in on the very woman that Rev. Stallings felt God had led him to. Through Father's serious questioning, and Mother's loving preparation, the new couple felt lifted up and embraced by True Parents' love.

As plans proceeded for Archbishop Stallings' wedding, the word spread and others emerged who sought the guidance and support of Father and Mother Moon to bless their marriage. Plans were changed to include 3 couples, then 12...no...let's have 21! How about 36? Ok, 40! But the number of couples seeking to participate in this truly international, interracial, and interreligious ceremony continued to mushroom as the wedding day approached.

A Providential Participant

As the plans for the ceremony developed, there were some who inevitably thought of Archbishop Emmanuel Milingo, who had offered prayers and blessings at previous ceremonies, but who as a Roman Catholic had stayed well clear of any idea that he himself would marry. Some who knew him reached out to Rome, but His Grace was nowhere to be found. Suddenly, we found that he was already in New York! And his disposition toward the Blessing was dramatically different. We felt the hand of God moving deeply and silently in this situation.

Archbishop Milingo is a devout Roman Catholic, celibate all his life, who prays the rosary for the Holy Father daily, and has a profound awareness of the spiritual world. Each day, when he says mass, at the sacramental moment when Christ enters the Eucharist, the 71 year-old prelate experiences the Lord's presence and communes with him. Despite the fact that his gift of healing was rejected by church authorities, while he was scandalized, exiled from his diocese, and finally prohibited from virtually any expression of his charism, he remained faithful to the church and ecclesiastic authority. His Grace notes that his mission from God, to heal the sick, cast out devils and preach the Kingdom of God, is nothing different than Jesus commissioned his apostles to do in Luke 9: 1-2. He correctly points out that the Bishop's commission is indeed inherited from the apostles. But he has been castigated, humiliated, and "made a stranger and a fool in the church that I love."

But the Archbishop's loyalty is to

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Jesus and the Blessed Virgin first and foremost. After careful review of the Principle, and reflection upon God's purpose, His Grace came to see the holiness of sex, and the sanctity of marriage. Where he had once seen sexuality and spirituality in conflict, and thus embraced celibacy as the loftiest spiritual path, he now felt a higher calling to embrace God and reflect His nature through fidelity. In a press conference after the ceremony, the Archbishop explained how God's nature is completed in the union of man and woman, and how the two become, "flesh of my flesh, and bone of my bone." He compared the presence of God in the union of husband and wife to the mystical presence of God the Father in the trinity, in the union of Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

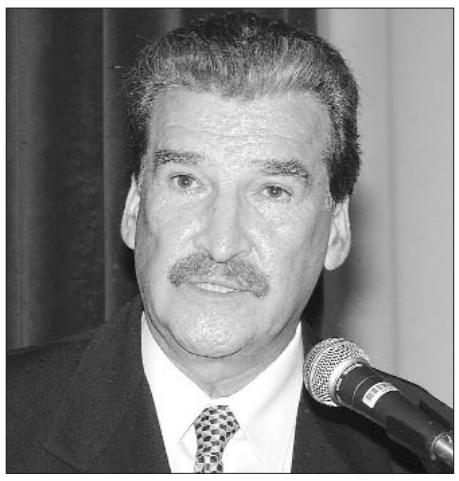
Despite Archbishop Milingo's humility, grace, and purity of heart in expressing his choice to marry, this unheard of act by a bishop of the church previously sworn to celibacy has turned the religious world, and the Catholic world in particular, upside down and inside out. Emails have poured in to his newly established website at www.archbishopmilingo.org . Many have praised his courageous stand, claiming that the church must change in response to the times. Faithful Catholics ask how could he have forsaken his vow, why did he not seek a dispensation to leave the priesthood and then marry, and how could he have gotten mixed up with Reverend Moon?

But most seem to miss the deep message that Archbishop Milingo is conveying through his public act of marriage, or his own sense of stepping up to a higher calling, rather than forsaking a vow for personal fulfillment. The Italian media quotes church authorities that claim he is brainwashed, kidnapped, or somehow controlled. The Archbishop calls such claims "rubbish... to discredit me and to avoid the issues I am raising." Meanwhile members of the three orders founded by the Archbishop write of the struggle to find their way amidst confusion, derision and shame. Some send letters placing a curse on those who led the Archbishop astray. Others even prayed before that either the Archbishop or Rev. Moon would die before the wedding.

Standing in Oneness

Tremendous support has come from various quarters. Archbishop Stallings, whose marriage caused a media frenzy in Washington, DC, has joined Pastor Barrett and others in support of Archbishop Milingo and his new bride. At a gathering of clergy and press conference in Chicago, Monsignor Milingo professed his undying Catholic faith, pointed out the significance of the unity of African and African-American religious leaders, and challenged the clergy here to fulfill America's destiny as the second Israel. "We must vindicate the blood of Jesus!" he cried. Invitations from churches all over America are pouring in, seeking the deep teaching and powerful healing ministry of the African cleric.

It is reported that more than 100,000 Catholic clergy have left their clerical roles in the last 25 years, mostly over the celibacy issue. Thousands more are secretly married, even as sexual scandals, lawsuits and rumors have plagued the clergy who remain. Archbishop Milingo has said he seeks to bring honesty and healing to the sins within the church, and restore the dignity and calling of those who have been shunned due to marriage. More and more of these "ex-priests," as they are called, have reached out to connect with the Archbishop. Others write encouraging His Grace to ordain married priests. He has so far rebuffed such calls. He has reached out privately to the Vatican and the Holy Father, seeking to find the way to pursue God's calling and fulfill his gift as a Roman Catholic.

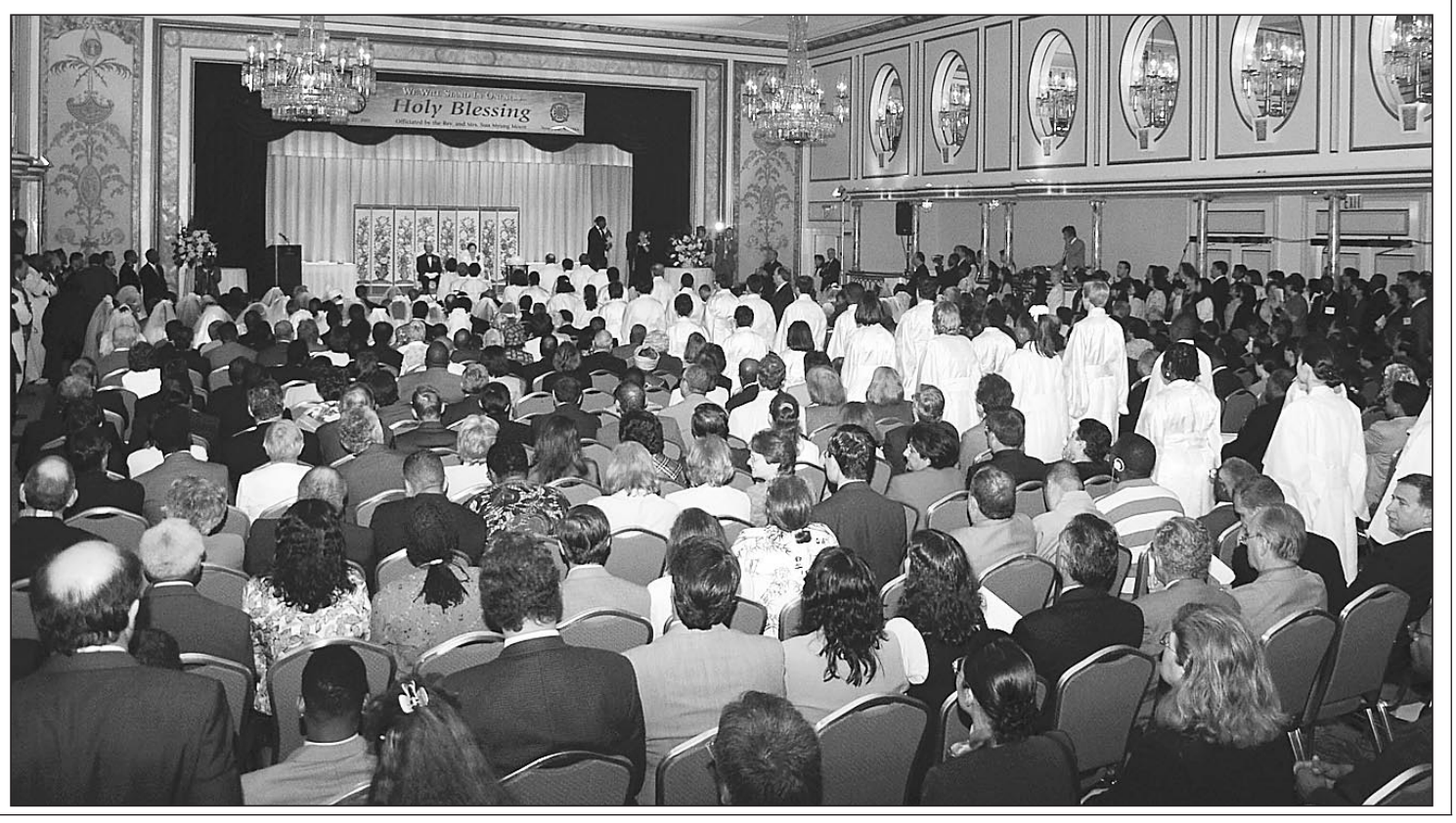


Speakers at the Blessing, ex-president of Guatemala, Ramiro De Leon Carpio, and Rev. C. H. Kwak

Media Frenzy

More than 40 media outlets covered the wedding ceremony, and the powerful press conference that followed. The Italian press went wild, as did many in Europe, where Archbishop Milingo has a large and faithful following. The American press was similarly vocal: "Maverick Archbishop Weds in Manhattan," "Wedding Highlights Celibacy Issue," noted the headlines. With a cover photo of the "kissing cleric," the New York Post compared the Archbishop's action to others who faced censure for challenging the church to change, such as Martin Luther and Galileo Galilei. Front page articles ran in Brazil, Argentina, Columbia, and across Latin America. African papers followed the story closely. Even the Korean media was buzzing. Meanwhile, the Archbishop's statement has been translated into many languages. He has been interviewed by CBS's 60 Minutes, Fox network, NBC, ABC, and many international media as well.

As the "Harvest for the Pentecost" revivals continue across America, the ACLC has been energized by the commitment and blessing of so many distinguished religious leaders. When Rev. Moon predicted a Pentecost would sweep the nation 50 days after the tour, no one envisioned such a cosmic and heavenly wedding after 40 days, nor the explosion it would create. Just as the Pentecost 2,000 years ago heralded a new age centered upon Jesus and the Holy Spirit as spiritual True Parents, this new Pentecost ends the era of churches, denominations, and religion, and ushers in the era of the Kingdom of God built upon families, and centered upon the substantial embodiment of the True Parent ideal. And just as 2000 years ago, 120 representing all nations are the starting point. Now we must preach the kingdom of God to the ends of the earth! ❖



Statement of His Grace

by Archbishop Emmanuel Milingo

This was distributed to the press on Saturday, May 26, 2001 in New York City.

As a Catholic baptized in infancy, I have devoted my life to the church. From my ordination in 1958, I have lived a celibate life, and tried to serve God with my whole heart, preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and minister to His people. In the process, I have faithfully served the Catholic Church as Curate, Parish Priest, Archbishop of Lusaka, and Special Delegate for Migrants and Itinerants, among others. I have never sought any worldly station or rank, and have desired only to serve the Lord, His church and His people. The Holy Spirit has been my comfort and counsel, and the Lord Jesus and the Blessed Mother have shed light on my path. I am especially grateful to the Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, whose encouragement, acceptance and support have never wavered.

Now, at 71 years of age, after a lifetime of devotion to the Church and to my priestly vows, the Lord has called me to take a step that will change my life forever, which will enable me to be a vehicle of His grace and blessing to Africa and the world, but one which I expect will alter my relationship with the Roman Catholic Church as well. I take this step only in obedience to the Lord Jesus Christ, and only after many days of prayer and fasting. I suffer not for the opinions of men, and seek only to do God's will. It is important, however, that the many people in Africa, Europe and elsewhere who have trusted my guidance or been blessed by God through the instrument of my service be fully informed of my reasons and motives for this action, lest anyone seek to malign or twist my purposes for their own ends.

On Sunday, May 27, 2001, I will be blessed in marriage with Maria Sung, a Doctor of Acupuncture and a loving and faithful servant of the Lord. As a celibate priest, matrimony was the furthest thing from my mind. It is only through the command of Jesus, and the counsel and support of Reverend and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon that I take this unexpected and bold step, one that I have wrestled with in my heart for some time. At the request of my future bride and I, Reverend and Mrs. Moon will officiate the Blessing Ceremony, administer our vows and consecrate our union, together with clergy from various denominations. My reasons for heeding the Lord's command to be blessed in marriage are as follows:

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Purpose of Marriage and Family

As Genesis 1:27 says, "So God made man in His own image. In the image of God he created him, male and female ..." Our Lord affirmed this scripture when he said: "Have you not read that the one God made them male and female, and for this reason the two are to become one flesh... and what God has joined together, let no man put asunder" (Matthew 19: 4-7). He tells us that marriage itself is the fulfillment of God's purpose of creation- that since God's image is male and female, it is only as a couple that we can fully reflect His nature. After creating Adam, God said, "It is not fitting for man to be alone" (Genesis 2:18). His first direction to them was, "Be fruitful, and multiply. Fill the earth and subdue it" (Genesis 1:28)

Still, the priestly vow of celibacy has a profound meaning in the providence of God. Our first ancestors disobeyed God, partaking of the forbidden fruit. Ashamed of their nakedness, they covered their lower parts, and hid from God. They were cast from the Garden, and their marriage and family life had nothing to do with God. Humanity has inherited the sinful lineage of these fallen parents. Jesus said, "You are of your father, the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires" (John 8:44). Because of the false love between men and women from the very beginning, the path of total devotion to God's service has required us to sacrifice such human desire. St. Paul explained the struggle between serving God and being married, praising those who would "refrain from marriage" (1 Corinthians 7:28-40). Jesus acknowledged those who had "...made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the Kingdom of Heaven" (Matthew 19:12). Thus my vow of celibacy has been one that I offered with my whole heart.

With the blood of our false father, Satan, running in our veins, we cannot enter the Kingdom of God lest we be born anew, receiving the body and blood of Jesus, and inheriting God's love, life and lineage through His only begotten Son. Thus I have and will continue to celebrate mass every day of my life, for Holy Communion represents the truest and most intimate union with our Heavenly Father.

Yet God has shown me that the oneness of a Godly man and woman is a true reflection of the Holy Trinity. Just as God the Father is one with and manifested in the mystical union of Jesus and the Holy Spirit, so our Heavenly Father can be fully present in the union of a man and woman in the communion of marriage. St. Paul held up the relationship between Jesus and the Mother Church as the model for marriage (Ephesians 5:22-32). The early church, like Paul, looked upon marriage as an unfortunate necessity. Gradually, the vocation of marriage and its original, holy purpose has been resurrected. At the close of Christianity's second millennium, many in the church have realized that the sacrifice of celibate life has fulfilled its purpose. We enter the era when every man and woman is called to fulfill his or her original purpose to reflect God's image.

Sadly, many are unable to reconcile this original longing with their celibate vow, so their commitment has become a hollow shell, an unreachable standard. All manner of defilements, including unnatural lust, illegitimate children, and other secret horrors have burdened the lives of those seeking to serve Him. The increase of homosexuality and pregnancy among priests and nuns has become common knowledge. In this way, Satan's blood has continued to flow into and through God's Church. This satanic blood must be cleansed, and God's true love, life and lineage be restored. To paraphrase Paul, it is time to grow up, to put away childish things, and to face the truth not dimly, through a glass, but face to face.

I have spent my life confronting the devil. Now, by answering God's call to resemble Him fully and restore his original ideal of marriage, I pray to open the way for many others to separate them-

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food.

When you sleep, take the most uncomfortable corner, rather than the most comfortable. In other words, give yourself for the sake of others. If you live such a life every day, that becomes your life. Your head naturally goes that way and forces you to go that way, exactly the opposite of bodily desire.

