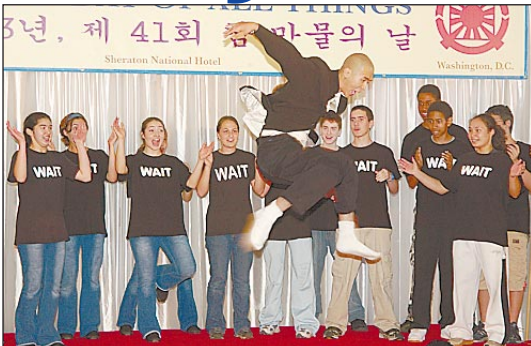


41st Day of All True Things in DC

by Rev. Michael Jenkins

It is absolutely beyond belief, the strength and power that Father now has. It is not just a recovery. It is a total new beginning. Father looks younger and more fresh than ever. On the True Day of All Things we gathered at the Sheraton National Galaxy Room on the 16th Floor. It is a room that only holds 400. Needless to say it



was jammed. 250 international leaders gathered for the Media workshop. Also, the 36 Couples gathered for a



special workshop with Father.

We gathered for Pledge at 7 am. There were no holy robes. Father and Moth-



er entered with True Children. There was a sense of such sincere depth of

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FROM CROSS TO CROWN ACLC Pilgrimage Testimonies

One hundred thirty-one ACLC Christian pastors visited Israel from May 15 to 19. They performed a ceremony to bury the cross, and had a conference with 120 Jewish leaders. After the ceremony, both sides of Christianity and Judaism equally repented, and adopted and proclaimed the "Jerusalem Declaration" which states they receive Jesus who was sent by God. The providential purpose of this Pilgrimage is the liberation of Jesus, the reconciliation of Christianity and Judaism, and the final settlement of the problem of the Middle East.

Burying the Cross

All ACLC pastors who participated in this Pilgrimage had taken off the crosses from their churches on Good Friday, which is the day Jesus was crucified.

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GEORGIA

by Rev. V.A. —Atlanta, GA

How Sweet the Sound': The sound of reconciliation in the hearts of all the people, the smiles of forgiveness on the faces, and thankfulness seen in the movement of the bodies of the Christians, Jews and Moslems. All praises to you, oh, God, and Father Moon, for allowing us, your sheep, to travel on this pilgrimage to the Holy Land. To hear the sound of the goats, the sheep, the camels and the Jews, the Moslems, and the Christians all striving to be more like You!

'That saved a wretch like me': You saved me by giving me more life! Joy and peace of mind! Wretch, body suffering from old thoughts and ideas. That is, understanding the importance of coming out of the box of 'old beliefs' and accepting the fact that we are in the Sec-

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TEXAS

by Rev. Curtis Walker

During the twenty-one days since their return from the ACLC Rome-Israel Peace Expedition, Houston's own Pastor and First Lady Nathan and Maggi Blocker have been soaring at new spiritual heights as they strive to embody Isaiah 40:31/ "But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint."

An Alumnus of the ICC since 1987, and a champion of faith-based initiatives, Rev. Blocker moves adeptly between and among Houston's power brokers as he works to expand Heaven's territory via success in such endeavors as the construction of affordable housing and the acquisition of land for the purpose of reinvigorating blighted inner-city neighborhoods.

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CALIFORNIA

by Rev. Tim Henning

Saturday, May 31st, the ACLC prayer breakfast in San Diego hosted sixteen ministers for a presentation of the topics "From the Cross to the Crown" and "Testimonies of the Pilgrimage to the Holy Land". Rev. George Williams shared his testimony following a 70-slide overview of the trip. He related how the Holy Spirit had led him to make some realizations during the trip.

Rev. Williams reflected on the power and glory of the historical church demonstrated in the art and architecture of the Vatican. What was the power of the Church then? How does it compare with the Church today? The power of the Church is to be love, life changing, world changing love. Paul from his prison conquered Rome through letters of love, testifying to his experience with Christ. America, Rev. Williams said, is the Rome of today. Does the Church

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NEW YORK

by Bishop Moses and Dr. Margie de la Rosa

Mr. Vernon, NY—I am presently in the mode of daily miracles. In the spirit world I have seen and heard you praying for us, while on this trip to Israel and Rome. Also, I have heard you prior to this.

While down in the prison cisterns, the Holy Spirit fell upon all of us and we wept over Jerusalem; there was true love experienced and a deep desire to live for the sake of others. This love lineage destroys hate, division, evil and every type of mental conflict.

As True Parents, you are this true love, directly from God. Christians, Jews and Muslims gave themselves an evaluation and they realized that God is not pleased with hearts of hate. Therefore, many repented, and asked for forgiveness from each other and God.

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ADDRESS TO THE WORKSHOP

by Rev. Sun Myung Moon

This is from an address given to the Workshop on Journalism and Media held May 30, 2003 at the Sheraton National Hotel, Washington, D.C. From notes taken by M. Herbers and Rev. M. Jenkins. Translated by Rev. J. Hong.

Eighty per cent of you can become experts in media. Education is done through schools and media. What we need then is education in the areas of politics, economics. Ambassadors will take responsibility for the diplomatic area. “True Parents” is an incredible title to have. People just living comfortably cannot be called TP. Even if a family is living well and praying diligently, they cannot assume the role of TP. Why? Because they are descendants of the fall; they don’t have reciprocal relationship with God.

If they can’t, what God doesn’t need should not exist on earth. Has to go into hell in spirit world. God did not create the world in this way. It became divided

because of fall. So we have to deny the part of the world that cannot connect with God and create a new world connected with God. That is why religion exists in history. The Chinese character for religion means roof, and under that all the filial children who receive those religions. A media and education event, that nation’s relation in media, politics, etc. can become things God needs and bring things to the world that God requires.