When we plant a seed, we make sure it is covered. No matter how beautiful and clean a seed may be, it should be covered with filthy fertilizer. Between the love organ and (the other dirty things), which is more precious? The love organ. Why are they near each other? When you do No. 2, your most precious organ must endure the smell. The true seed always needs dirty fertilizer. If you are to become famous, you should go to the bottom. We know that among Unification Church members.

The person who goes through the most humble, difficult life style is True Father. Instead of having a comfortable life for my own sake, if I put myself through the most difficult path, I can inspire millions of young people, American and Korean. Which is poorer? America or Korea? (Korea) But America is poorer spiritually. It is affluent but spiritually so poor. True Father brought many brothers and sisters from overseas to try to help this nation.

Think how many billions of dollars True Father spent to run the Washington Times,? Millions of dollars. True Father spent this kind of money for enemies. For 40 years, True Father has brought so many dignitaries (to conferences), paying for their travel. They did not pay. Now is the time they have to pay Father back. True Father will tell them, "Instead of paying me back, take care of my missionaries."

If we truly understand what the Blessing means, don't you think those dignitaries will want to receive the Unification Church members as their sons and daughters-in-law? We are not afraid of death, so what else is out there that can make us fearful? True Father watched a National Geographic video in which an alligator on the Nile River swallowed a cow. True Father felt that the cow should feel good because he is not being chopped up but swallowed whole. How would you feel about that? Suppose you are swallowed by an alligator, will you end up in hell? Or will you have a chance to go to the Kingdom of God? Suppose you were sent out as a pioneer and this happened, where would you end up? In hell? No.

Wherever True Father goes, there is nothing to fear. Just follow in True Father's footsteps for three years, then you will have nothing to fear. We should have such guts. Even if Father does not give you orders, you should be able to go forward and do what you are supposed to do. If True Father kicks this way, will it throw his shoe over there? Shall I try it? (Yes.)

Ladies, all of your ancestors are still living in your blood. They are waiting there, lining up there. We always have to be reminded that all of our ancestors, many hundreds of generations, are in our blood, our lineage. They are waiting that our sexual organ may create the best possible descendants. Even if you feel a man is the most prestigious man in your state, you must feel, "I will produce better children than his."

That should be your determination. As a man, in your right front pants pocket is a small inside watch pocket. Keep pliers there, and when you go to the bathroom, once a day, pinch your love organ. Cut the skin a little bit as a warning. If your love organ does not listen to your conscience, then you should cut off the tip. Even if it takes that extreme measure, we have to make sure our mind and body become one.

We were told to love our enemy. What is our enemy? Our lineage and love organ. Love your enemy. Not from the satanic angle but heavenly direction, we should be able to go to that extreme. Those who are willing to lose their life will gain it. We must use it properly and then we will gain life. Unless we can constantly control our love organ, there is no hope to cleanse our lineage. Particularly you young men and ladies. There is a lot of temptation in the world. Temptation always stems from sexual desire.

The meaning of the human fall is contamination of the lineage. The misuse of the sexual organ created a false lineage. We should have confidence that "I have nothing to do with fallen Adam and Eve." How many times has True Father been tempted by many women. Do you women like father? Love or like? True love? That is one man and one woman relationship. If there were no True Mother, then all of you could be in the position of candidate for his bride. American women are so aggressive and may try to kiss Father! In Japan and America intelligence organizations tried to trick Father by sending beautiful women to seduce True Father. They reported that they had failed to seduce him. Have any of you heard True Father say, "Come on, let me kiss you." Nothing like that. There have been many occasions when True Father was in bed and beautiful women came to his bed and begged: "It takes only five minutes. If you don't do it, I will die." What would you do? True Father concentrated and nothing happened.

Without going through that kind of enlightenment stage, you cannot become a true man or a true woman. TM never worries about True Father, no matter who he may live with. You are all more famous than I am! If that is true, then True Father's life has been successful. ❖

Archbishop Emmanuel Milingo

selves from Satan, purify their spirits and bodies, and help to cleanse and renew the church.

My Calling and Mission

On April 3, 1973, I discovered, almost by chance that I was blessed with the gift of healing. Since then, God has continued to use my gift to bless many. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for He has anointed me to preach the gospel, heal the sick, and beyond my own expectation, to exorcise demons. As I obeyed God as His instrument, countless miracles took place. Thousands upon thousands were blessed through this ministry. Medical Doctors and Native Healers, alike, witnessed the power of God, and many came to the Lord's church through the preaching of the gospel and the charisma of healing. Powerful spiritual experiences took place amongst the congregation of the faithful. The Daughters of the Redeemer, The Brothers of St. John the Baptist, The Children of the Good Shepherd Jesus, and numerous ministries and missions blossomed through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. I came to know the powerful presence and work of the spirit world.

Archbishop Milingo and his bride, Maria Sung

Many in the church hierarchy could not understand these powerful manifestations of the spirit, and sought to control or limit them, by restricting my ministry. In spite of my devotion to God's word, my daily offering of mass, and my commitment to the Holy Church, I was accused, feared, and slandered. In addition, I saw that the European cultural dominance of the Church had both limited the Christian message and prevented Africans from truly discovering their original value and spiritual identity. While loving the church and its tradition, I was determined to help overcome the African's imposed sense of cultural inferiority, and to bring new vitality to Christianity by nurturing it in the rich soil of Africa's spiritual heritage. This effort, too, placed me at odds with some church authorities.

My effort to fulfill the mission God has given me has been increasingly frustrated, blocked, and even sabotaged, by some in ecclesiastical authority. I was accused of all manner of earthly and spiritual evils, called to Rome, sued, questioned, examined, and isolated. Ugly rumors were spread about me. Though the concerns were answered one by one, it became clear that I would not be allowed to return to the Archdiocese of Lusaka, to serve the African people whom I love. Obediently, I have remained in Rome nearly twenty years. Although I have been prevented from saying mass in any church within the city limits, I could not abandon the call to preach the gospel, heal the sick, and cast out evil spirits. Painfully, I have become a challenge for the church that I love, and the church that I love has become a fetter that restricts me from my God-given mission. I have wrestled in prayer, asking myself which shall prevail: my vow of obedience to ecclesiastic authority, or my pledge of obedience to God?

My Love for the Holy Church

Through all the accusations, restrictions, slander and exile, my deep love for the Holy Mother Church has not wavered. Though I have been separated from the people God has called me to serve, and restricted from offering the gifts which the Spirit has continued to manifest through me until now, I continue to observe the faith into which I was baptized. As some in positions of power have been used by the devil to attack me, I have only sought to defend and protect God's church. As I have struggled between the call of God and my obedience to the church, I know that many greater than I have faced the same dilemma, from saints to reformers. Like them, I have no desire to leave the church that I love, and yet I can only follow the Lord's leading.

I pray that my embrace of God's ideal of marriage and family, my determination to follow the Lord's leading and the call of my conscience, and my commitment to the salvation of Africa and the world will touch the hearts of the faithful, and serve as a wake-up call to the church as it enters a new millennium.

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My Relationship to Reverend and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon

There will no doubt be those who claim that I have been unduly influenced by others to follow this path. For this reason I have carefully explained the past that makes this course inevitable. Some will believe that I have been converted or controlled, but I assure you, my decisions are my own. I am obedient first and foremost to the command of the Lord Jesus Christ. In lifting up the universal ideal of the family for all humanity, Reverend and Mrs. Moon have never asked me to deny or abandon my Catholic faith. I have asked Father and Mother Moon to arrange and consecrate my marriage because of my respect for the special anointing that God has given them for the building of God-centered marriages and families. I have truly seen that the Kingdom of God can only be established on Earth through true love, and that love can only be established through God-centered families. They are doing the Lord's work.

I can say from the bottom of my heart that Reverend Sun Myung Moon is a man of God. His ministry began in his youth with a calling from Jesus Christ. I have seen his effort and investment to unite people of all faiths and to break down racial barriers. I have prayed to Jesus for long hours about Rev. and Mrs. Moon, and the Lord has guided me to understand and appreciate their special ministry to build loving, God-centered families amongst people of all faiths, in the capacity of True Parents. I have observed that Rev. Moon knows the spirit world, as I have experienced it, in a profound way.

I urge all of the faithful to be most concerned with meeting the living God and doing His will, and pray that my beloved church will take further steps in restructuring its "modus administrandi." To those who would condemn Father and Mother Moon's universal message and ministry without personal investigation, remember that virtually every prophet and saint was misunderstood and rejected. I can only recall the words of Stephen in Acts 7: 51-52: "You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit! Just as your fathers did, so do you. Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who came to announce the coming of the righteous one, whom you have now betrayed and murdered."

The Future

Though my heart is heavy for those who love me, but may not yet understand the path I am taking, I am filled with joy and for the opportunity to offer all of my heart and soul and freely use all of the gifts God has given me in His service once again. My partner Maria and I will return to Africa, a continent suffering the scourge of HIV and AIDS, a continent mired in political, economic and social confusion, yet a land with a rich heritage of traditional values of family, community, respect for elders and spirituality. It is our mission to renew that heritage, to bring the healing love of Christ, and use the building block of Godly families to rebuild the society. God has called us to bring a movement of healing and renewal, and for the continent of my birth I will invest the rest of my earthly life. I owe my life and my love to the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Blessed Virgin Mary. I offer my eternal gratitude and respect to the Holy Father, Pope John Paul II. I am and always will be devoted to the church that I love.

The same living God who has led me to a life of service to His church and His people, has now led me work with the honorable Reverend and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon. I am not joining Rev. Moon's church, for his work is not for any one church, nor any one nation, nor any one race. It is to break down the barriers between all races, nations and creeds, and realize the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth. I prayed to Jesus, and the Lord Himself has shown me that His kingdom must be realized through human hearts and hands, and must be based upon true love and true families. He has anointed this ministry and confirmed the rightness of my path. I thank God for the vision and example of Reverend and Mrs. Moon, and pledge to work with men and women of all faiths to realize God's ideal world of peace, happiness and love, which is the ultimate mission of all religions. May God bless all who hunger and thirst for righteousness. ❖

Mobile Alabama holds Revival

Our first True Family Values Revival was held Thursday and Friday, May 24-25 at Second Chance Full Gospel Church in Mobile. We concluded Saturday morning with a powerful prayer breakfast at Family Church of South Alabama. Second Chance is pastored by Rev. Eddie Handy and Evangelist Loretta Handy (nationally known gospel recording artist), who received the Blessing this past February. The revival speaker was Bishop Frank Kirkwood, pastor of New Covenant Outreach Ministries in Birmingham, and the recipient of the National Service Award from Alabama.

Both nights there were about 100 in attendance, including 20 pastors from various churches in Alabama and the Nation of Islam. With very little time to prepare, we met with our ACLC and ALC alumni ministers the week before and decided to step out on faith and do the revival. Everyone was totally inspired by Rev. Moon's vision of the coming Pentecost and Sister Handy volunteered her church for the 1st revival. Rev. Lim, the national messiah from Sri Lanka who is here with us during these revivals, participated in the planning meeting and in the revival. He is a great inspiration to everyone.

From the moment we began on Thursday night, the Holy Spirit came down. Sister Handy shouted, "It's revival time!" and this became our theme. We had a great revival band consisting of members from our church and Second Chance. The spirit was so high that the music continued all throughout the sermon to the end of the night. We began at 7:00 PM and concluded at about midnight! Even then, no one wanted to go home.

Dr. Harold Toliver, one of the original 120 ministers of ACLC, introduced the purpose of the revival, recognizing Rev. Moon for his 50-state tour and his extraordinary vision to unite and save America. He emphasized that we wanted to save marriages and families, restore our communities and renew our nation. True Parents were lifted up throughout the two nights. Dr. Toliver was voted out of his church in April because of his involvement with Rev. Moon, but he thanks God for freeing him from the Baptist Church. Now, he's getting filled with the Holy Ghost and his preaching is getting more powerful every day! Praise God!

Before the preaching, we had testimonies from Evangelist Virginia Trotter and Rev. Lim, who testified to the lifestyle of Rev. Moon. Bishop Kirkwood was on fire, preaching on the topic of saving our marriages and families. The pulpit was full of preachers and the musicians were behind him lifting up the spirit of God. At the conclusion, Bishop Kirkwood called many up to receive the healing of the Holy Spirit, including many of our sisters, who had never had this experience. They were passing out, slain in the spirit, hugging each other and crying tears of repentance and joy. Couples came up together to receive prayer and healing over their marriages. It was beautiful to see couples lying on the floor together, overwhelmed by the Holy Spirit.

A warm, Alabama welcome for Rev. Moon on his speaking tour

I realized this revival is truly for us as well! It is for the healing and comforting of our brothers and sisters who have worked and sacrificed everything for God's will for so many years, often without acknowledgment, without joy, and while struggling in their families. We can't resist the Holy Spirit; God wants to bless us through these revivals and heal our families so we can go on to victory. Hallelujah!

By the time midnight rolled around, everyone in that church was one. I made everyone to promise to come back the next night, because had a special Blessing for their marriages. We were planning to bless couples on Friday, after a True Family Values talk.

10 ministers went out to eat after the revival and didn't adjourn until after 2:00 AM. It's revival time!

Friday night was glorious and beautiful. The music was even more powerful than before. Dr. Toliver testified again to the revival, saying that he himself had had a breakthrough on the first night. Minister Timothy Mohammed of Nation of Islam gave an inspiring mini-sermon on the unity of God's people and his wife sang a beautiful uplifting song.

Before the main preaching by Bishop Kirkwood, we held the Holy Blessing ceremony. 9 Couples lined up in front of the pulpit, men dressed in tuxes and suits, women wearing beautiful veils. Rev. and Sister Handy stood at the pulpit to administer the Blessing. All three of their sons and their wives received the Blessing, as well as Minister Mohammed and his wife and another minister and his wife from Second Chance. The Handys had been looking forward to blessing their whole church since they received the Blessing in February.

Before the ceremony, I gave a True Family Values sermon on conjugal love, the most holy place and the change of blood lineage, explaining why we need to receive the Blessing. I told them that God and Jesus had called Rev. Moon as True Parents for this anointed ministry.

The couples took the Holy Wine, administered by the Hands, with my wife and I assisting them. As each couple drank, the ministers were praying over them and asking God and Jesus to forgive them and bless their marriage. Then the Hands sprinkled the holy water saying, "In the name of Jesus...". Couples could feel the Holy Spirit as they were sprinkled. many were shouting out during the ceremony. Finally, the Hands read the vows together and each couple said, "I do". When it was over, Sister Handy said, "you may now kiss your wife" and the whole church yelled "Hallelujah!"

Bishop Kirkwood, who is not yet blessed, was so inspired by the Blessing. He whispered, "You have to give this to me!" I told him we would bless he and his wife so they could bless their whole congregation. He said, "Amen". He went on to preach about true men and women of God, purity, fidelity, restoring the community and nation, etc. He was transformed through seeing the Blessing. His topic was, "Is there a Man in the House?", emphasizing the need for us to stand up and be godly men and lead our families.

Once again, the Holy Spirit came down and many received healing, including our Japanese sisters and my wife, who were in tears and in the spirit. I saw our sister's faces change, the stress and worry being lifted off of them. We sang, "Glory, glory, Hallelujah, as I lay my burden down!" I saw that God wants to take the burden off of us so we can be free to give his love and receive it.

It was over just before midnight, and we invited everyone to come to the prayer breakfast the following morning at 7:30 AM. The prayer breakfast was just a continuation of the revival, with about 60 people in attendance. we had great music and a wonderful buffet breakfast prepared by our sisters. we intended to have True Family Values lecture, but the Holy Spirit changed our course, and we had deep, often tearful testimonies from ministers and members until 10:00 am. Ministers were testifying about how they had been saved and called to preach, and everyone confirmed how God was working through Rev. Moon to unite the body of Christ through revival.

In the end, Sister Handy testified tearfully to the unselfish true love she has found in Rev. Moon's people. She couldn't see how anyone could persecute us. She said that she has never seen such love, that never asks for anything in return. One of our brothers has been donating his time to repair her church. She took up an offering for our prayer breakfast.

As a result, each minster is planning to do a revival in their churches. We will have a full schedule for the next couple of months, taking this revival team on the road.

Hallelujah, it's revival time! Thank you God, Jesus and True Parents! ❖

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AN OPEN LETTER TO PARENTS

The Special Task Force (STF) Experience

Dearest Fathers and Mothers,

My name is Jimi Baughman, and I'm writing this to you because I want to tell you just a little about my experience on STF (Special Task Force). For those of you who don't know what STF is, it's basically a one to two year program that was set up by Jin Hun Nim at the request of True Father in 1994. It was designed to create "the conversion experience" for Blessed Children, where we could find our faith in God, True Parents and the Divine Principle as something real and applicable in our daily lives as opposed to something that was just spoon-fed to us by our parents a Sunday School teacher. Basically, after graduating high school, we can get the chance to do some old style MFT (Mobile Fundraising Team—I'm sure many of you parents may have a thousand different memories and stories to tell from having this kind of experience!) fundraising and we are also heavily involved in major mobilization and other church activities (one major thing we were helping out with almost full-time this year was True Father's 50-state "We Will Stand" speaking tour). Right now, we are currently working towards growing the movement's membership through several different witnessing projects. There's quite a lot to say about STF, and even as I write I'm a little overwhelmed by how much I could express if there were words to convey how deep my understanding of God and True Parents have become, but I'll try my best.

If you have ever gone through MFT training, than you will know what I mean when I say that it is truly an awesome, soul-changing experience. I cannot even believe sometimes that I should be so lucky, spending my days so close to God out there on the front-line. Of course, many times when we are living in this way for God, it's not so easy; we have to face the reality of Satan within ourselves and fight hard in order to overcome our fallen nature, not just for one day but sometimes even for weeks, and let me tell you, it gets so challenging! So then maybe you, as the concerned parents of Blessed Children who might be considering joining STF, might be worried that your son or daughter will have to go through a suffering course on STF…maybe you have even gone through a suffering course yourself and don't want your child to go through what you had to in the past. I'll be honest with you; many times, I myself have struggled, and sometimes I have felt that truly, this is too difficult. I'll also tell you that I know that many, if not all, of my brothers and sisters with me on STF have felt this same way at some point or another. But I really feel that if one wants to cultivate a true life of faith, treading this thorny path is absolutely necessary. After all, for example, True Father did not become the person that could totally be one with God's heart by going through life just doing whatever made him feel good…and if he didn't struggle so much and overcome it thus becoming one with God, then where would any of us be today?

But on a more personal level, there are two reasons why I believe this path of trials and tribulations that STF puts us on is so vital to the growth of our lives of faith as Blessed Children: awareness and desire. On STF, we begin to become aware of our fallen nature, of our original minds and how much God can work if we follow it, of so many aspects of the spirit world, of setting good conditions and bad conditions, and there is just so much more that our eyes get opened up to! Most importantly, however, is the awareness we begin to acquire of God's heart, of the pain and the loneliness, of how much He yearns for us as His children, and we also become aware of True Parents' heart towards God. It's amazing to finally appreciate True Father and True Mother, because honestly I didn't really have too much of a deep understanding of how much they went through to bring God happiness. But because of STF, I am aware even to the point that I realize that my life is not just a fruit of my own parents' Blessing but a fruit of True Parents' blood, sweat, and tears for God. This transcends even to my understanding of the Divine Principle: once it was just a black book that I barely even thought about, and now it is so much more than words, but genuinely the truths that guide my life closer to God. It is because of this awareness that all of us on STF, myself included, possess the desire to become true sons and daughters of God and to make Him happy. No other experience other than MFT on STF could ever give this kind of heavenly desire that fuels us to strive to truly understand and come closer to God's heart.

And it is with these two important aspects of a true life of faith, awareness and desire, that I am growing towards my ultimate goal, to be a true daughter of God. As parents, I don't think that any one of you would ever say that you wouldn't want your child to become a true son or daughter of God. Even to posses the heart to want to be a better person for God is a great beginning, and that is what I have acquired on STF: the heart to want to bring God joy. I believe that every Blessed Child can find themselves and their faith if they have the proper guidance, and this STF program is truly one of the only ways that we can have the experience of MFT fundraising and witnessing and the true "hard core" life that many of our parents have gone through. In this way, not only can we come to understand God and True Parents' heart, but we can even be able to understand our own parents' hearts. That's something that I know all parents desire! So please, in all earnestness I ask that you seriously consider encouraging your children to join STF, because from my experience, I can tell you that no other program has what it takes to mold us as Blessed Children into what God desires of us.

Sincerely, Your little sister,

Jimi Baughman

For more information or to apply to STF, please contact Mo Sook Park at the CARP STF Headquarters (212) 382 2402 Extension 211 or mopark@hotmail.com ❖

Australian RYS Highlights Cooperation with the Aborigine People

World Peace through Inter-religious action is the long term goal of the Religious Youth Service (RYS), a project of the IIFWP. The quest for peace is a journey, a process that requires steps which will lead to healing and reconciliation. In Australia, the path to peace and well being must go through the Aborigine people, the continent's original people. The RYS staff and an informal intercultural team of organizers decided at an IIFWP Australian Seminar in December to begin grassroots RYS programs with an Aboriginal community.

On Jan 24th 2001 more than 30 young people traveled from Sydney to Nambucca Heads (north of Sydney on the coast) to join local Aboriginal youth in constructing a Peace Park and restoring a bus shelter while engaging in friendly dialogue and interaction. Among the participants in the five day service project were representatives from Buddhist, Christian, Moslem and Unificationist organizations. All the participants were warmly welcomed by representatives of Aboriginal spirituality along with local clergy and lay leaders from the catholic faith.

Michael Jarrett (Gunbaynggirr tribe) took it upon himself to invite RYS to the area and gain support of the Macksville Shire Counsel (donated the painting supplies), the local lands counsel which supported by offering building materials plus the support of Aboriginal youth and elders. Michael commented; "There has been a lot of talk of reconciliation between indigenous Australians and other Australians but it is time to not just talk about it but to do something."

Participants worked, ate, slept and shared with each other in a way that they found themselves being woven together as a mini-community. The sharing helped break down inhibitions and provided fertile ground for friendships to grow. Most RYS projects have several notable highlights but this project had its definitive moment during the graduation ceremony and cultural program. It was during that time, as participants presented aspects of their cultural tradition through song, dance and drama, a spirit of mutual respect and healing filled the room.

The mood of the atmosphere at the end was well summed up by the comments of participants and community members. Amanda Jarrett, Michael's eldest daughter shared: "I am more confident and have a lot of faith in other cultures after interacting with these wonderful people. I now feel sad because I don't want them to go because I feel blessed and very close to everyone." An Irish Roman Catholic Priest serving in the district explained to staff members: " You will never know what you have done to this community, there is so much darkness here that what you did is like bringing a bright light. I cannot remember an event over the past five years where there was so much joy in the children faces. No one got drunk, no fighting, neighbors who don't talk to one another are now here together..." One Laotian-Australian participant commented that this was a way that he could give back to Australia for having given his family refuge. Our senior RYS staff member, Fazida Razak commented that this program was the most exceptional RYS that she had seen in her ten years of project experience.

The RYS cultural night was designed as a time for the participants to give something from their heart and experience to the Nambucca people but this plan was turned around for the people of Nambucca spontaneously performed one after another from the oldest to the youngest. Joining the celebration were the aborigine children along with children of various races from Sydney. The mingling of the children was so pure and beautiful that it sets me thinking that these will hopefully bring about a new generation of children of natives, immigrants and non-natives who are totally color blind.

A follow up RYS project is in the planning stages. All people interested in participating or donating please contact us! ❖

Micronesia sure could use some help

by Daniele Cohen

This is a message sent to me from a beloved friend and sister, who is the National Messiah, along with her husband Ray, to Micronesia. She has been given time on Cable TV in her country, to show videos. If anyone could please help her out, with the DP videos she is describing below, God bless you! They are working so hard, and making such rapid progress! This is part of her message:

What we are using now is excellent. It is an Introductory Divine Principle diagram videos made by the sister (Eleonore de Watteville) in Sacramento. She has this nice Native American Flute Music in the background and the diagrams kind of dance on and off the video in a very relaxing, and interesting way. The people here really like watching it. However, we have shown the same video that has three sections and is almost one hour many times already. We would appreciate any other one hour videos of Free Teen Lectures, IEF Character Building Programs in Action, or someone giving Mrs. Eu's Divine Principle Lecture that we practiced in Chung Pyung. The video does not have to be of professional quality as long as it is understandable. They show home videos here on cable. English is the official language here but it is also their second language so simple words with diagrams, lectures with the main points emphasized by diagrams, or interactive programs with the audience would be wonderful.

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Also, if you know of a source where someone could donate books, especially children's books, they would really appreciate it here. The library doesn't have too many books. They got a book mobile van donated by Japan and the Japanese Club donated some books but they can use more. I know I just gave away tons of children's books that my children outgrew before coming here and they really could have been used and appreciated here. If you have any extra books, we would really appreciate them. If you send them by book rate or even G Bags (I think that's what they are called) it is not too expensive. We sent some of our DP Study Books by G Bag. It took three or four months but it got here and each heavy box was only about 10 dollars. If anyone sends us some, we will take pictures and show them how much they are appreciated. (We will also put the pictures and a story in the local newspaper.)

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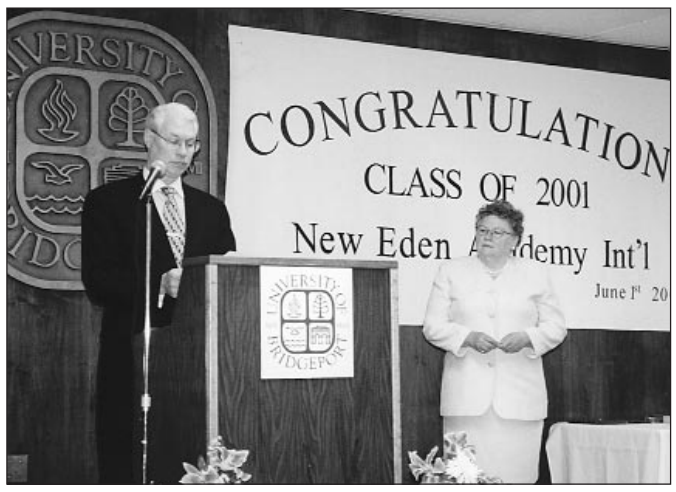
New Eden Academy Graduation

by Joy Garratt

Dr. & Mrs. Spurgin with the grads, above, and addressing the graduating clas, right.



On June 1st nineteen students participated in New Eden Academy's commencement ceremony. (Eighteen graduated last year.) It was a moving and beautiful ceremony attended by 150 guests, family, friends and members of the Bridgeport community. Diplomas and academic awards were presented by Dr. Hugh Spurgin, the principal, and Dr. Kyung Hee Chin, the chairman of the Board.

Chi Yun Breland and Oojin Mudgett were the co-valedictorians. Chi Yun is also the first NEA student to receive the honor of becoming a National Merit finalist. Other students who graduated in this "Class of 2001" were Jennifer Barry, Nari Baughman, Kim Buchanan, Andrew Burch, Robin Fiala, Hye Won Gehring, Romin Johnson, Lym Chang Kim, Tamayo Kumagai, David Lee, Victar Mas, Miko Nakai, Tadanari Nakata, Juhan Oppenheimer, Yemi Pickard, Karilee Rogers, and Hyo Ja Tully.

NEA is proud of the accomplishments of our graduates. Some of those participating in the graduation were juniors who had earned enough credits to graduate. By providing a larger course load, NEA has been able to help some students graduate in three years, saving time and money where possible. Many NEA students plan to spend part of their summer overseas attending a Religious Youth Service (RYS) program; others will attend summer workshops.

Internships

This year New Eden initiated a new program for seniors who had already fulfilled most of their requirements for graduation. Four students attended the autumn semester of school and then worked on an internship program during their final semester in the spring. Each of the four students worked out an individualized program which included 12 to 15 hours a week of voluntary service either for a church or elementary school. They also worked on a part-time job, and where necessary they completed an English class by correspondence. Volunteer work was evaluated and intern students were given a choice to either keep a journal or write an essay on their experiences.

Students, parents and teachers were happy with this new program and NEA will continue to develop it in future years. Teachers felt it helped deal with the common malady, "senioritis," which often hits graduating students in their final semester. In plain English, it means they are tired of school, have most of their required credits, and have lost motivation to do traditional schoolwork.

College Scholarships

Hye Won Gehring received a substantial, four-year scholarship from Ithaca College. Jimi Baughman, a graduate from last year, and Gabriella Kirkley, a former student at NEA, each received a full, four-year scholarship to the University of Bridgeport.

Most of the new graduates have been accepted to colleges or plan to attend a university in the future, but not without a one year stint on Student Task Force (STF). Spending a year on STF has become for many of them a traditional next step.

Accomplishments

During the last few weeks, we have had several significant victories, which offer us a more secure future and some interim opportunities:

On June 4 our school received state approval from the Connecticut State Department of Education. The websites, science displays, and PowerPoint presentations of our students were particularly impressive during a site visit by state officials in May.

The most immediate result of state approval is that we can now apply to the I.N.S. to admit foreign student and issue I-20 forms, enabling us to recruit international students beginning as early as January 2002. We our in the process of setting up an English as a Second Language Program for those students who need it.

Plans are being made for a twenty-day, summer English language program for middle school students from Korea from July 23 until August 10. So far 18 students are signed up to come. This summer program has the potential to be a regular event every winter and summer.

Information about NEA:

Classes for the 2001-2002 school year will begin on Monday, August 27th. For further information, please contact Dr. or Mrs. Spurgin at (203) 260-6801, 334-3434, or 334-8651 for a fax. Our email addresses are:
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NJ Family Church holds 3rd Annual IL SHIM Ceremony

by Rev. Brian Sabourin

On Sunday, April 8th, the New Jersey Family Church conducted its third annual IL SHIM Ceremony. Even though it was raining outside, inside the atmosphere was bright and cheerful as 37 blessed children recited their IL SHIM vows and received their purity rings. This ceremony brought to a conclusion over three months of preparation and study that began with the Winter Retreat at Barrytown last December. In order to participate in this ceremony, each candidate had to:

Attend a 2-day Divine Principle workshop (Winter Retreat). Offer a 1 or 2 meal fasting condition as part of a confession/repentance condition. Attend five 2-hour preparatory classes. Complete 4 homework assignments and keep a journal where answers to homework questions and lecture notes were recorded. Complete three 2-hour service projects: • One for their family • One for the church • One for the community. Participate in a family prayer condition for one week prior to the ceremony. Offer a $40 donation from their own money

The Il Shim Ceremony was initially conceived to serve several purposes, some of which are listed below. These are not necessarily the only purposes, but rather only those that we have identified to date and which seem of most importance.

• Coming of age—to recognize children who are moving from adolescence to teen years (into puberty) as graduating from one level and moving into the next. The significance of this transition is also connected with coming into a new level of personal relationship with God and True Parents; that God wishes to relate to them in more of an adult fashion, and that they are approaching the top of the growth stage in their personal spiritual development and therefore are now expected to begin to take more responsibility for their spiritual life.

• Rite of passage—to signify that children who are participating in this ceremony have accomplished certain conditions of faith (see above) and have committed themselves to certain ideals—such as purity and a commitment to receive the Blessing from True Parents or True Parents' representative.

• Inheritance of tradition—to signify that as blessed children, they have received the grace of being "freed from original sin" as a result of the conditions made by True Parents and their own parents. As such they stand in a "position of grace" and therefore have a responsibility to maintain this position by keeping the tradition of faith in service to their parents, their church and community, to True Parents and to God. This ceremony signifies their personal commitment to continue this tradition.

• New Beginning—to signify that through participation in this ceremony these children graduate into a new level of life in relation to God, True Parents, their family and church community. They now have more responsibility to set a good example for other children and show the proper standard of behavior in relation to personal and public life. Hence, by participating in this ceremony, the children should also pledge that from this day forward they would maintain all the conditions of the IL Shim Ceremony Pledge and take a more active role in their personal spiritual growth by committing to faith-building activities with their parents and offered through the youth ministry of their church.