All the media and politics resulting from the fallen lineage are unnecessary. Why? Because of the fall, man denied God, was separated from God. Adam and Eve became enemies to each other. Adam said Eve made him fall, Eve blamed the archangel. Who takes responsibility for the fall? It was the archangel’s responsibility, the number one who denies God is Satan, who was head of the angels. For eternity God has to place responsibility.

Because God created the world based

on love, he could not force the world to come back to Him but had to subjugate naturally through teaching humans to become filial children, and also families and nations to be the filial children God wanted. Nations that God wants, to become saints in this world, the son and daughter God needs. That is the ultimate goal. To achieve realm of oneness with God.

What God wants is to go to the ultimate goal God requires—what is that? The archangel doesn’t know it. The AA fell because he didn’t know God’s ultimate goal of love. Neither did Adam or Eve. Only God knows this ultimate goal of love. What is that final purpose? But you don’t now what that world is. Journalists here, what is it? Do you understand God or not? The WT reporters, do they like God or not? Whoever likes God the most are the people who have gone through the most difficult times and sacrificed the most on earth. They want the peaceful world God desires. How many

such people are there in America?

The Bible says you should seek his kingdom and righteousness. Those who seek to lose their life for that sake will gain it and have hope for eternity. That is central point of Jesus’ philosophy. How many Americans are determined to go the way of God’s will? The enemy has become the enemy of God. To digest all those, to become one with God, to have true siblings with God, where can people learn about that? The problem is that A fell before he knew. The AA fell before God’s will was accomplished, before that ideal became known. He didn’t know hat Adam was going to accomplish. The AA has to be subjugated naturally, Adam has to be taught. If they knew, they wouldn’t have fallen. To go into the deepest heart of God and understand.

Everyone has attributes, absolute and unique love, eternal love, unchanging love. Only God has those. Is that true? The original SS and HS were a harmo-

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JUNE 2003

- 3 Shin Yeon Nim’s Birthday (4/23/90)
- 4 72 Couples’ Blessing (1962)
- 10 Il-Heung Shipbuilding Established (1986)
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- 13 Hee Jin Nim & Hye Shin Nim’s Blessing (1998)
- 39 Couples’ Blessing (1981)
- 1st 360 Million Couples’ Blessing (1998)
- 14 Jeung Jin Nim’s Birthday (1982)
- Declaration of Cosmic Victory (1999)
- 16 Washington Times Established (1982)
- 23 Il-Sung Construction (1978)
- Day of One Heart (1989)
- 24 Return of the Land to God (2000)
- 27 Young Jin Nim’s Birthday (5/17/78)
- 29 Return of the Cosmos to Heaven (2000)

JULY 2003

- 1 Chil Il Jeol: Declaration Day of God’s Eternal Blessing (1991)
- Day of the Celebration of Victory (1973)
- 2075 Couples’ Blessing (1982)
- 13 Universal Ballet Company Established (1984)
- 18 Sung Jin Nim & Dong Sook Nim’s Blessing (1973)
- 23 Kook Jin Nim’s Birthday (6/14/70)
- 24 Sun Jin Nim’s Birthday (6/15/76)
- 124 Couples’ Blessing (1963)
- 26 Youth Federation for World Peace Inauguration (1994)
- 27 Hye Jin Nim’s Birthday (1964)

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- 1 Hee Jin Nim’s Ascension (1969)
- 4 Hye Jin Nim’s Ascension (1964)
- 16 Il Sung II: Total Victory Day (1985)
- 17 Declaration Day Jeon-ban & Jeon-neung (1999)
- 20 Shin Goon Nim’s Birthday (7/12/83)
- Shin Kwon Nim’s Birthday (7/12/89)
- 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)
- 26 In Jin Nim’s Birthday (7/18/65)
- 27 Hwa Jung Nim’s Birthday (7/19/77)
- 28 Federation for World Peace (1991)
- 31 Pal Jong Shik: Day of the Settlement of 8 Stages (1989)



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nized body. The reciprocal partner. The original SS is like that. God is like a ray of sunshine coming down vertically. Horizontally everything is created such that they have give and take, returning joy to God.

If your mind and body were not struggling together, wouldn't you be peaceful? Right now your mind and body are completely separated. If they don't struggle, you don't suffer. If they have smooth give and take, you don't feel pain. God also within original SS and HS is a harmonized body. His attributes could be placed in all the created beings in the world. Those people who have S & O and have GTS through true love, to have that you must not seek to receive but to give love, tens of thousands of times more love than you receive. With that kind of GTA will there be struggle or peace?

This child will become a year old. He knows what his parents and grandparents like and how to give them joy, even though he's not yet one year old. Watch and see what I become. He also understands and smiles and laughs and says hello from far away when he sees his father and mother coming. He knows the difference between his father and grandfather. Where does that wisdom come from? It's a wisdom of love. To raise up that kind of heart of love, to understand that deep heart of God we need to fill ourselves with that heart. To create something that God likes, even everyone in the family likes that world of love. A world without love is like a desert. Even though there's sun and clean water, there's still not a good place to be.

When people who live there don't know anything. Because of the fall they became that way.

It's not the lack of knowledge that made the fall. There was a formula that had to be established there—that was God's cherished desire and that humanity desired there. Don't you smart reporters think so? Do you know God's heart? If you want to go into that world, you cannot go there physically. God gave us a part living in the physical world and also in the sp. world.

If you go to the mountains in this area. If you go to the deepest part of the Grand Canyon, the echo resounds throughout. That echoing between God and man was the kind of beautiful love we were supposed to have, when the whole canyon echoes. That is what God wants. Even to be dancing with God, echoing love back and forth. Not, this is mine, this is mine. But this belongs to love, this is absolutely unique unchanging and eternal love. Does that exist right now?

Those of you called here to be responsible for the media, do you at least have the potential to become that way? If you are students, you have to answer your teacher. What you are you if you don't even answer the question?

As result of the fall human beings fell into ignorance. Even the fact that the universe is in a pair system is something the UC discovered. Did you hear that before joining UC? Subject and object partners have complete give and take eternally, have give and take together. Partners

together can have that GTA. Have you thought how you could have a family having that kind of GTA going before God? All things in nature are all educated. What kind of animal can be trained? The dolphins can be trained to do things. They race alongside boats as far as 50 miles. Once they defeat the ship, they stop following it because they see no purpose. Once the champion defeats his opponent,

world could not do it, no matter how often people offer morning prayers, we have to have a heart that is concerned about the world even more than God, more than anyone else. You are UC members and you believe in the all, don't you? Everything in the world has to be completely cleaned up, turned away from God because of the enemy. They didn't want to go to God so they turned away from God. God



Birthday Celebrations

June 14, 2003 - East Garden

Jeung Jin Nim - 21 years old
Shin Kwang Nim - Son of
Hyun Jin Nim's couple
Shin Koong Nim - Daughter
of Hyung Jin Nim's couple
Shin Yeo Nim - Daughter of
Hyo Jin Nim's couple

he doesn't see any point in fighting him again.

Would you like to live in a place where that kind of competition exists/ In the media world everyone competes desperately. Mr. Joo, you have been doing this more than 10 years. He gained weight while he was here. We're desperate that way because we know the world is going in a desperate direction. If you're just sitting here peacefully singing, that's not enough. If you know where the world is going, you have to work hard to change that.

The Kremlin was the source of the problem and we worked hard to correct those. It's interesting for me—on March 17th I went into the hospital; Confusion reigned in the world and things became as I predicted. Everything seemed caught in a nylon net. How can this be restored to its original position? Who do we go to for that? We ask God, but he cannot tell you. Because Adam fell into ignorance, the ambition and fallen desire of Lucifer was there, so God cannot just tell you because He doesn't know what that fallen ambition may result in.

We must be able to understand that and must resolve that, resolve all the grief of the world in the current situation where it's as though caught in a net. You don't seem to understand what I'm saying. You have to say there is that possibility, even if I say there isn't. Can you make a country here that God can be proud of. World media representatives, Cheon Il Guk rallies, in the future we'll have ambassadors of CIG. Those people who are unqualified cannot do that. We have to have a group of people who are qualified. If there is a God then he must be able to help us. If we work 10 years, 20 years to accomplish that, the most wise person would go the least wise person and say, God is this way would that person follow automatically? No, they won't.

We have to go into an unknown world where the media can teach people about God. Even if F & M could not do it, the

closed his eyes and simply turned away and tore it down.

In order to create the true love world, that is the education that Rev. Moon gives in workshop centers. DO you welcome that? Yes sounds like Jesus, Jesus in Korea. That connects with the heavenly world. Now I'm talking about these things—shall I speak for along time or short time? What did I say were God's attributes? Absolute love, unique love, unchanging love. Don't think you know it better than I do. If you want to get a perfect score, you have to do it 1,000 times. IF you want a high grade, you have to do better than this. IF you know these things completely you have everything.

DO you have parents at home with absolute love? [No.] The UC says your parents are fake parents, but they think they are your real parents and TP are fake parents. Which ones are real? The ones that teach you about God and the principles of Heaven and Earth, and teach you about what you need to do in your life. Those who follow that way will go to a world of happiness. The secret of becoming one, going to the high mountain and sweating a lot, to have an interesting story there around the camp and then become one that way through that kind of experience. Even if a strong wind comes, no matter what happens in your lives. All the feelings and interest that you can share together through that experience of climbing the mountain together, you don't realize it but nature will speak to you, that people in spirit world are working When you pray in the spirit world and go beyond day and night, they can work 24 hours, be busy. Would you like to live in that kind of world or not? I'm sure you wouldn't want to live there. Do you think you want to go to the spirit world?

The best time to marry is by the age of 23. You shouldn't marry too late. That's why in UC we encourage to marry early because even in the spirit world it is that way. No matter how much you want to grow, if a child is born into the wrong

environment there's a limit to how far he can grow. A person who believes in God and Jesus may not be able to go to the KOH but at least can go to Paradise. Christians say everything else is heresy but what they believe and that is what divides Christianity, but in fact members of the UC teach people how to become princes of the KOH. Those who know the UC know it's the way that leads them to diamonds. We will continue in this way no matter, even if people tell us not to. The descendants can go into that world that will eventually lead to a path without indemnity.

In WWII there were countless military leaders who were given an order and died on the battlefield. However, we honored them for their sacrifice. As soon as he was trained to go to the battlefield they must go to fulfill their purpose. However, even if they are on the way to the battlefield but then the war ends he would not be honored. If a 5-star general heads out to the battlefield, but does not reach the battlefield before the war ends, would he receive the peoples' gratitude? Everyone who participates in the battle will receive credit. Therefore don't hesitate. This is the time to rush to the battlefield.

Humanism is Satan-centered philosophy. In the last days should be harmony between religion and politics. America has been used to liberate countries in the rest of the world, but then they put the brakes on religious education. This is wrong. Only Rev. Moon is stressing the need for religious education. In communist countries the CIA said, please don't go to Moscow. There is an assassination plot waiting for you. How can you go there? But I said no, I have to go. I knew everything I said there would be recorded and checked, but I read my message about God aloud many times in my room so they would know exactly what I was saying and that I wasn't afraid. They knew that I would not compromise on the reality of God as the source of all solutions. I said, go ahead and listen to what I'm saying, again and again. They realized that I was not trying to destroy them but to build it into something God could receive. They sent a special representative to me and asked, when communism was gone, do you have confidence to rebuild those countries? It said, of course we do. I'm sure that was the first time they met such a person. Within eight years.