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IL Shim is a Korean term that means "one heart" or "one heart and mind". This term was chosen for this ceremony because it's implications for intergenerational unity and inheritance. True Parents conducted a similar ceremony called "IL SEUNG IL" or "Day of One Victory" (1985.8.20) centered upon Hyo Jin Nim and the second generation after True Father's release from Danbury. In that ceremony, True Parents declared the beginning of the period of responsibility for the second generation. Four years later, True Parents also conducted an "IL SHIM" ceremony (1989.6.23) to proclaim the total unity between Heavenly Father and True Parents and the inheritance of this unity by the children. This ceremony was conducted on the occasion of True Father's elevation and recognition as head of all Korean tribes and clans. At that ceremony, Father said that as children, we must completely remove ourselves from Satan's influence. Father conducted the IL SHIM ceremony at that time to confirm our inheritance of this special status. Hence, we chose to use the term IL SHIM due to its having been already used in True Parents family, and because it seems to be the most appropriate term for our purpose.

Since the creation of this ceremony, True Parents have been informed of its purpose and content and have given it their complete blessing. In fact, after Rev. Yang and Rev. Hong reported to True Parents, Father instructed Rev. Yang to expand this ceremony to all the regions and even overseas. Since then, Rev. Yang has recommended that all regional leaders in the United States conduct an IL Shim ceremony on an annual basis for their middle school children. In addition, I have received requests from Europe, Japan, Korea, and South America for information about how to conduct the IL Shim Ceremony.

In conclusion I feel it is important to point out that the IL SHIM Ceremony is only a ceremony. It cannot take the place of consistent daily investment on the part of parents. No ceremony can. But I believe the IL SHIM Ceremony can help and support parents in their primary role as their children's religious educators by giving their children an additional means of faith development. In a world where we have to constantly compete for the attention of our kids (verses television, computers, school, etc.), programs like the IL SHIM Ceremony can provide a level of professionalism and communal experience that cannot be duplicated within the family unit alone. When we began this year's ceremony preparation, I told the kids that the IL SHIM Ceremony cannot give you something that you do not already have. Rather, it seeks to reinforce and strengthen your understanding and appreciation for what you have already received by birth, and to support and encourage you to begin living your faith in a new and more public way. Yes, the IL SHIM Ceremony is only a ceremony, but I think that it enabled our kids to begin seeing and experiencing their faith tradition in a new and more personal way; a way in which they are no longer just participating in "their parents church", but where they are inheriting and taking ownership of "their own church".

Rev. Brian Sabourin serves as Youth Pastor in Region #3 and oversees the Youth Ministry programs for the NJ Family Church located in Clifton, NJ. If you are interested in obtaining more information about the IL SHIM Ceremony, please feel free to contact Rev. Sabourin at: briansab@aol.com ❖

A Musical Missionary Journey to Holland and Austria

by Mary Jane Tashiro

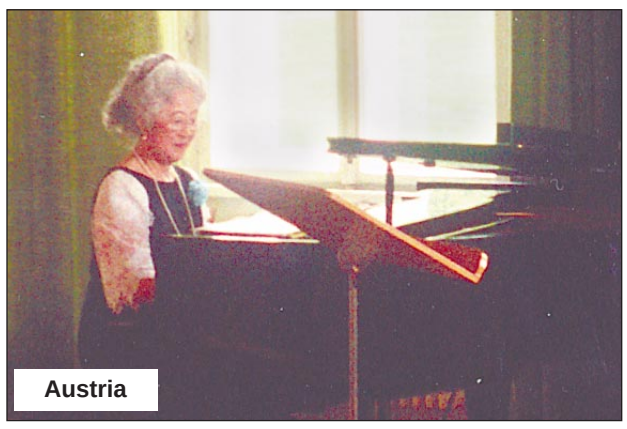
On Jan 26, 2001, my husband, Yook Bang and I were asked to attend the seminar, *Dialogue and Harmony Among Civilizations* sponsored by IIFWP at the Hilton Hotel. This was because a Japanese Buddhist monk would be attending who my husband should meet to help witness to him. This was the beginning of the exciting events that would be happening in our lives. We were at lunch talking to another Korean Buddhist monk that my husband had not seen for 10 years when a total stranger joined in the conversation. During this animated conversation, we found out his name was Mr.Y.K. Kim and he owned a martial arts school in Holland.

Later my husband invited him to our home. The usual procedure is that I feed whomever our guests are and then my husband asks me to play the piano to entertain them. In this case, this guest suddenly asked me to come to Holland to give a concert. He also asked my husband to give a speech to his students about the history of martial arts. This seemed a "dream" in my mind. After receiving 2 phone calls from Mr. Kim after he returned to Holland, we realized that he was really serious. As I pondered about whether I should buy plane tickets to Holland, my one phone call was a sign that we should go because the round trip ticket was surprisingly very inexpensive. Then that Sunday, Father said to us in his speech at Belvedere that each one of us should be determined to get out there and do something important and become famous. Then, people will be moved and believe us. This was another sign that God was pushing me.

This concert I would be giving would entail much practicing. My husband kept emphasizing to me that since the Europeans are very astute musical listeners, it would be fulfilling for me to perform there. It was comforting to know that he really wanted me to do this. I knew that there were difficulties in witnessing there so I thought my own compositions would be an easier vehicle for me to give a personal musical message than classical music which they hear all the time. The *program notes* were my ideas on how to bring a message of a quality of love that Father speaks of that can overcome barriers. I had not played my advanced works in 15 years, which is the number of years I had been involved teaching the True Children and now I am teaching one True Grandchild and many Blessed Children.

I had approximately 2 1/2 months to get in concert shape. Since Austria was so close to Holland, I decided to contact my spiritual son, Hans Amann, who mentioned a few years back that he would like for me to visit and perform in Feldkirch. He had been teaching my *Children's Course* in various schools. His response was immediate and arranged for me to perform at the conservatory.

Now that the plans were confirmed by Mr. Kim in Holland and Hans in Austria, my focus had to be on practicing and doing the best I can within this allotted time. Nothing that is important in life, especially in God's plan, is easy. A few days before we left, Mr. Kim e-mailed from Holland saying that I should include Korean songs because the martial arts students are given instructions in Korean. The concert would be in a *Protestant Church* with a Yamaha upright piano. My husband advised me to change my program to harmonize with the environment of a church. I e-mailed Hans in Austria and found he also wanted Korean music because the concert was being sponsored by the Intercultural Association of Bodensee. He told me I would be performing in the Feldkirch Conservatory on a Boesendorfer Grand. To have a Korean monk give a speech would make the program more in line with the intercultural concept. Because of this change, I decided I must change my thinking about this program. I suddenly felt that the "key" to the success of the concert would be to play a variety of music. The audience in Holland would be all martial arts students and in Austria all different faiths with older adults and families with children. I thought, "Why not do as I do at East Garden playing whatever fits the occasion but always including Father and Mother's favorite Korean songs?" I will start with my compositions and include classical, folk, spiritual and gospel as well as the Korean songs. I knew I would enjoy this kind of contrast in performing and suddenly all the stress of the past 2 months disappeared.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Another way of God's preparing me for these performances is interesting. I had been going to a chiropractor, acupuncturist and physical therapist because of an injury to my back and hand. This happened because I was so intent on engraving the notes via the computer to finish all my vocal works. I had to publish them before too much time elapsed. I completed 80 pages and finished in 4 months. I worked day and night, waking myself up when I thought I should make a change that would improve the layout or notes. Sitting too long with no physical exercise to counteract the intensity of this kind of activity was not good for me physically. Amazingly this injury became a blessing in disguise. The physical therapist explained to me that because I had been a pianist most of my life, I had to strengthen counter muscles opposite to the piano playing muscles. What a revelation this was to me! I practiced very softly not wanting to aggravate the injury and became aware of every motion and my playing became even more stable and consequently more expressive. Even if this trip had not happened, just the knowledge of being able to play on a higher level than before was such a relief and joy to me. How many months I agonized whether my hand would get normal again. God thus taught me something else to make me more balanced to handle this gift he gave me.

Austria

Just 2 weeks before we departed, I caught cold and it was slow to go away because I didn't have time to rest because of my schedule teaching, practicing and performing for people. Unfortunately, my husband got my cold but his became more serious so the Doctor put him son antibiotics. It was a miracle that we could depart and arrive as planned. How beautiful Holland looked to us! Mr. Kim greeted us at the airport and a tall Dutch boy (student) presented me with a bouquet of flowers. He and Mr. Kim then took all our heavy baggage. When we arrived at their home, Mrs. Kim had a delicious Korean meal with hot soup prepared for us. Every morning, to my husband's delight, she prepared a Korean breakfast.

Holland

Every evening a different set of martial arts young black belt students would come to greet my husband and do their special bow to him and to me. I felt we were being treated like royalty so I couldn't help compare ourselves to the way True parents are treated when they go traveling. It was all so impressive and very humbling to us.

When the festivity began, there were students of all sizes shouting in Korean, "Hanna, dul, set, net, ta-sot "etc. The energy that pervaded the hall was so strong that later that night when I performed, my whole being responded by giving back their energy given to me and my performance had a special power. The smiles and open heart expressions from their faces, inspired me on to bring beautiful and big sounds from the Yamaha piano. Their exuberant clapping was a manifestation to me that they recognized and appreciated my piano performance because they were already aware of the same kind of discipline and focus it takes to become a black belt in martial arts. The Korean songs were so dear to me because I always performed them for True Parents. At the end, they joined in singing with the piano the last song, *Arirang*. It was truly a peak experience in my life and reminded me of Father's words, "Music is the fastest way to the heart". Consequently, I didn't need to speak the program notes. I only included them in this article for you as the readers because you can understand more clearly my heart behind the music.

The next day after the last martial arts performance and buffet lunch, we were picked up by the Holland church members to take us by car to Glory House, "the castle". We had a nice intimate lunch with the members in Father and Mother's dining room. The members had just finished with an interreligious conference the night before. They were tired but the devoted members came and it was my time to give my "all" . As their enthusiasm increased, I decided to be brave by singing and playing *Kajong Mengsei* which I had just completed after God's Day 2001. A musician, Mr. Campman and soprano singer joined me in singing the music. As I told Mr. Campman to make a copy, he looked at my manuscript and said, "I'm making a copy of the MASTER!" which means they are the first to get the copy of the original from me. I was so happy that I could at last share the music that I spent many hours to make exciting and properly emphasize the Korean words. This was not an easy task but finally Pres. David Kim gave his stamp of approval that it was good. Through singing the pledge rather than reciting it, I hope it can help all the Blessed families to understand the emotion and urgency of the responsibility we have as the central families of God.

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On to Austria by train and 10 hours of relaxation was a pleasure. The arrival was momentous because the sun was shining and the flowers so bright with vibrant color. My spiritual son greeted us as if to say, "Is this really happening after all these years of wondering if you could come?". As we feasted on the Austrian version of Chinese food, we shared the events that happened and I knew that the concert in Austria would be even more challenging. I noticed that this beautiful concert size Boesendorfer grand piano had 3 extra notes at the bottom. I had 2 days of precious 1 hour rehearsal time to adapt to the piano and change my program for the Austrian audience and I was ready. In the meantime, we heard that it was a long time that the Intercultural Association of Bodensee had any activity because of so much negativity. Hans had been trying to teach the Divine Principle through a Newsletter he was sending to all the Catholic priests. This caused some apprehension among the people. My husband and I had to break down these walls. First, my husband's idea was to become a member of the association by donating some money. The $20 per year was not much, so we offered $100. Suddenly, we were invited to his home by his Chinese wife who is a strong Protestant. She made a sumptuous cake and snacks. We were told that she may not attend but she surprised us by coming and bringing their daughter (18 years old). There were many Catholics and Protestants in attendance as well as Buddhists, Hindu and one Bahai lady. After the performance was over, the guests bought some of the books I published as well as the cassettes and CD's. This was very heartwarming but the most positive "feedback" came from Hans' wife, who is a piano teacher. She mentioned 5 points about my playing which was a indication of her sensitivity and knowledge of music and piano performance. It was her "gift" to me but more importantly, this meant that her heart had changed about her husband's efforts all these years. Again, Father's words proved to ring true!

When we came back from the trip on May 2nd, it was a surprise to us to find that Father and Mother were still here. What a pleasure it was to share with them our album of pictures of the glorious trip and to thank them because I knew that this trip would have been meaningless without their message to give. I cannot express enough to all our members the "love" that I always feel from them. Therefore, I believe that God gave me music to help express their "love" to you. Also I realized that Father gave me this Buddhist monk husband in the 1995 Blessing because one very important unifying ingredient is he feels music spiritually making his support meaningful to me. With his knowledge of history and great respect for Father and ability to give stimulating speeches and sing as well, we seem to be the combination that works. I hope we can continue to spread this kind of "seed of love" wherever we go.

Program notes

The following is from the program notes for the concert.

I like the idea of a *piano seminar* because that means that I have an opportunity to teach you something as well as perform for you.

Many young people need to be involved in something that is constructive, stimulating as well as inspiring. To play an instrument is one of the best ways to expand the brain cells because it takes much discipline and coordination to master an instrument. We need new music to entice the children from the early years to the teenage years. So my lifelong pursuit has been to compose for them to help them love music as I do. Although I have written over 200 children's piano pieces, tonight I will be playing the music I wrote for young people. Briefly I will explain each one before I play.

Circle of Love is in 4 parts. 1. Wings of Love 2. Dancing Angels 3. Magical Forest 4. Wings of Love. On the inside cover of my book, I wrote, True Love that flows from the individual, to the family, to the world, becomes a *Circle of Love*.

The next 4 pieces are intended to be brief. That's why they are called *Magical Moving Moments*. The 1st one is Soaring Seagulls. I have always marveled at the beautiful formation of the seagulls as they fly together reminding me of a perfect family. The 2nd one is Sunset. The overtones of the music depicts the colors of the sunset as it sets helping you to rest your souls as it disappears into the horizon. The 3rd one, Deadline, after the frenzied activity has a "collapse" at the end. The last one in this group, *Kaze no Ashiato*, means "footsteps of the wind" and has an oriental sound.

When I'm ecstatic with joy, my whole body wants to move with the rhythm of dance. The next set is fulfilling some of my desire and is called *3 DANCES*, each one depicting a different dance. The 1st, Pierrette, is a girl clown who is flapping and sliding with her big feet and gives a whistle at the end. The 2nd, Spanish Silhouette, brings its flair through rhythmic castanets. The 3rd, Ice Caprice, shows a happy youngster falling down in the process of learning how to skate but succeeds at the end.

In everyone's life, there is a time when things don't go quite as planned and life becomes very difficult. In my case, I experienced the death of my son who was 26 years old. Maybe it is God's way to help us become closer to Him and stronger. This next composition, *Light Reflections*, are thoughts of him.

Wouldn't it be wonderful to be a *Kid at Heart* all your life? This composition is playful depicting the "kid" inside all of us.

I cannot forget the night I performed in Colorado when it rained all through my concert. Suddenly it stopped after I finished. My hostess took me back to her mountain top home and we took a walk. I was so astounded to see the night sky lit up with so many twinkling stars. They were like diamonds in the sky after God washed all the impurities away. The final composition I will play is *Jewels in the Night*. There are falling stars and the rain storm before the jewels are seen.

ENCORE: We all need a dream that needs to be fulfilled to carry on and make life meaningful. My dream is that we work towards getting rid of all barriers and through LOVE become one big family under God. I will play for you Living for a Dream.

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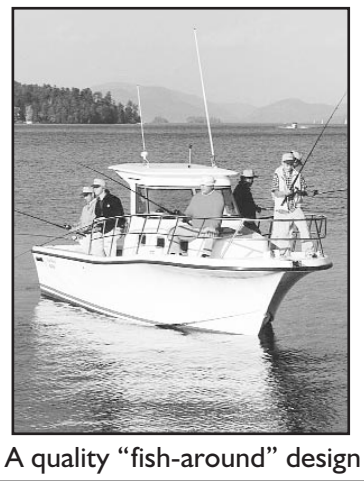

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Interfaith Convocation Spotlights Religious Freedom and Diversity

by Paul J. Rosenbaum

ICRF co-sponsored the President's Day Interfaith Celebration of America's Heritage of Faith February 18, at the Washington Family Education Center in the nation's capital. The Celebration was conceived and inspired by Rabbi Dr. David Z. Ben-Ami, founder of the American Forum for Jewish-Christian Cooperation (AFJCC).