Of course I established churches and other churches did not have that kind of confidence. Kim Jong-il is going on that path right now. TO save himself he could even kill 12 million people. Is that a good or bad? I've been trying to open the way for Kim Jong-il to go the right way. If he listens he will prosper. America should come to me and express gratitude and learn from me how to educate communists. In that way they can lead the world into the KOH.

I deal with the UN in that respect, Nobel laureates have to learn from me. You must know God, that He is your father, then what all the five saints are saying (Jesus, Mohammed, Confucius, Buddha and Hindu leaders), they are calling me the messiah and savior, builder of the 3rd Israel—that's not a lie.

Together with their 120 disciples made their declaration from heaven and then we proclaimed it on earth. This declaration made by the communist leaders that I am the LSA, True Parent and person

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True Father to Japanese Missionaries

by Rev. Sun Myung Moon

This is from a speech given June 12, 2003 at the New Yorker Ramada Hotel, New York. Notes by Rev. Michael Jenkins, translated by Rev. John Hong.

We must consider the International providence connected with the UN. We must understand that Korea is the Fatherland, Japan is the motherland and America is the Elder Son Nation. Father as the Messiah must embrace all people. The key for victory is how all brothers and sisters unite with Abonim.

Then by uniting with one heart we can make a new start. We must unite with this content absolutely. This is the time to make a new start for all blessed Central Families. How many are here (241). There were 247 reported to me, 6 are not here.

Women in some ways have greedy desire. They want to be number one. How many want to be number one. (Everyone raised their hands). Wow. Father is amazed and inspired that these women want to become number one. Then if we unite together we can become one and we can make a new start for the world.

Do you understand? It is not easy to understand Father's teaching completely. Because we hear it all at once it is difficult to grasp.

After WWII Father as a young man set the a special condition five times per day. Now God doesn't connect with one country. God doesn't look at you as representing one nation. God doesn't connect with being an American, or a Japanese or Korean. God doesn't connect with that foundation.

No one understands the indemnity course of Father's life. Now because of huge indemnity the walls are torn down and the world can unite as one. This is because of indemnity. Forget your national identity. We are God's children. Do chickens in Japan or in America act differently. No they are chickens! People like beef but a meal from the Ocean is more healthy. Mr. Pak is developing Krill fishing. This kind of activity will allow the UN to prepare a way to overcome hunger. This will play a role in our international work.

If you want to help Japan you should unite with Father and save the world. Father needs money to save this world. UC members must dedicate 10 or even 100 times more than other Blessed couples to take the central role of creating God's Kingdom.

This is a special time of urgency. This is time to be serious. All Japanese families must be serious in Japan to send their representative here to America. That's why you, the Eve nation has been called here to serve the world. That way the Mother is standing in the position to give the baby milk. The Mother wants to give clothing and even more and still she feels that she didn't do enough.

Everything about the woman is for the children, that is for the children. There is huge NY library has so much information and all ideas of the world. The Woman is similar, she is like a storehouse of everything that is needed for the family. You should be number one or the top person as the mother, then you can feel that you will be the top person or owner of this world.

Recently Father was with the 36 blessed

couples. He could see who those who overcoming and who were blocked. The wise person is the one who overcomes the difficulty

If you connect with God's idea. God will accept you. Whatever your situation, God will guide you, God will bless you. Why do we get up so early. Wouldn't Hoon Dok Hae be better at 7am. Father knows the samurai spirit in Japan. With this spirit we can bring victory.

Now we have passed the era of indemnity, we are placed in the realm of completion. Spiritual world recognizes Father. Father doesn't work only on earth but also he works in the spirit world at the same time. Father stands on the right position and Mother stands in the Left position. mother stands in the position to inherit everything from Father. She has come to an equal position with Father.

Japanese women, God wants your position to be equal with True Mother. You should be standing in the same indemnity position equally with True Mother. If you stand together with True Father as one we can bring the victory.

March 16th, Father went to the hospital, just after that the Iraq war. Father paid enormous indemnity. You don't know what is behind Father's indemnity. Some of you here try to find the easy way. Japan is the role of the mother and America is the role of the Elder son. Japan is the enemy nation. Now they have come to the enemy to embrace and give your milk. The day and time fit together like that. This is it.

As you know the Ambassadors for Peace are citizens of the Kingdom of heaven. Then how much the parents of heaven and earth are going forward. Look at this world and how miserable it is. That is why you must understand why True Parents are here. We should connect with Jesus. Jesus taught that you must love your enemy. Even on the cross Jesus prayed for his enemy. This is the pattern that God can use. In order to be the qualified Mother you must accomplish many things. You must go through being a daughter, Mother and granddaughter. You must overcome the obstacles and restore Adam and Eves role. Must establish the individual then the blessed family and restore Adam and Eve.

Korea is exporting 10 times more to Japan. Why, because this way Japan can serve the fatherland. The American Christian ministers love the Japanese missionaries. Father is now giving you the key to restoration through indemnity. Because the Jews killed Jesus, then as Christianity grew it became the enemy of Israel. America supports Israel as a state as a condition of loving the enemy but this is not enough.

This is why Father asked the Christian ministers to take down the cross and to go to Israel and embrace the Jews. Then ask them to embrace Jesus. They did this. The main reason was to solve this historical problem of the rejection of Jesus. Without this solution the Palestinians and Israelis will never stop fighting. This is the only way to untangle this situation.

What if a woman has relations with 36 men. Can she then marry one man? How will she go forward. Through True Parents, all can be forgiven. Father can forgive the prostitutes liberate them and make them daughters of God.

What about John the Baptist? What was the first thing he said. He said Repent! This is the way.

All the Cain countries of the world



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stand against America. Then the International Body must fulfill its role to get beyond this situation. The International Body must accept Father's idea for Interreligious council.

You sisters should move your family here and determine to give your life to save this nation. Mothers will sell everything to serve the children, they also will cut their hair and sell it to serve the children. You will be dispatched to each church. 2 will go to each church. Even you can do you can fulfill. Two sisters to each church. What is God's nation. Cheon Il Guk. We must have a nation. With this we can register our family and tribe in the nation. With this restitution you can go to heaven. Without this registration you can't go to heaven. Cheon Il Guk is two persons united as one. Therefore marriage is the key (two become one). There is no property when entering Cheon Il Guk. Give it up. Now through True Parents Holy Wedding, God could bless True Parents on the third and final level and they could receive the Coronation of Kingship.

True Parents do the registration Cheon Il Guk blessing. Through True Parents God could receive his own certificate of marriage. Now Father has set up the last and final providence. Father wants to work with the UN to be a "nation" to guide all 190 countries. Therefore you must follow Father now.

Idea of Rebuilding God's Kingdom. Who is the one that can do this. America? No. Only the Mother can initiate and carry out this providence. God wants you to clearly inherit the mission of True Mother. Listen carefully to the May 10th declaration.

If you understand these contents you can fulfill. You must receive the contents of the lessons from True Parents.

Six thousand years ago God expected this from Adam's family, then from Jesus family. Now Father has fulfilled the third Adam's role and is even talking about restoring the nation (Cheon Il Guk).

You must know how important Cheon Il Guk is. You shouldn't hold any ownership. There is no ownership with Cheon Il Guk. You must give up everything. Now we can collect the fruit from all of Father's indemnity course.

The Iraq war created an imbalance in that America is now dominant. The UN must be reestablished. The UN must be touched by this time. You should not only liberate your ancestors but also bless them. Without blessing you cannot save them.

Are you qualified to do this work? You must keep your purity. To receive the blessing your ancestors must be liberated at Cheong Pyeong and then go to Heung Jin Nim's workshop. This is beyond the worlds situation. Ancestors must be blessed by HJN.

We have entered a new era in which we can all liberate God. The day upon which we do this is May 10th. After the fall of Adam and Eve, there was no Word, tradition and life.

Father is now making the conditions to correct the UN / US relationship. Father has given this a new meaning. "Work Hard" Strike the nail on the head. "Work Hard".

Now you know the shortcut to the providence because you are listening to True Parents. Only Father knows the secrets about how to overcome and take down the walls.

Father had to find the answers, God could not help. God tested Father and had many tests and trials directly from God. He overcame and found the secrets of the scriptures. By the Principle it was correct that way.

Look at America, Satan is trying to destroy this country through immorality and corruption. Only Father knows how to reverse this. Today Father is rebuilding or creating God's true sovereign nation.

March 21, 1999. Satan surrendered. You should go to Christian churches and make them into your spiritual children. You must restore them back to God's way. You put your condition of Jerusalem and put your filial piety there.

430 couples is the representative of the 4300 year history of the Fatherland and all humanity. You must bless 430 Christian couples to be able to fulfill your mission.

February 6, 2003. Mother received the Cheon Il Guk blessing, however you received the certificate of birth at that ceremony. You should understand the significance of this providential transition era. If the UN accepts this UN council then the whole world will change. There are no negatives after that.

Eventually only the heavenly constitution will remain. Think about Religious UN, Family UN, Youth UN. If we don't do this way, it is impossible to unify this whole globe. How can Japan and America do this? They can't. Only Abonim can do this.

If you know the truth and don't follow it is a sin. You will see in the spirit world. You need 21 days to set the condition of reading all of these contents. We will make a new start with the Japanese sisters here. I give you direction for your mind and body to unite.

Do you have your Cheon Il Guk Membership Card: (Father pulled out his Cheon Il Guk Card). You must have this card. Is your card the same as Koreas. This card is essential. Carrying this card will protect you from Satan. You must follow see **MISSION** on page 5

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with the royal authority to liberate communist realm. This was the declared in Spirit World. This was printed in NY Times, and the media was able to do 80 percent—the media fights on that level. Those in the media have the ability, they are smart enough, they could make \$10000 a day if they wanted to. Sometimes the word or revelation comes about my work without my knowing it. If I'm not doing it consciously, God must be doing it. Just watch and see how it comes about as I say. It is unmistakable that God knows. People will come to know and understand this. This has all been published.

In UC the revelation is unmistakable. People who go to spit world will see if this is right or wrong. The scholars from around the world bring their papers to W&I. Now in achieving our purpose here, to establish the KOH on earth. Then next will be education, much higher and greater than Harvard. Depending on how long it takes t deal with the UN to establish the Kingdom of Heaven, the way will appear. Is Dr. Lee the President of Sun Moon University here? Why did I appoint a woman? Because a woman has that kind of ability. Do you think she's doing a good job or not? She's in a man's world, all these arrogant people she has to subjugate. She has the ability to subjugate them. (To Dr. Lee) Do you feel within yourself that kind of ability? (Yes).

Right now we are having the wives come to learn about the media. In the 1st and 2nd stage the women were not able to fulfill responsibility, but in the 3rd stage they can achieve victory—become ambassador. We've prepared many people for that. Even if the entire world opposes us, we'll still be able to accomplish this purpose, go this way tens of thousands of years. God will absolutely help us to accomplish and open the way. As long as we are determined and continue to go, it will certainly open up.