Ministers, DC Government officials, members of the diplomatic corps, noted musical artists, clergy, and members of various faiths all came together to add vitality and joyous celebration to this interfaith service.

Featured performers included Cantor Vadim Tunitsky, who came all the way from Temple Emanu-El in Houston Texas to share several inspirational songs from the Jewish tradition of sacred music; and recording artist Brother John Michael Talbot, who stirred the crowd with a musical incarnation of the prayer of St. Francis—"Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace."

Keynote messages were give by ICRF executive director Dan Fefferman, on "America's Heritage of Religious Freedom," Institute on Religious and Public Policy president Joseph K. Grieboski on "Celebrating Religious Diversity," and Martin Luther King Family Life Institute director Rev. Levy Daugherty on "Love and Forgiveness Makes America Great."

Rabbi Ben-Ami has been a leading organizer of interfaith activities for several decades. He was assisted in this year's endeavor by Mel Haft of the Jewish Family Federation for World Peace, an association of Jewish Unificationists in the Washington DC area. Also participating were clergy and believers of the Protestant, Catholic, Muslim and Jewish traditions.

Rabbi Ben-Ami with Rev. In Hoi Lee, Mel Haft and Rev. Lorman Lykes

According to Rabbi Ben-Ami, the purpose of these gatherings is: "to express in spirit and deed the American spirit of religious liberty which is manifested in the concept 'One Nation Under God.'"

"As Americans representing diverse faiths and races, we give expression to the ideals of equality and fraternity—the ideal of charity to all and malice toward none," he stated. "We take spiritual inventory of where the nation stands in respect to the fulfillment of it's own ideals and traditions." ❖

America's Heritage of Religious Freedom

by Dan Fefferman

Presented at the President's Day Interfaith Celebration of America's Heritage of Faith February 1, 2001.

Probably more than any country in history, the United States of America is steeped in a tradition of religious freedom. As schoolchildren Americans learn the story of the Pilgrim Fathers' coming to this land in search of religious liberty. This origin story informs our national identity to such an extent that the ideal of religious freedom is essential to being an American. The Bill of Rights enshrined religious freedom as the first freedom. Although its record is certainly not perfect, United States is recognized as a model and leader in the field of religious liberty.

Today's convocation has, as one of its purposes to "take spiritual inventory of where the Nation stands in respect to the fulfillment of its own ideals and traditions." Where does America stand in relation to its ideal of religious freedom? The question really has two parts. How are we doing in terms of practicing what we preach? And how are we doing in terms of influencing others to put this ideal into practice?

In terms of practicing what we preach, I think we are doing very well. This was not always the case however. In our early history, the United States was guilty of serious religious freedom abuses. In Massachusetts, the home of Plymouth Rock, the Puritans expelled Baptists for heresy, executed Quakers, and conducted the infamous Salem witch trials. Even after the Bill of Rights became law, some states officially disenfranchised Jews, Catholics, Unitarians, or believers in native religions. Later, Mormons, Seventh Day Adventists, Jehovah's Witnesses and others suffered gravely because of religious intolerance and persecution. These religious minorities paved the way for the expansion of religious freedom through their legal battles. We owe them a debt of gratitude.

But even in the last century, America's record is not perfect. We should not forget that prior to WWII, this country denied a safe haven to Jews undergoing persecution under Hitler. Anti-Semitism is still a problem today in some areas. Moreover, there has been intolerance and suspicion toward Muslims and other religious groups that have immigrated to the US in the last half of the 20th century.

Rabbi Ben-Ami and Rev. Crosse leading the Recessional

The advent of new religious movements has also created challenges. The founder of one new religion, the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, was imprisoned on tax charges in the 1980s despite the objections of mainstream churches and civil libertarians alike. During the 1970s, we witnessed the phenomenon of widespread religious kidnapping—under the euphemism of "deprogramming"—in an effort to force religious believers of groups such as Scientology, the Children of God, Hare Khrishna, and the Unification Church to renounce their faith. Thankfully, the courts eventually moved to thwart this shameful practice.

So over the years, some progress has been made. And when serious harms arise, the courts have generally done a good job of enforcing the guarantees of the First Amendment. In no other country do so many diverse religious groups co-exist so freely. So in terms of how we are doing at home, I'd have to give America an A-minus. There is still room for improvement, but, especially compared to other countries, we are doing very well.

In terms influence abroad, the story is more complicated. The United States formally committed itself to leadership in this field through the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998. One good thing this did was to put pressure on Japan to enforce its kidnapping laws in deprogramming cases, for which we at ICRF can take some credit. But it has done little or nothing to influence China and Sudan—two of the worst violators—to respect the rights their religious minorities. Even in Europe, where US influence should be substantial, serious government abuses occur. To name only a few:

- France will soon pass repressive legislation to liquidate "cults"
- Germany officially treats Scientologists as untouchables
- Several countries have created a state system that discriminates against small or new religions
- Some European governments humiliate Muslim schoolgirls by forcing them to remove their head scarves in public schools
- Rev and Mrs. Moon are banned from entering Europe through the actions of Germany and France under the Schengen Treaty.

So the US gets an A- for practicing what it preaches—and this is indeed the most essential part of leadership. But it gets only a C in terms of directly influencing other nations. It remains to be seen whether the new administration will do better or worse than its predecessor in promoting religious freedom abroad. In any case I hope we will all increase our awareness of religious freedom and work to encourage our government to support it vigorously both at home and abroad. ❖

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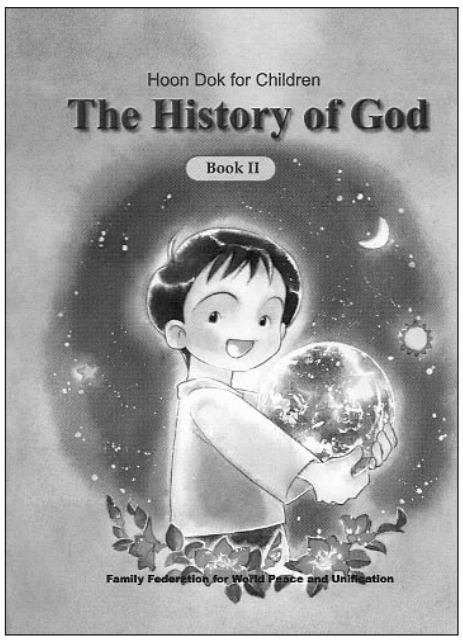
New Children's Hoon Dok Books

by Yun Jong Hong—FFWPU International

We are happy to announce the availability of five children's hoon dok hae and study books, translated from the Korean under the direction of the Family Federation's international office in Seoul.

Three Words to Live By (Level 1), Words to Grow By (Level 2), Words to Thrive By (Level 3) originally produced by the Korean Second Generation Office and independently translated into English, share the same multiple themes (and quite a number of the same illustrations). They cover God's relationship with His children, the fall of man, the historical figures through whom God worked, and the life of faith that we need today. The content is developed and added to at each level, making them appropriate for children from kindergarten to the later years of primary school. It includes simplified readings of Father's words, spiritual guidance, and content for thought and discussion (and even some puzzles). Each volume is organized into fifty-two lessons that can be used for Sunday school or just in the home. The books are beautifully illustrated in a colorful, animation style.

Two other companion books Living with God (Book I), The History of God (Book II),

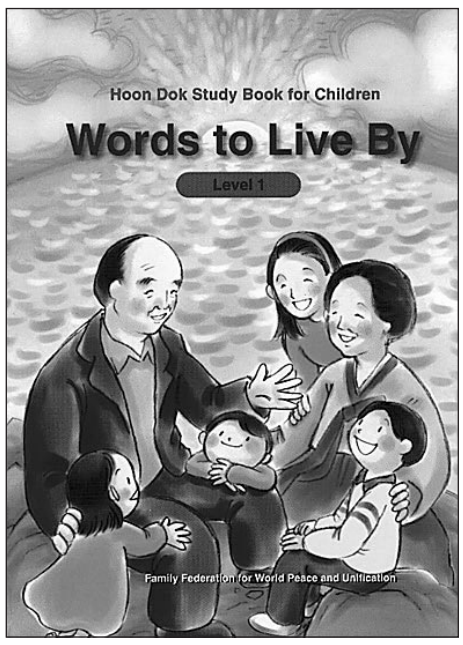


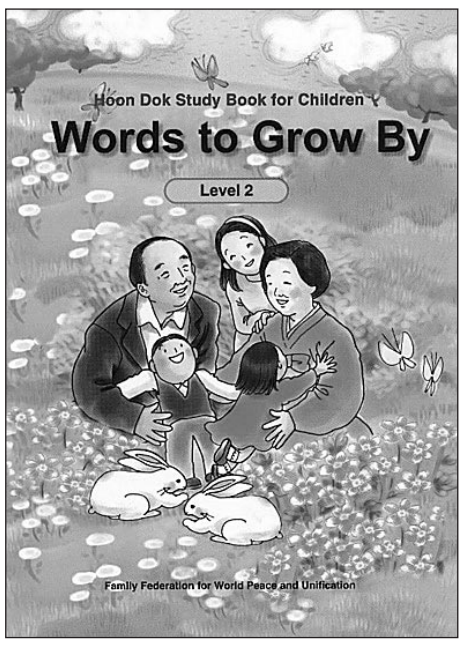
originally produced by a team from Sun Moon University, are intended for slightly older children. One deals with issues of a life of faith and the other is an overview of God's work from the creation to the time of Jesus—in effect, a children's Divine Principle book. These, too, are brightly illustrated in color.

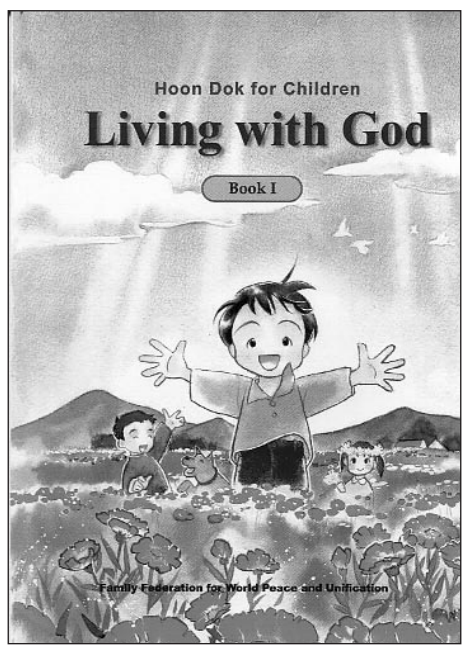
The books deal specifically with the Unificationist viewpoint of life, and introduce the reader to concepts specific to the Principle and our understanding of the fall, restoration and blessing.

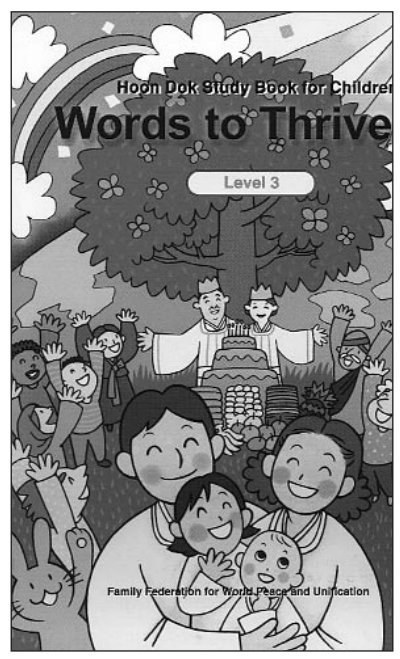
The books are widely used in Korea. In that they are translated, rather than originally written in English, they retain something of their Korean cultural flavor.

The books can be ordered individually or in any combination. The cost per volume is $10 and mailing costs (but no handling fee) will be added to the total. All five books can be purchased for $45. Larger discounts are available for bulk orders (see attached information). For more information or to order, please contact: Hong Yunjong, 12th floor Dowon Building, 292-20 Dohwa-dong, Mapo-gu Seoul, Korea 121-040. E-mail: mission@tongil.or.kr Tel : (+82-2) 6383-3202 Fax: (+82-2) 6383-1500 ❖









Cameroon IRFF Project

by Mike Lamson

This is just to send a big *Thank You* to all that adopted a village for the 18th International AIDS Candlelight Memorial sponsored by IRFF Cameroon. The event is organized by the Global Health Council and the World Bank Group out of Washington, DC.

So far we have reports from 108 villages and expect to hear from another 30 or 40 in the next day or two. This makes this years event bigger and better that last years by far. This year theme "One Voice, Many Faces..... United for Life" was perfect as this year we focused on rural areas instead of the cities. In the rural areas the populations are most often left to fight the battle against HIV/AIDS alone as most funds and organizations are not able to intervene in the smaller villages. Our interventions there helped many find hope and strength to continue as the event connected them to others around the world caught in the same struggles.

We have also been gathering signatures for the International Declaration to be presented at the Special UN Session on HIV/AIDS in June 2001. To date we have gathered around 6,000 signatures (collected by CARP).

These events inspire members and those associated with us so much as they feel their efforts are making a concrete difference in their communities and nation. ❖

Russian Court Upholds Religious Rights

by Konstantin Krylov

A district court in the city of Nizhny Novgorod has sided with the local branch of the Unification Church in its lawsuit against the city Justice Department, which had refused to re-register the church according to the latest Russian law regulating religious activities. Attorney Galina Krylova represented the Unification Church.

Founded in South Korea by Rev. Moon, the church originally registered a local branch in Nizhny Novgorod in 1995. The 1997 Russian law "On Freedom of Conscience and Religious Associations" required all existing religious organizations to re-register by January 1, 2001. The city Justice Department sought to liquidate this religious organization by sending it two warnings and refusing to re-register it in accordance with the new law. The administration of the Nizhny Novgorod Region issued a special press statement warning citizens against this "organization with a dubious reputation." The issue became especially heated after the Russian Orthodox Community with the support of the city administration held an inflammatory conference, "Totalitarian Sects as the Threat of the Twenty-first Century," last April. In the public statement adopted by the conference, the Unification Church was classified as "one of the most dangerous cults." All of this occurred despite the fact that the church had originally been registered by the federal Ministry of Justice in May 1992 and re-registered under the new law in December 2000.

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Instead of re-registering the local branch, the city Justice Department involved itself in a denominational dispute, publicly criticizing the church. In support of the Justice Department's position, local religious experts advising the Justice Department referred to a document entitled "Public Appeal of the Catholic Bishops of Japan," allegedly proving the non-Christian nature of the Unificationist teachings. Exasperated by the recklessness of the authorities, the local congregation appealed to the court.

Having examined the case, the court upheld the church's complaint. Prior to the church's registration on the federal level, the Expert Council of the Russian Ministry of Justice examined the teachings and practices of the Unification Church and found them compliant with both Russian and international law. Taking this into consideration, the District Court of Nizhny Novgorod found both the warnings and the two rejections by the local Justice Department to be illegal.

The District Court of Nizhny Novgorod ordered the local Justice Department to re-register the Unification Church community. ❖

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UN General Assembly President Gives Address

by Geetha Tharmaratnam

Harri Holkeri, president of the 55th session of the United Nations General Assembly, gave a lecture February 22, on campus. The focus of his speech was on restructuring the Assembly to become more effective and to acknowledge the use for such a body, as it has come under increasing fire from the international community for being too slow and doing too little.

Harri Holkeri

Holkeri, the president of the so-called Millennium Assembly of the UN, served as Prime Minister of Finland from 1987 to 1991 and has been in domestic and international politics for over 40 years. He was given an honorary British knighthood, Honorary Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire, in 1999 for his involvement and achievements in the Northern Ireland peace process. He succeeded Theo-Ben Gurirab, the former president of the General Assembly, who visited the University last year.