We are in a time of new beginning. Now the realm of subject realm for that purpose, one billion light years in the solar system. Can you imagine how huge that is? How incredibly big. How that entire universe can be harmonized, to liberate God, eradicate all effects of the fall from the world and restore it to God, to go to Him and say, God, everything that has lost as a result of Adam's fall has now been returned to you. All those things are now yours. If God says, I will not make it, but

you will make it, it's your turn—do you know what that means? God will then give human beings the ability to make a beautiful world, billions o times more beautiful. Those people then can be spread throughout the world. That is the purpose of my life. The enemies of God, the enemies of the 5 saints, have opposed us. Now there is cleansing and everything that is wrong has been burned away. You did the holy burning ceremony. It was symbolic of that, burning away the fallen world. The True Parents of heaven and earth and the holy (Cheon Il Guk) blessing, until then there was no Kingdom of God so there could not be a holy blessing. Because of the fall God lost His nation. Without a nation there could not be a marriage, a nation to receive the marriage report.

Satan had full power and authority, but without fighting had to subjugate Satan naturally. To go back to God's philosophy foundation and establish a realm of victory in this world, perfected Adam could have a ceremony for God and establish God's Kingdom. Only God could rise up to this victory realm. Centering on 90-degree angle, we must have unity of upper and lower. Mr. J. do you understand? With that kind of determination you can control the media world. All the people you met, the networks you established, you can bring al those people together into one. The Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity, is in a world where people are interested in great palaces and riches, we established our

goal as the Unification of World Christianity. People don't take that seriously and they would see a sign on our church with that name in the early days and make fun of it, but I told our members, don't pay any attention. How difficult it was for us to love the people like Maria Pak who opposed us. I know the taste of everything. Liquor smells terrible. I was in prison for a long time so I really appreciate the taste of water. It's so tasty. In order to go this way by myself, in 15 years I'll be 100. Sometimes I feel like I'm 100, but it's nothing. I don't want to leave any debts. Already four children in my family have died away from their homeland. I may have to die away from my homeland, but to work completely even up to the moment of going to spirit world. If I say something, you must do it. If you don't, that will be sin. If you go into the spirit world, depending on how long and how much you did in this world, your level will be determined. You have to receive authorization and signature before you go there. I want all of you to be able to go there without problem.

If we establish CIG embassies, they must all have ambassadors. At least one-third of the nations in the UN must welcome these embassies. The national assemblies must be educated. The organization that can establish this has to educate concerning God's providence. For America to stand as the 2nd Israel has to be on the foundation of blessed parents and family. They must be educated to achieve this. My cherished desire in my life—is there someone else who has the desire to establish the level of filial son at the UN? How many white people in America refuse to get married? So many people are dying with incredible spiritual debts. They go into homes and hotels, and have irresponsible relations and are destroying the family. There must be one media organization in the world to achieve the change that is needed. Michael Jenkins, who is going to change this. (Abonim). Not abonim, the media united must do it. All people must be grateful for this. We must go this way. You must appoint the ambassadors and then educate them in the world. You must work day and night without even wasting one single second. If you have that kind of victory then the future that you will have will be the Kingdom of God. ❖

Blessed 36-Couple-Wives Visit

by Rev. Ken Doo

After HDH on June 3, 2006, the Blessed wives from the 36 couple blessing heard a report from Dr. Yang about the development of our work with Christian clergy in the US and the mission of America as the Elder Son Nation, and they gave loud applause for his hard work.

They arrived at the Washington Times around 11:30 a.m. and heard a report from Mr. Joo, who explained what the Washington Times has achieved until today. Each of them expressed her gratitude to him.

After that, they observed the Atlantic Video Center and then stopped by National HQ at the United Federation of Churches building, where they were welcomed by Rev. Jenkins and all HQ staff. In Rev. Jenkins' greeting he emphasized that the American movement would not have existed without the 36 couples.

Next they went to Washington Family Church and took a group picture. During this meaningful day they could visit the extensive foundation that True Parents have established over the years in Washington and offer their prayers and spiritual support. ❖



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these ideas. You must follow this way carefully. God's ideas you cannot deny. You cannot love a man outside of your husband. It is impossible. Therefore Father paid so much indemnity so that the blessing could be established and then freely given. You cannot go to the Kingdom of Heaven without paying indemnity. Father has resentment, yet

he overcame by loving his enemy. Japan was Father's enemy. Father therefore gave his whole heart and love to Japan. The 360,000,000 blessing was to occur in Japan. If that happened Japan could have been restored. It did not happen so the blessing went to Korea. Now you must bring restoration by loving America three times more than and truly save the Elder Son Nation. Because of the Japanese missionaries condition, Father could extend the providence centering on Japan. Father laid down the highway for the

road of restoration. You don't have the authority to lay down the highway. You are Father's front-line representatives to save this nation. But also, Japan is still rejecting Father. This is a very important time to change that. The Second Israel is now centering on True Parents. Father is now 83 years old (84 Korean age). Father wants to clear up the major problems of the world before he goes to the spirit world. Whatever you do from now will determine the destiny of Japan. Still Japan will not allow the

messiah to come to the country. Your work can change that. To liberate Japan Father thinks about England. England was the former Eve and lost its position. We must bring a great victory so that Japan can liberate True Parents. Father is 84 but now we are working together. Think about how your sons and daughters can come and work with you in your mission place. Just think that you are working together with Father. ❖

Council of Affiliated Organizations Meeting

After Saturday morning Hoon Dok Hae with True Parents on May 24, Rev. Kwak, Dr. Yang and Mr. Joo convened the Council of Affiliated Organizations with over 40 major leaders of our community at the Westchester Marriott, White Plains, NY. This initiative has been launched by True Parents to bring us into a full cooperative working relationship for the era of Cheon Il Guk. The following are notes from Rev. Kwak's keynote address and Dr. Yang's and Mr. Joo's brief welcoming remarks. This was followed by some planning meetings for future efforts to educate American leaders in all fields. (Dr. Tom Walsh reviewed and edited these notes.) —Rev. Michael Jenkins

Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak

Good Morning. I would like to say good morning to “your excellencies,” because you are truly great leaders. We will continue to have these kinds of meetings from now on. We called you due to the urgency of Fathers plans right now.

On May 4th, Father offered an historic proclamation. On May 10th he offered another providential proclamation. Since that day Father has had these read every morning at Hoon Dok Hae. We are all followers of True Parents direction and God's will, the first Israel, Second Israel and Third Israel. From May 10th to the True Day of All Things, May 31st, Father has established a 21 day condition.

Several very important events occurred during this time. There was a major summit between Korea and America. 120 Christian ministers went to Israel for an historic reconciliation. And there were other important and significant meetings. For example, the President and Speaker of the Philippines came to the United States on a state visit, right after the Korean President met President Bush. The Philippines represents the daughters position and also represents the mothers role to America. Out of this historic meeting came a most significant discussion to support God's dispensation. Soon other key leaders of from Japan , Russia and China will all meet during this month in the USA and the central topic of this discussion is North and South Korea.

The United Nations is about to celebrate its 58th birthday. The UN is important in God's providence. For that reason America had a key role as the Second Israel to initiate, protect, preserve and develop the United Nations. As you know, Father initiated his public mission in 1945 focusing on Christian leaders who were in Abel's position. These were the Christian leaders who refused to bow to the Shinto shrines and went underground.

God originally prepared them to receive True Father and then come into

the position to cooperate with and help to guide the American government in Korea to receive the second coming and to prepare for the triumphal transition to America. This Korean Christian Abel group was to be helped by the Christian missionaries from America. Both the Korean Christians and the missionaries failed in their responsibility. The Cain type Christians (who compromised with the Japanese) then took the lead in setting up Korea with the American government. Unfortunately because of this a long indemnity course had to be endured by True Parents for

aspect was the Coronation of True Parents as the King and Queen of all Blessed Central Families. This proclaimed True Parents' position substantially before world religious leaders, heads of state and all world officials and Blessed Central Families. On this foundation the all nations should be working and supporting God's will directly. Unfortunately there is still more work to do. Father was ready to call for an Abel-like body to be formed. Yet we have no member nations.

Then based on Father's indemnity course and the work that Hyun Jin Nim and Service for Peace did in the Philippines the hearts of the key leaders of the Philippines were very supportive and understood our worldwide peace efforts. Through the IIFWP the Speaker and many other key leaders came to understand and trust Father's work for peace and family. They are now working in a most important way to reach the top leaders of America. They are very concerned in the Philippines about fostering unity and understanding between Christianity and Islam and all world religions. They asked the top leaders of America to consider a special peace proposal regarding religious leaders and the UN. They directly testified to Father and the peace work that has been done, saying that the “spade work” has already been done. The top leaders were positive about this initiative. It was mentioned to the top leaders by the top Philippine leaders that Father's foundation of worldwide religious leaders is key to this effort. After the leaders of other nations were briefed on this.

We are so humbled and grateful to God and the spirit world, especially saints and sages for making such an incredible miracle possible. There is one condition required, the absolute faith in our mission, True Parents and the Spirit World.

Next, American leaders must understand that we are not representatives of separate organizations but that we are all one in heart and must understand how we are to work together as one. There must be a most significant educational effort to the leaders of this nation.

Father has also launched the education of all leaders in 190 nations so that they can support the world peace effort. In addition Father wants to firm up a world media network. That's why Father has asked that all UTS graduates, and those with graduate degrees that did not go to the Media seminar to attend. There is also the WCSF providence which includes that Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace blessing on July 13th while

America will hold the same blessing for religious leaders on July 5th in Chicago. We also have the Interreligious Peace Sports Festival. With all these providences we can see how important it is that we work together centering on True Parents heart, thought and tradition.

Dr. Chang Shik Yang

We have to go a long way based upon Father's direction. Every morning and every night we had a special education in Israel during the Pilgrimage there. One minister, Dr. Abebe, from New Jersey testified. Jesus appeared to him at 4 am and told him to convey to the participants that they must be very serious and this mission was most crucial. The next day he had an experience with the presence of Peter and Paul (working with Pastor Barrett and Archbishop Stallings). At the sea of Galilee he testified that an Asian grandmother appeared to us at the shore of Galilee and welcomed each and every minister off of the boat. Through this we can understand how God is guiding us.

I repented when I heard these things. Many times as we are working so hard that we cannot feel and fully understand the power behind God's providence at this time. Now the time has come for this coalition to have great integrity and internal power. We are deeply grateful for Rev. Kwak who Father has chosen to lead us.

Mr. Dong Moon Joo

We recently celebrated our 21st Anniversary at the Washington Times. Now, in a sense this age means that the Times is fully matured. Father remembers that May 17th is our founding day. Father made a 3 day journey to Washington. Father gave a lot of spiritual and providential guidance at this time. Dr. Yang led the mission of 120 pastors to Israel. From Father's viewpoint this was most important. They took over Jesus' mission and went to Israel representing the Second Israel and Christianity.

At the same time the top leader of Korea came to America. Many were concerned about his ideas for Korea. It seemed that he was leaning toward more support for the North Korean way and that he was somewhat more liberal and not pro American. However, they connected very well on a personal level. They also could come to a comfortable place in terms of key policy agreements. It was much more than just a policy agreement. All of our editors felt that we had special fortune. Four days in a row, there was big news in the paper concerning the leader of Korea. It worked very well.

We advised the top leader to be open and also helped his advisors to understand how to best relate. The providential role was most important. Now Father is saying there is no longer a first, second and third Israel. They are all one.

Since the Iraqi war there has been an uncomfortable relationship with UN. Now we have hope that this can change. Father is having those with graduate degrees come for media education so that we can help support the world peace initiatives through the world media. ❖



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43 years.