Holkeri underlined the necessity to "open the United Nations to civil society at large and to have continued and enhanced dialogue with academic communities."

He affirmed that "the United Nations system needs to be strengthened and reformed to carry out the tasks entrusted to it." He sees the need to develop the core strengths of the agencies as part of his legacy.

Echoing an earlier statement issued by UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan, Holkeri said that "the United Nations has made a couple of mistakes—big ones. We can start with Rwanda and Bosnia-Herzegovina. But we have had some successes like East Timor." The former Indonesia-occupied island was reclaimed with the help of the UN Security Forces almost 25 years after troubles began.

Holkeri believes that the Millennium Assembly must spearhead the obvious need to adapt by establishing new priorities as a body, and this, he said, "requires compromise from all parties at member level." There are currently 189 member countries of the UN, and he anticipates before this year's end that East Timor will be welcomed as the 190th.

The Millennium Summit and the Millennium Charter that resulted from the summit, Holkeri said, is the third-most important document in the UN, after the Charter and the Declaration of Human Rights. The Summit called for a "comprehensive reform of the Security Council in all aspects" and for it to be "more representative of the contributing members and more legitimate."

Role of Religion in Society Draws Large Crowd

by Harumi Kawamura

A recent public dialogue on campus on the role of religion in society was very well attended, suggesting that the issues surrounding religion are very much on people's minds. After speaking at the evening forum, Fairfield University Professor Ronald M. Davidson commented on the refreshing international character of the UB community. The event was undeniably a show of the diversity UB's students and faculty, as panel speakers sought to answer the question "Does religion have a role in shaping a moral globalizing society?"

The program presented the answers from seven different perspectives. For nearly two hours, atheism, Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism and Unificationism made their cases in front of an audience of nearly 130 people in Carlson Hall.

The moderator, Professor Timothy Eves, kept the evening charged with humor and anticipation as he introduced both a student and an expert to represent each perspective. Referring to such beliefs and practices as the Four Noble Truths of Buddhism and the dietary laws of Judaism, as well as the key element of the family in Unificationism, all religions said "yea" to religion's positive role. Atheism, naturally, said "nay," referring to, among other reasons, religion's shady role in historical conflicts.

The program did not seek to reach a conclusion or spotlight a particular perspective, and for this reason all seven outlooks worked with an equal share of time. The result was the realization that religion plays a variety of roles in human society. The successful interaction and dialogue among the different perspectives seemed to say "nay" to the clashes of civilizations predicted by such political scientists such as Samuel Huntington.

All The Voices

by Professor Dick Allen

Recently, my wife and I watched the television presentation of Disney Studios' Pocahontas. At one point, during the lovely song, "All the Colors of the Wind," we simultaneously turned toward each other and said, "It's like UB!" The song's lyrics go on: "You think the only people who are people / Are the people who look and think like you. / But if you walk the footsteps of a stranger, / You will learn things you never knew you knew."

That is teaching at what is perhaps America's most truly international mixture of college undergraduates, at UB. We have increasingly grown accepting of the differences and similarities in nations, cultures and people. When I give a guest lecture or poetry reading at some other much less heterogeneous college or university, I often feel out of place, for I'm speaking to what has become to me a non-representational segment of global undergraduates. Where are the Russians, the Nigerians, the Japanese, the South Americans, the Chinese, I wonder? During question-and- answer sessions, why don't I hear wonderful mixtures of differently accented English? Why doesn't my audience look like a rainbow, painted "with all the colors of the wind"?

What's so distinctive about UB is that here the international students are not isolated in pockets nor are they the "different" ones in a classroom. They are here in such numbers that they do not feel out of place or "foreign," and the campus is as truly theirs as it is the Americans'. International students and American students work side by side, sharing responsibilities in virtually all campus activities, from Student Congress, dormitory government and the campus newspaper to S.C.U.B.A. (our campus intellectual organization) and dozens of clubs.

How else to describe it?

Imagine being in an "Introduction to Poetry" class where a South American Dental Hygiene major flawlessly reads a poem by Pablo Neruda in the original Spanish and then helps the rest of us understand the nuances we miss in our English-translation version. Imagine too a discussion about communism, when an American student puts forth the advantages of Marxism, two Russian students strenuously advocate capitalism, and then one quietly observes, "Communism seemed fine in theory, but why did my country have to try it?"

Imagine talking about Louisa May Alcott's Little Women, when a Muslim student from Malaysia raises her hand to say she understands and admires the American family-values of the nineteenth-century, for her family's values are like that today; and what happened to American morals in the interim?

"Maybe it's television," an American student answers. "Or all of your cars," a student from the Dominican Republic puts in.

Imagine a discussion of urban poverty as an American student from the inner city Bronx and a student from Bangladesh swap vivid stories, and the American student becomes appalled at a depth of slum poverty he'd never imagined. "Maids?" he says, "you hire maids as a way of helping the poor?" And then it strikes him that without such a job an entire family might starve.

Imagine speaking about war and there's a marvelously gifted Bosnian Muslim student, already a published poet, who has experienced war firsthand.

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Memorial Scholarship Established at UB

University of Bridgeport Board of Trustees member Dr. Kenneth Gray and his wife Doris have honored the memory of their recently deceased daughter, Lancy, by establishing an endowed scholarship in her name at the University of Bridgeport. Dr. Gray is a professor of business and senior Fulbright Fellow at Alakhawayn University in Morocco and has served on the Board of Trustees at the University for several years.

Lancy Amelie Gray was born in Kenya in 1985 and suffered a fatal car crash in Morocco in the year 2000. Her parents were Unificationist missionaries in Kenyan when she was born to her African-American father and German mother. Lancy, a gifted writer who was fluent in several languages, learned at an early age how to move freely in various cultures. She attended schools in Kenya, the United States of America, Germany and Morocco. By the time she was 15 years old, she spoke German, English and French and had a basic knowledge of Arabic. Lancy was an accomplished cellist and played in an orchestra. She intended to study cultural anthropology and world religions.

The UB scholarship in her name, initially in the range of $500-800.00, will be awarded annually to a full-time student in good academic standing, in need of financial assistance, and interested in fostering understanding between people of different cultures. Recipients must maintain a minimum 3.0 grade point average. Candidates must submit a 600-word essay on the topic, 'fostering understanding between people of different cultures.' ❖

TRUE PARENTS' HISTORY FOR CHILDREN

Father is Born on a Farm in Korea

by Chris Garcia

This is the first in a series about True Parents' life written for children and first published in the Blessing Quarterly. We know that there were some spiritual signs before Father was born, and that his grandfather saw some sign of his coming greatness. We have heard that miraculous events occurred. Based on this information, the events of this story were written. It is not to be taken as literal truth. It is a story which is meant to give the feeling surrounding his birth, the environment in Korea... a story of how it could have happened.

The horizon was turning pink with the rising sun in Chonju of Buk-Do Province. The old woman threw off the heavy bed quilt and got stiffly to her feet. She was called "Halmonie" (grand mother) by her many grandchildren and children. The floor was still a little warm from the hot rocks laid under it the night before. But the winter air was freezing, and her breath showed in clouds of steam. In the dark, there were traces of ice along the edges of the white oiled paper windows. In spite of her age, she was wide awake. She was, after all, a Korean, and Koreans were proud of their fierce winters.

She put on a white quilted skirt that reached down to her ankles. Then a white cotton blouse and a purple knitted vest with pockets. She put slippers on her feet that looked like little canoes with upturned toes. Lastly, she put on her long fur over coat, tying it with a piece of rope. She pushed past the paper door and into the frozen dark. She made her way across the farm yard to the woodpile, holding her thin old fingers in her armpits to keep them warm.

The woodpile was a cone-shaped tower of sticks and chopped wood about as tall as the house. In the barn next to it, the rooster crowed, and the other animals began to stir. She dragged out a large chunk of sticks, frozen together, and turned back to the little house.

Inside, the three little girls were up. They took the wood from her and began making a fire in the firepit for the morning rice.

"Where's the kimchi?" asked the old woman.

"I'll get it, Halmonie," said the youngest girl. She slipped into her father's gray felt boots and went quickly to the great clay kimchi jar buried outside to dig out a portion.

Meanwhile, in the next room, Halaboji (grandfather) was on his feet and dressed. He wore blue, baggy pants tied down on each ankle. Over that there was a white, wide-sleeved shirt with strings instead of buttons, and like Halmonie, he wore a vest with big pockets. He had a round face with a long wispy white beard and mustache, and no hair on top of his head.

1910 - Japan annexes Korea. The majority of the Yi government officials, including "Emperor" Kojong with his cabinet members, go along with the Japanese.

Halaboji's son, the farmer Mr. Moon, was the head of this family. He was speaking earnestly to his pregnant wife. She was just getting up from her mat. He looked at her with concern. The baby would be born soon.

Their young son came in, bowed, and dutifully rolled up the quilts and mattresses. He took the low table from its place against the wall and set it in the middle of the room, placing cushions around it. Halaboji came in and sat down with farmer Moon, while one of the girls brought a brass pot of steaming barley tea.

"Father," said the farmer Moon, "she says the baby will be born tonight." He poured tea into the little green cups.

Halaboji slurped his tea. Halmonie came in carrying a big bowl of rice. "He says it's tonight," Halaboji said to her. She smiled as she hurried out.

After they were alone with their rice and kimchi, Halaboji said, "So, I can see in your face you have something else to tell me."

"I had two dreams last night," said the farmer Moon. Halaboji closed his eyes to show he was paying full attention. Everyone knew that he could interpret the meaning of dreams.

"In the first dream, I saw a golden rooster perched on the shrine of our ancestors. It was night, but the rooster was crowing and wouldn't stop. On the shrine there was incense burning, and it was a paper with the ends tied with wire. Then Confucius came and opened the paper, and it was painted with the six yang lines. Then I woke up."

Without hesitating, Halaboji spoke. "The six yang lines mean it will be a boy," he said, "and if you saw Confucius, it means the boy will grow up to be a Taegun—a saint—a true man!" He paused. Then, with a quiver in his voice, he said, "This is truly remarkable! The true man is all wise and generous, and he lives for the sake of others."

"Also," continued Halaboji, "when the rooster crows at sun rise, it means all evil spirits must go back to the underworld to escape the light of day. But when it crows at night, it means Heaven has won a victory. It means a saint has been born."

"My other dream was even stronger," said the farmer Moon. "I dreamed about the Shining Dragon of Heaven."

Halaboji slapped his hands down on the table. "This is too much!" he said hoarsely. "I have never heard of anyone dreaming of the Sacred Dragon."

"But it is true, Father. It was very clear," insisted the farmer Moon.

"Well, then, I will not interpret it," said Halaboji. "You must take that dream to the Mudang. Heaven may be speaking to you. She will know."

So later that morning, after feeding the animals, the farmer Moon packed up a bag of rice to take to the Mudang. He put on his white robe and big felt boots and his horsehair hat. It was a sign of serious business to put on this hat. It was made of horsehair and painted with black lacquer until it was stiff and hard. It had a great wide brim, and a tall straight crown, flat on top. It didn't actually fit around his head, but rather sat on top of his hair and was held in place with a black silk scarf tied under the chin. Farmer Moon felt like a wise man when he wore this hat.

He set off to see the Mudang. To the people in the little farm village, the Mudang was a doctor and priest all in one. When someone became terribly sick, she would come with her herbs. When they were having trouble with spirits, who would arrive with her singing and dancing and her bag of magic things. She could also read the future the way others might read a book. The Mudang lived in a world where the spirit world and the physical world were all together. Everything had a spirit. Not only animals, plants and people, but pots and pans, oil lamps, stones, the wind in the trees. Everything had something to say to her, because she knew how to listen.

Soon the farmer Moon arrived at her house. He walked a bit nervously to her door and rapped. No answer. He rapped again. Finally, he opened it a crack and called, "Mudang, are you here?"

"Come in," he heard her call. As he removed his boots, he saw that she was seated on the floor behind a low table. On the table was a pile of magic turtle bones, a bowl of water, and a bowl of salt. Her black hair was tied up in a bun.

He got right to the point. "I dreamed about the Shining Dragon last night," he told her.

She sat silently a moment, her eyes closed, listening. Finally, she nodded her head and said quietly, with some awe in her voice, "There is an old Korean legend about the first man— Taegun. Your dream tells us that now, after all these years, Taegun—or True Man—will be born in your house."

He raised his eyebrows in surprise, but he could see she was quite serious about this. He didn't ask any questions. She seemed to be finished, so he respectfully gave her the bag of rice and bowed deeply. He quickly put on his boots and let himself out of the house. As he went out the gate, he heard her call, "I will come to your house in eight days for the offering ceremony."

True man? Taegun? In his house? The farmer Moon walked in silence. It was all too much.

That night, the child was born.

Whenever babies were born, women became the masters of the house. They chased the men away and hurried to help the mother.

Farmer Moon and Halaboji didn't mind retreating to the kitchen. They sat near the firepit and played Mah Jong, a kind of card game. Birth was a natural part of their lives, and they had been around for many births—both of humans and of animals. Yet, they both felt how special this one was. It was hard to concentrate on the game. Finally, the farmer Moon pushed his tiles away and leaned against the wall and waited. What if it was a girl?

Suddenly, a baby's cry was heard, followed by happy squeals of the women and girls. "A son!" they called to the men joyously. "It's a baby boy!" In a family of three daughters and one son, this was welcome news. But to the two men, it had a deeper meaning.

The farmer Moon quickly got to his feet and went into the other room to join the sounds of rejoicing. He saw the women and girls scurrying about with shining eyes. His wife smiled at him. He looked down at his son's little face. "We shall call him 'Sun Yong'" he said quietly. "Yong means 'Shining Dragon'."

Halaboji sat thinking about all that had happened that day. His granddaughter came to the door, calling for him to come, too. He waved her away and stood up. Pushing past the paper door, he stepped outside into the freezing night air.

It was January 6, 1920. The moon was shining down on the thin layer of snow. The air was full of silver light. A feeling of peace and good will seemed to ring in his ears. Like the Mudang, Halaboji seemed to be reaching out with his thoughts— waiting and listening. His thoughts were drawn to heaven. He looked up at an especially bright star and whispered, "Thank you."

Far away, across the gleaming rice field, a rooster crowed.

Note: Later, Heavenly Father gave direction to change Father's name to Sun Myung. Moon means Truth; Sun is a symbol of the Christians; Myung means Light. Thus, his name, Sun Myung Moon, means "The Light of Truth has come to Christians." ❖

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She quotes the Nobel Prize- winning Polish poet Wislawa Szymborska to help the class understand war's unreality and horror. At UB, she has not only very close American Catholic friends, but is close friends with those who come from Croatia and Serbia.

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DIVINE PRINCIPLE STUDY

Human History and Man's Transformation from Death to Life

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Countless numbers of people have already passed on to the spirit world, with the great majority no doubt falling far short of having attained complete resurrection. Since a person needs his physical body in order to grow, we must inquire as to the fate of these persons who now possess only their spirit selves. Can they continue to be resurrected?

In his autobiography *Memories, Dreams, Reflections* the Swiss psychologist Carl Jung recounts his conversation with a highly cultivated elderly Indian, a friend of Mahatma Gandhi's. In discussing the different ways in which education took place in India, the Indian answered in reply to a question by Jung that his own guru was a man named Shankaracharya. Jung replies:

"You don't mean the commentator on the Vedas who died centuries ago?"

"Yes, I mean him," he said, to my (Jung's) amazement.

"Then you are referring to a spirit?" I asked.

"Of course it was his spirit," he agreed....

"There are ghostly gurus too," he added.

"Most people have living gurus. But there are always some who have a spirit for a teacher."

As Jung records, his conversation is an enlightenment to him, for over a period of time he had a similar experience, but he had not been able to explain it. Through his Indian acquaintance, he comes to understand people on earth are frequently guided by those on the spirit world.

For *Divine Principle*, the phenomenon experienced by Jung and his associate is an example of activity by spirit persons who are pursuing their own continuing resurrection. Since these spirit people did not complete the process during their lifetime on earth, they return to earth in spirit form to fulfill the task they left unaccomplished. They do this by helping and guiding people who are still on earth. As the spirit person assists the growth and achievement of such people on earth, he himself is spiritually benefited and progressively resurrected.

Forces of Good.

That spirit persons cooperate with those on earth is an assertion which tends to raise eyebrows. However, as Notre Dame's Morton Kelsey has pointed out, such skepticism is restricted mainly to the perhaps too-rationalistic West. While Kelsey's argument is too complex to repeat here, in his *Encounter with God* he explains that spiritual forces generally have not been given proper recognition in Western civilization, due largely to the influence of one famous Greek:

"There is another view of man, however, found wherever the influence of Aristotle and nineteenth century Western thought have not been felt. In most cultures from primitive ones to the developed cultures of China, India, Islam and of Byzantine Christianity, nonphysical realities have been seen as a more powerful influence on man's destiny than the physical world."

Nor is the fact of spirit cooperation without documentation in the Bible. Jesus' assertion, for example, that John the Baptist was Elijah clearly suggests a spiritual relationship between the two. Although Elijah was in the spiritual world, *Divine Principle* holds that he was responsible to complete his own earthly mission working with John the Baptist as his successor. Along the same line, the writer of the *Letter to the Hebrews* suggests that earlier prophets and other servants of the Lord will find their own final salvation only through the present generation:

"And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised since god had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect." (Heb. 11: 39-41)

Divine Principle points out that both the period of Jesus' life on earth and the period of the Second Advent are special times when the possibilities for a spiritual advancement for the faithful on earth are especially great. After all, these are times when God's recreative Word appears anew, opening new avenues for spiritual growth and stimulating people of all backgrounds to new heights. Therefore we may expect the earthly activity of spirit persons to be particularly acute during these times.

The twenty-seventh chapter of *Matthew*, for example, tells us that when Jesus died on the cross many saints arose from their tombs. As we have previously discussed, such reports should not be thought of literally, but rather should be understood as describing a spiritual reality. The passed-away prophets and saints were actively assisting God's new dispensation, seeking to elevate themselves to higher levels of spiritual attainment. Since this was the case in the past, *Divine Principle* would argue we may anticipate similarly intense spiritual activity at the time of the Second Advent.

The Demonic

While the relationship between the Indian acquaintance of Jung and his spiritual acquaintance of Jung and his spiritual guru was obviously an elevating one, this is not always the case. Many spirit persons, having lived unenlightened lives here on earth, proceed to the spirit world in a confused or even destructive state of mind. When this is the case, and such spirits relate to people here on earth, their influence is not a benign one.

Without discounting the psychological, emotional and even chemical factors involved, *Divine Principle* suggests that the presence of such dark spirit forces around vulnerable individuals can contribute to a number of different tragic experiences.

In the New York "Son of Sam" murders for example, a man who killed a number of young New York women said he was commanded to do so by an invisible voice belonging to a person named Sam. Also, although clearly an extreme account of spirit possession, the well-known film *The Exorcist* was in fact based on a true story.

It is perhaps in the area of mental psychosis, however, that the possibility of harmful spirit interaction is clearest. In his book *The Presence of Other Worlds*, Dr. Wilson Van Dusan, a clinical psychologist who labored for sixteen years at California's Mendocino State Hospital, described his own discovery of what he calls the "presence of spirits in madness." Van Dusen had been vaguely familiar with the writings of Emmanual Swedenborg on the interaction of spirits with people on earth but only through his own experience with psychotic patients did he learn what the seventeenth century Swedish scientist was talking about.

Just as Swedenborg had discovered that spirits representing forces of both light and dark, good and evil, were in communication with people on earth, so Van Dusen discovered his patients both vocally and visually were in touch with forces they regarded, as autonomous spiritual beings. Describing the influence these beings can have, Van Dusen writes:

"I learned to two orders of experience...called the higher and the lower order. Lower order voices are similar to drunken bums at a bar who like to tease and torment just for the fun of it... They find a weak point of conscience and work on it interminably..... All of the lower order are irreligious or anti-religious...In direct contrast stand the rarer higher order (spirits)...(who) respected his freedom and would withdraw if it frightened him.... The higher order is much more likely to be symbolic, religious, supportive, genuinely instructive...."

Presence of Other Worlds

Centuries ago, of course, concepts of spirit influence and spirit possession were prevalent. The New Testament, for example, clearly reflects Jesus' belief in spirit influence. On more than one occasion Jesus is described as casting out demons (e.g. Mt. 8:15-16, Mk. 5:1-20). Also, the Apostle Paul, after his long experience with the spiritual path, writes to his fellow believers in Ephesus of the reality of invisible powers acting on the striving devotee:

"Put on the whole armor of God...For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places." (Eph. 6:11-12)

All these assertions tend to be dismissed by our materialistic West as reflective of an antiquated world view. In light of modern discoveries such as Van Dusen's however, and in light of modern psychiatry's acknowledged inability to heal much mental illness, perhaps a new openness to such perceptions as those of Jesus and Paul is merited.

Despite the potential power for good or evil that spiritual forces may have, Divine Principle holds that the ultimate responsibility for an individual's state of being and behavior rests with himself. It is we who make the bases which determine what kind of spirit influence we may attract.

Chevy Chase's famous dictum "the devil made me do it" may be an amusing out, but such a denial of one's own ultimate responsibility doesn't square with the way God made the world.

Next month
Other Years, Other Lives ❖

The Fields of Mountain Flowers

No longer alone.
Liberated from the turtle shell
of flight; of pain; of hell.
My mind is wrapped around your heart,
My heart is imbedded in every cell
of your being.
Moments come when we're apart;
Brief interludes of pacing,
Peering out of windows,
Waiting,
For the sound of your return,
Murmuring in second hand time,
"When will you be home?"
The joy of watching you smile,
Hearing you laugh,
as we breathe the day light air,
Is sealed at night,
Nestled against your warmth,
Holding your breast,
Rubbing your back,
Until sleep nudges between us.
My mind soars into the future,
Ten thousand years,
To the fields of riotous
Mountain flowers that will wrap
Around us, singing to us about love,
Admiring our youth and vigor
and endless passion.
God will be there, with
a joyful candor that will make
True love natural.
Surrounded by great-grandchildren,
and friends popping in
Without a bit of warning,
We'll laugh
With the sound of the universe,
And dance with the steps of love.

by Peter F. Brown
for my wife, on Valentine's Day

Pure Love Alliance African Tour

From July 22, 2001 through August 11, 2001 International Relief Friendship Foundation Cameroon will be hosting it's first PLA tour.

We are expecting youth from many countries to join those from Cameroon in sharing our views on the values of abstinence and fidelity with a focus on HIV/AIDS prevention.

Tour will include rallies in seven cities, exploring the Rain forests, climbing a volcano and many other activities.

Each participant will pay for his or her airfare, visa and shots (yellow fever) plus the registration fee of $500.00. All expenses within Cameroon are covered by the tour and IRFF

For more information and application forms please send request to Michael Lamson at cameroon@irff.com ❖

400 days as a family in the Cheong Pyeong Garden of Eden

by Sylvain & Mieko Millaire

Father has called all blessed couples who didn't go to "The 21 Days Workshop for the Registration of the Kingdom of Heaven" for their very precious attendance: The last special seminar will take place from July 18th to August 8th this summer.

Everyone of each blessed family member will drink the holy wine and experience Rebirth: Every family shall inherit a "Piece of the Kingdom" and count themselves among the eternal first ancestors, whom first responded the divine call of the chosen ones! The great mother Daemonim sees the difference between the ones who drink the holy wine and the one who don't! Do you believe it? I do!

The Holy Spirit

The clear and crisp environment of Cheong Pyeong, comfort and protect us, guide us and can even heal us from our spiritual and physical problems. Upon our coming back, we receive some "absolutely good spirits," that helps us to accomplish all our responsibilities and feel love.

It is for each one of us to learn how to maintain control over our satanic environment; So we can become subject over it, never again multiplying the "Great Han of God" by following the tragic patterns of the past fallen history of our ancestors!

My spouse and I can not boast of having a long Cheong Pyeong journey on our account: In fact, to be frank with you, it is the story of a "curse" that has been transformed into a blessing: When I first visited this place 3 years ago, I was answering the call of the spiritual world wanting to help us saving our blessing, Mieko and myself! After we went through a few 40 days workshops together, I understood the true value of this priceless Restored Garden of Eden: *Small responsibility of our Own + Huge grace of Daemonim = Rebirth*

I must openly admit the very stubborn state of my family to not follow seriously (absolutely) the Heavenly Law, which is one with True Parents. So please, let me redeem my family by sharing my sincere heart with you. Dear brothers and sisters, forgive me if I say things that cause you to struggle and suffer in your hearts…

I realized that the 21 days registration blessing seminar is of crucial importance for all of us, chosen blessed couples that we are: But it is also very important for the success of God's Providence in gaining victory toward the Unification of our Fatherland! I mention this, specially, for the "lost sheep" that are wondering if it is just another seminar?

No! It is not just another seminar; As the Cheong Pyeong special 40 days workshops that have been continuously marching on, were not either! This Heaven and Earth Training Center is the precious place where the Spiritual World becomes One with the Physical World.

Changing the Order of our Love

Contemplating the horizon of the lives of blessed couples, I have no choice but to see how much we have been working very hard to survive and be able to support our children. I was bullied around again and again, by the surrounding satanic environment, and embraced sadly this kind of life… In the meantime True Parents are working very hard for the Providence of Heavenly Father, to the extend of offering their own children for it!

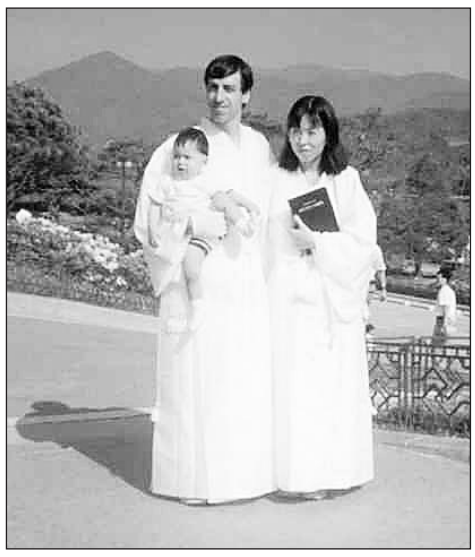
I, therefore begged all of you who love dearly True Parents and the suffering lost Children of God, to reflect on the true meaning of this Special Blessed Wives 21 days Workshop taking place at Cheong Pyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center:

Dear and very needed brothers and sisters; May I share with you my own understanding of this workshop? As a husband of an infinitely precious especially chosen spouse by the True Parents; I am endowed by the Grace of the Merit of the Age. I must always love my beautiful True Love Mieko, even when I feel hurt by her in any occasion; As Daemonim says, I must yield to my spouse and humbly serve her until she willingly step by step surrenders her whole Shimjung to me.

She will naturally feel the desire to return her full Beauty to me: To achieve this absolute goal, I, as a son of True Parents, must control my self-centered emotions creating anger and arrogance in my heart and causing God to feel the desire to go away from my family; This wrong attitude blocked the way for the four position foundation to be established in my family and in the same time, stop my family to be blessed with the Heavenly Presence; It directly hindered the first and second blessing to be accomplished within my family!

"Do you think that True Mother really understand my path? Not really. That is why she has to absolutely obey me." (True Father, "Today's World," January 2001, page 8)

"In the same manner, the subject partner becomes an object partner to God, revolving around God and thus attaining oneness with him. When the object partner becomes completely one with its subject partner, their union can stand before God as a new object partner resembling his dual characteristics. Moreover, the way for any object partner to stand as an object



partner before God is by making oneness with its subject partner." ("Exposition of the Divine Principle" page 26)

Age of Direct Judgment

Without the help of a good spiritual world, we have no hope: I did experienced this fact quite a few times recently.

We had trouble with our baby; We had a small fire in our apartment; Just before going to Cheong Pyeong, I had a minor car accident! But honestly, did we live by the Heavenly Law? No! We were punished for that. Did you have any similar experiences, dear brothers and sisters?

I have been working Sunday during the last Christmas season and "forgot" too often to attend the service; In the same time, we neglected to offer the full 10% tithing required by Heaven: If we don't tide, after the 21 days registration seminar ending; Heaven will consider this as the sin of stealing, and our children will have to pay for it, if ourselves we don't take responsibility for it!

I witnessed my left eye trembling to warn me of a coming temptation; I had a stomach pain just before reaching Cheong Pyeong, to stop me from doing something unholy; And the most common sign from heaven that I have experienced, was pressure behind my head, when I did something against the Heavenly Law!

Daemonim tells us the time of "Direct Judgment" has come: I consider this a blessing: From now on, as blessed families, we don't need to have troubles with our precious second generations (Golden Children we must someday offer to God) before realizing there is something wrong with our couple or our ancestors… Please excuse my direct style, that may touch you personally: I truly care for all of us.

I experienced this "Age of Direct Judgment" already several times as you can see in the above real true and painful life experiences of my own family. A few other blessed couples admitted to me the fact, that when they miss their tidings; Soon or later small calamities come after them, putting them in distress!

True Father said: "We should all pray to be able to see spiritually our own spiritual state" This happened to me last summer as I was doing my first ancestral liberation: I was intensely choked to see my whole head spiritually covered with a cement block! This was to show me how much I and my ancestors are cut from the "Shimjung" of Heavenly Father. It was very difficult for me to accept that: As I reflect on this experience one year later, I can see now that this message was truthful!

To balance this negative experience, I would like to mention again about something that happened in the "Shimjung Garden" prayer room: Some ancestors came to me and told me: You are so lucky now you have "Hoon Dok Hae!" Our good ancestors suffered in vain looking for the Truth. Hoon Dok Hae is truly changing my life, guiding me to step by step witnessing my physical parents and making me more humble and grateful for the many rebirths of my life…

Vertical conclusions

As I reflect on my life, I know I failed to live according to the Heavenly Law: So I can't complain of what Heaven has brought upon my family! I am now researching The True Meaning of Living with Absolute Faith, Absolute Love and Absolute Obedience and The deep Significance of Living in the Realm of the Fourth Adam!

"If you go wrong in your new position, your registration must be canceled. When you think what an amazing implication the registration blessing has, you cannot even pray without having done any actual work in your daily life." (Father's words, page 8 "Today's World," January 2001)

"Based on the foundation for the restoration of your fatherland on earth and heaven, blessed families on earth inherited the merit of their ancestors and received the grace of the registration blessing at Cheong Pyeong in Korea. Through this, they were able to go over the boundary of the unification of south Korea and north Korea. They transcend the level of Jesus' victory in the realm of Israel, allowing a worldwide level registration that enabled us to go over the world. And they went over the Old Testament Age, in which material was used as an offering. And they went over the New Testament Age. Now, centered on the blessed families, we are separated from the world of Satan. As the heavenly lineage, we have entered the age in which we can reach the position of a model standing owner—centered on the standard of your love starting from the level of the individual all throughout the 8 stages." (This is the meaning of the 21 days registration blessing, except from: "True Father's prayer, Cheong Pyeong, January 13th 2001 at the Coronation Ceremony for the Kingdom of God".) ❖

Alevtina Memorial

by Michael Hentrich

We were all moved by the sacrifice of the Uzbekistan/Korean sister during Father's historic 50-state tour, Alevtina Ogai. Father proclaimed her death to be of international significance and he was in Cheyenne during her Seung Hwa Ceremony.

The small membership of Wyoming and the Denver Church are to take care of the costs of her burial, etc., and her family in Uzbekistan has no money at all. The tombstone, at this point, will be the smallest and plainest one available. Many people feel she deserves better than that level of appreciation. The costs associated with Alevtina's death are about $7,000. We need your help. This is not a lot of money if many of us chip in a little.

Please send your memorial contribution to the Denver regional headquarters at: 3418 W. 14th Street, Denver, CO 80204. Please make checks payable to HSA-UWC. Thank you for stretching a little bit just one more time. ❖

PAUL CARLSON

KNOW THE TRUTH

This article is about the truth and the people who know it, or think they do. And their attitudes toward people who may know less.

Truth comes in many forms, as does human intelligence. Unificationists are special people, familiar with the deepest truths ever revealed to humanity. But there are several kinds of truth, and different skills are required to handle them.

A different version of this article appeared in the philosophy newsletter *Synapse*.

Specialties

Scientists can do wonderful things with bubbling test tubes, and can probably recite the Periodic Table of the Elements by heart. They create healing medicines and deadly poisons with ease; and can fashion smelly but useful globs, or fabulous crystal baubles. But if they want to grasp the ultimate significance of their efforts, they must turn to spiritual leaders.

Mechanics can grasp the intricate workings of automobile engines, from the computerized fuel injectors to the clashing gears. A few of those mechanics may be theologians as well, but not very many. And while a theologian might look down on such a greasy person, when their car breaks down, they probably won't try to tackle the repairs by themselves.

Philosophers tackle some very profound questions, and can bring clarity to issues which have puzzled ordinary people all their lives. They can also 'split hairs' on some very dense issues that most folks don't ever think about at all!

When the philosopher, scientist, and mechanic have problems with their personal relationships, as they sometimes do, they're all likely to turn to an experienced councilor, or a member of the clergy. Someone who can guide them through the perilous realms of the heart.

Then, to celebrate their revived relationship, each will attend an event of their liking, whether it's a football game, a new movie, or a musical recital. All of these, please note, require still other types of intelligence and skill.

Elitism

Wouldn't it be great if all these folks sincerely respected each other? They often don't. Worse, they sometimes trash each other, being at odds in a verbal sense, or worse.

Even within their own spheres, people don't always get along. Philosophy has various schools, which have disagreed for centuries. The hard sciences also have zealously defended schools of thought. Even top mechanics can be restorers of classics, or stock car enthusiasts, or Formula One racers. That's not even getting into religion and politics, with their massively divisive variations.

What to do? Here are some words of wisdom from my friend Kathi. During a recent on-line debate, she wrote:

<< I guess my whole point is that the extremes, whether right or left, up or down, in or out, are too elitist in their assumptions, and fail to take into account the vast majority of middle of the road people who just want to live life on their own terms, without stepping on anyone else's toes. >>

My discussion with Kathi and our mutual friends was the basis for this article. She actually raises a much larger issue. 'Live and let live' has been an American maxim since the beginning. Believe it or not, the Puritans were considerably less uptight than today's self-proclaimed moralists.

There is a clear pattern to the elitism Kathi mentioned. Most people prefer to hang out with others who think and behave like themselves. Surveys have shown that this personal preference tends to increase as people get older, and this holds for Christians, Humanists, and others.

Folks thus assume that all 'good people' think, believe, vote, donate, etc. basically the same way they do. And that, as other people 'grow,' they'll become more like one's self.

Conversely, those who disagree are assumed, at best, to be 'missing' something; or, at worst, to be starkly evil.

Of course, if you directly *ask* someone if they think like that, they will instantly deny it. Nonetheless, this 'birds of feather' thing is a deep, almost subconscious, personal behavior. (Doubt it? Sign on to the World Wide Web, and check out the extreme polarity of opinions about radio's Dr. Laura.)

Let me put it this way: "Tolerance is a modern American virtue—and if you readers don't display is properly, I'm going to make every one of you attend a Sensitivity Training seminar!" (Just kidding.)

Imposition

How do we treat people who don't agree with us? Good and decent people tend to assume that if others were just a bit more [fill in the blank: informed, educated, concerned, aware, compassionate, enlightened, etc.], they would soon 'see the light.' Thus, their efforts are devoted to education and recruitment.

On the other hand, people who are *not* so good also want others see things their way. Most are content to threaten folks with a ruined society, or an eternity in Hell. But if they just can't wait that long, they'll drag people into a nearby Inquisition chamber. And if they don't believe in a Hell, sometimes they'll build an Auschwitz or a Gulag Archipelago as a handy substitute...

Such spiteful people are devoted to forcing others into an approved mold, *supposedly* for their own good, or for the good of society. In the process, they usually manage to gather a large slice of the pie for themselves.

In our modern, relatively peaceful times, such horrible behavior has been universally condemned. Still, similar bad *attitudes* can occasionally be found. And the folks who are looked down upon have their own ways of striking back.

How many theologians have been overcharged by an auto mechanic? How many have been condemned by philosophers as "fractious and otherworldly," or by chemists and engineers as "airily impractical?"

It gets worse. Perhaps you've seen that popular bumper sticker: My Kid Beat Up Your Honor Student. Don't assume that they're just kidding! And do send your kid to martial arts classes. Even if they never get into a single fight, it'll do them a lot of good.

Tolerance

There is a solution to these uncomfortable divisions, a quality all too rare in our society: humility. Real empathic sharing, of both viewpoint and emotion. Not the sort of 'tolerance' being pushed on university campuses, which is a politically correct buzzword that's quite false in theory—and in practice, even worse!

How to bring such humility into one's life? Make a genuine attempt to get on the level of the mechanic, the scientist, and the philosopher. Learn their lingo, and grasp their mindset. This will result in a broader and more rewarding view of the world.

One may not notice it at the time, but the Unificationist's formula course of fundraising, witnessing, and tribal messiahship is an excellent way of doing just that.

There is a sound historical basis for such mutual respect.

Handymen were pulling us out of the caves when philosophy and science didn't even exist. Farmers, sanitation workers, and plumbers have done more for human health than all the doctors in the world combined.

Scientists, and their actualizers, the engineers, literally built civilization. At great personal risk, they grasped, then tamed, the strongest forces of nature.

Philosophers were puzzling out the functions of the mind and the world, and winnowing the logical wheat from the irrational chaff, when most humans lived in ignorant barbarity.

Spiritual leaders, whether shamans, temple priests, or modern preachers, have always understood a great deal about human nature. Millennia before we knew that the brain was the seat of consciousness, they knew what went on in there—and beyond it, in the soul.

Looking back, the Greek's colorful menagerie called the Gods of Olympus appears silly; a set childish myths, but their tales contained a whole lot of truth. When Freud began to catalogue the murky recesses of the mind, he needed only to borrow some utterly appropriate examples from those Greek tales.

Conclusion

One might know the deepest of truths, but if you and a few companions *just* know it, isn't going to get you (or the Providence) very far. And, at first, sharing it with others may not work out the way you thought it would.

Even in ancient times, spiritual leaders understood that life has a greater purpose, and that moral laws exist, apart from the arbitrary dictates of humanity. Today it may be popular to criticize the clergy, but they still have the inside track!

At the end of a long day, all of these folks might pause for a moment and look up at the stars. And wonder who they are, down deep; and what's most important about life. About what's true (or not), and how will they know the difference? And finally, where are they ultimately destined?

That's when those who are close God can really shine. ❖

UTS Crucifix Exploded by Thunderbolt

by W. F. Hill

I suspect this news sounds a little like something out of the *National Enquirer*, but it really is true. A few days ago, a severe thunderstorm hit the Barrytown/Red Hook area. Strangely enough, a bolt of lightning struck the stone crucifix above the main entrance to UTS and completely shattered it! There were eyewitnesses and the explosion could be heard way up by Apple Cottage. There is an apparently useless lightening rod on the roof just a few feet away from the crucifix.

I don't want to get jumped on for theologizing too much about it, so I won't. However, it really is remarkable in light of the fact that Father just last week said that Christian churches should eventually take down their crosses because they symbolize God's sadness.

Many other things are happening at UTS this week. Father is attending UTS's 25th graduation, his first time in 14 years. TPs will be receiving an honorary doctorate at the ceremony. Hyun Jin Nim and Jun Sook Nim will be graduating, magna cum laude. Father will also get to view for the first time the permanent CAUSA exhibit in Lecture Hall 2, colorfully displaying TPs work against communism. Father even changed the date of graduation to coincide with the celebration for Day of All Things, which now will be held on the soccer field after the graduation ceremony. Bishop Milingo, other noted ministers, the national media, and hundreds if not thousands of people will be attending.

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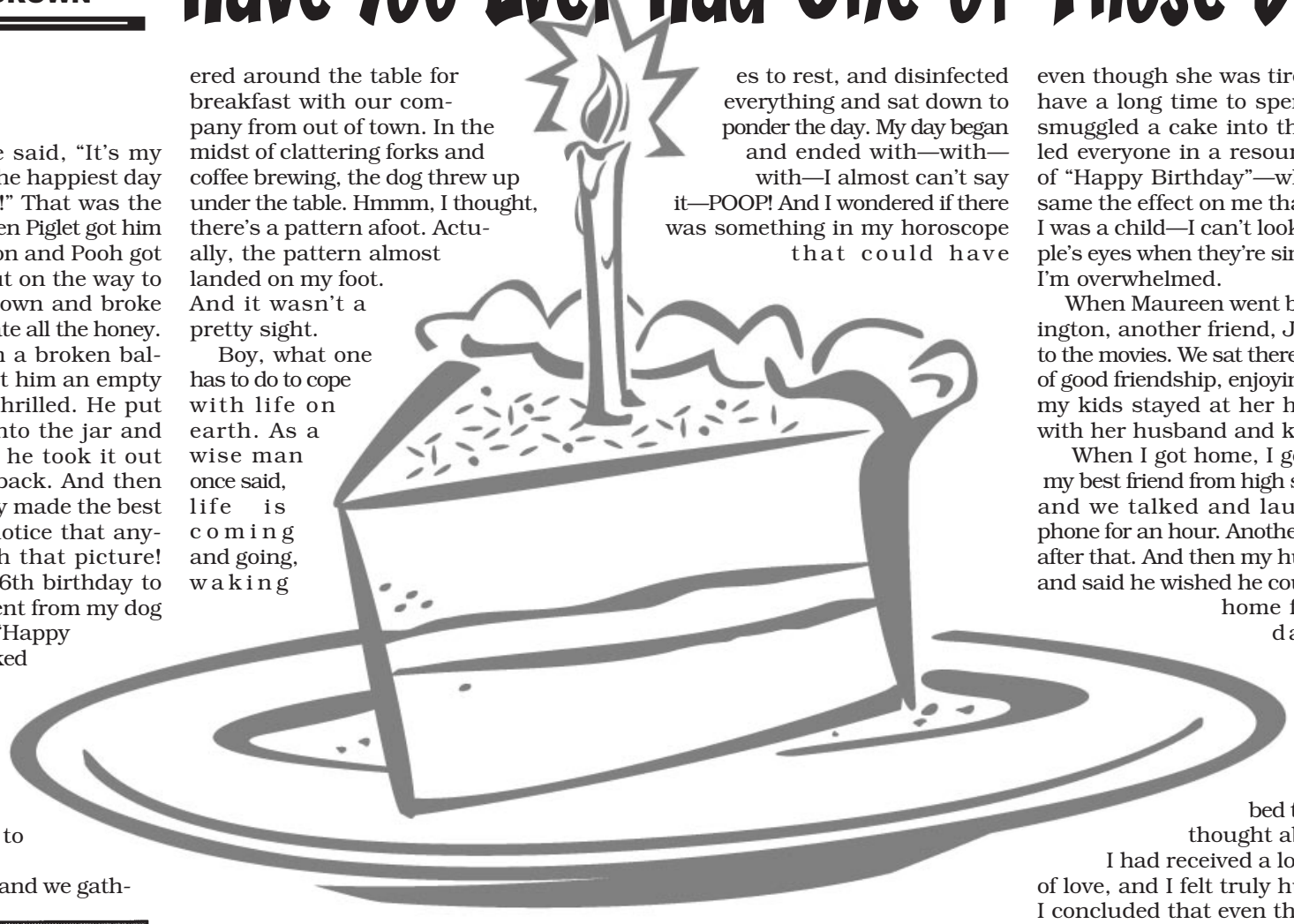
KIM KORMAN BROWN

Have You Ever Had One of Those Days?



Eeyore once said, "It's my birthday, the happiest day of the year!" That was the episode when Piglet got him a big balloon and Pooh got him a jar of honey. But on the way to the party, Piglet fell down and broke the balloon, and Pooh ate all the honey. So Piglet brought him a broken balloon and Pooh brought him an empty jar. But Eeyore was thrilled. He put the popped balloon into the jar and was so pleased. And he took it out again. And he put it back. And then took it out. He not only made the best of it, he didn't even notice that anything was wrong with that picture!

I woke up on my 46th birthday to find an aromatic present from my dog on our kitchen stairs. "Happy Birthday Mommy, I baked you a pie!" he seemed to say, as he wagged his tail and smiled up at me with his happy dog smile. Ignorance is bliss. I didn't have the heart to punish him.

The day continued, and we gathered around the table for breakfast with our company from out of town. In the midst of clattering forks and coffee brewing, the dog threw up under the table. Hmmm, I thought, there's a pattern afoot. Actually, the pattern almost landed on my foot. And it wasn't a pretty sight.

Boy, what one has to do to cope with life on earth. As a wise man once said, life is coming and going, waking and sleeping, crying and laughing. And if you're wadding up paper towels and tossing them in the trash can while you're on your way, then you're doing two things at once, and that's more than a lot of people are doing!

I spent the day celebrating my birthday with friends by hiking and going to the movies, which was really nice. But when I came home I discovered that one of my kids had plugged up one of the bathrooms. So I went to work with a plunger and suddenly had another problem appearing in the shower. Oh no! This is serious! I finally managed to put both messes to rest, and disinfected everything and sat down to ponder the day. My day began and ended with—with—with—I almost can't say it—POOP! And I wondered if there was something in my horoscope that could have warned me. Was there something about the numerology of this day, something in the stars that brought me to these moments of destiny? Was it something that I myself had done, to bring about this omen on the 46th anniversary of the day of my birth? It's hard not to get nervous!

But then I realized that my friend Maureen had driven all the way down from Washington, D.C., to be with me on my birthday. My husband was out of town at a conference, and she came even though she was tired and didn't have a long time to spend. She even smuggled a cake into the house and led everyone in a resounding chorus of "Happy Birthday"—which still has same the effect on me that it did when I was a child—I can't look up into people's eyes when they're singing because I'm overwhelmed.

When Maureen went back to Washington, another friend, Jane, took me to the movies. We sat there in the silence of good friendship, enjoying a film while my kids stayed at her house playing with her husband and kids.

When I got home, I got a call from my best friend from high school, Jenny, and we talked and laughed on the phone for an hour. Another friend called after that. And then my husband called and said he wished he could have been home for my birthday, and we murmured words of love for another hour.

I got in my bed that night and thought about the day.

I had received a lot of blessings of love, and I felt truly humbled by it. I concluded that even though life has its questionable moments, it's full of wonderful ones too. And the wonderful ones only make you more grateful. Gratitude is even sweeter when measured against reminders of how one should be more humble.

I only wish they'd make an air freshener that smells better.

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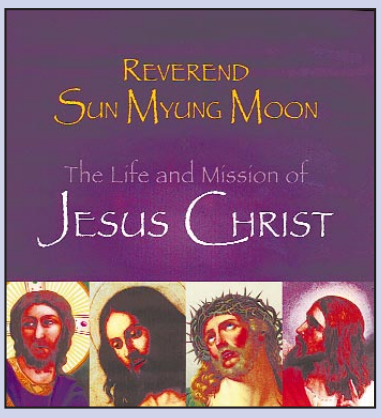

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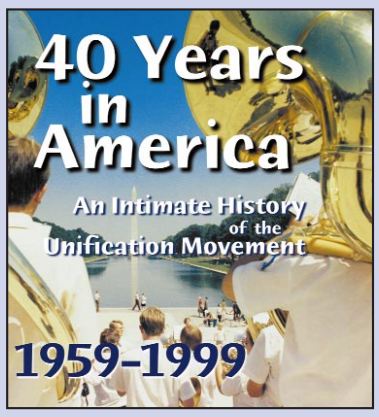

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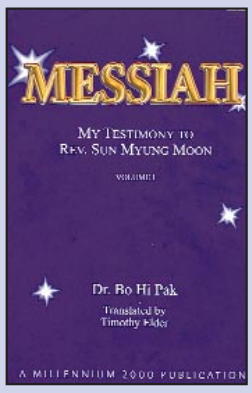

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