Through a long indemnity course all could be restored. On the basis of True Parents victory, the establishment of the Coronation Ceremony for God's Kingship could take place. On that foundation Father could conduct the most historic event in relationship with the international leaders - the world peace blessing in January 2001 at WCSF in New York, at the United Nations. This was the conference in which married couples pledged their international families to achieve peace through the unity of all races, religions, cultures and nations.

The next major dispensational and comparable event that we must understand after the Coronation of God's Kingship was the Holy Wedding of True Parents Opening the Gate to the Cheon Il Guk. This was the blessing and registration of True Parents complete blessing on the third level which registered our True Parents before heaven and earth as a completed True Blessed Family. Before this all of our families were standing at the gate of the Cheon Il Guk but could not enter. The second

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Jesus, originally did not come to die on the cross. Jesus had to realize God’s Kingdom living on the earth and attain God’s will. However, human beings did not accept Jesus, the Messiah, and crucified him. In order to restore it and liberate Jesus and bring real resurrection, they took off the crosses out of their churches. This time, they buried the cross at the place of the crucifixion in Jerusalem. Before this Pilgrimage, Jesus appeared to him and said, “This trip is not just a sightseeing tour. Be serious because you have a mission.”

ACLC pastors left their hotel to bury the cross at 5:30am of May 18. Concerning the place to bury it. Father said, “Bury the cross in Golgotha where Jesus was crucified.” However, there is the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Golgotha, and the floor is all made of marble. It is impossible to dig there. They offer a symbolical service for about 30 minutes at the tomb of Jesus in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. They put a small cross there and covered it with the FFWPU flag. It is meant to comfort Jesus who came to attain a true family, and fulfill His hope with one more try.

About one mile from there, there is the place “Potters’ Field”. They buried the real cross, which is about 2/3 of an average person’s height. The “Potters’ Field” is the place where the chief priests bought as a grave to bury foreigners by using 30 pieces of silver which Judas got when he betrayed Jesus. The field had been called the “Field of Blood.” (Matthew 27:3-8) The ministers put the cross in the hole previously dug, and covered it by the FFWPU flag. Then, they dedicated a service. After the Bible reading, 3 people - a Jewish rabbi, a Christian pastor, and Dr. Yang who is Korean - prayed as representatives of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Israelis respectively. After the prayer, the participants put soil on the cross one by one, repenting for the false faith for 1700 years and pre-

venting Christianity and Judaism from bringing reconciliation. Then, the historical ceremony finally finished.

On that day, a suicide bombing happened near the hotel where the pastors stayed while they were having a service to symbolically bury the cross at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Seven people died, and 22 were injured. All the traffic was stopped. The bombing occurred at about 6am. If the pastors had left the hotel a little later, they could not have moved. This bombing affected some Jewish rabbis who were coming to the conference. Even having the conference was once in doubt. Satan attempted to stop this historical conference desperately. Also, It seemed that the Cain side paid the indemnity condition to atone for their mistakes in history. Moreover, There happened such an accident that Dr. Johnson, co-convener of the Executive Committee of the ACLC, fell down and an ambulance brought him to the hospital.

The Jerusalem Declaration

After the clergies came back to the hotel and had breakfast, the conference was held at 10 am. It was named the “Conference for Jewish and Christian Reconciliation and Harmony.” Christians historically persecuted Jewish people. Therefore, when Jewish people hear the name of Jesus, anger welled up in their hearts. So, it was

very difficult to have them repent of killing Jesus. Nevertheless, Father said, “Have Jewish people repent for the sin of killing Jesus.”

The purpose of this conference was for Jewish rabbis and Christian pastors to sign the Jerusalem Declaration. Since the sentence “We, Jews repent of killing Jesus” is clearly incorporated into the Jerusalem Declaration, the main rabbi strongly rejected to signing his name. He obstinately insisted that Christians should repent.

Archbishop Stallings stepped out of the box and said, “We, as Christians, had not understood the meaning of the cross. Therefore, to set a condition for reconciliation, we took our crosses down and came to Israel with a humble heart seeking our elder brother.” He also said, “We, Christians must repent for the Holocaust and for all the anti-Semitism that have taken place throughout history.” He called upon the rabbis there for their forgiveness.

At the same time, he even cried out and said, “Please understand that Jesus really wanted to be loved by his people. He was sent by God to build the Kingdom of Heaven on earth, and if He had been understood at that time, the heavenly kingdom would have already come. If understanding can be fostered at this time concerning Jesus and Christianity and Israel, then the Kingdom of God can be expanded upon the earth.”

Eventually, he replied, “I will sign it if my Moslem brother will sign it with me.” This was the moment when the stubborn Jewish rabbi confessed their historical sin of crucifying Jesus. This is the first time in the history of Judaism, and the historical moment that God, Jesus, and True Parents have dreamed of

Concluding banquet

The concluding banquet had an overwhelming feeling of victory and joy. Christians and Jewish people became united completely. They toasted to the reconciliation with the Holy Wine first.

The main rabbi stood up and asked Christian ministers to be serious about and understand the suffering that was going on today. He brought a family from his synagogue. They had just recently lost their 19-year-old son for a suicide bombing. The father came up and told us that his family was at the hospital when his son was dying, and the doctor came to him and said, “If you sign this paper, then your son’s organs can be used to save an 8-year old Palestinian girl . Will you do so?” The father took a moment and prayed, and said, “Yes, I want my son’s life to help someone else’s life.” He signed the paper, and this 19-year-old Jewish boy’s organs were donated to a Palestinian girl to save her. That rabbi was the one who has been leading that family. The people and the religious lead-

ers do not want the conflict which is still lasting now. But with no deep work or healing of the Holy Spirit, they are rushing into the way of the battle. Political leaders cannot solve this problem. The solution can come only from the religious side.

After the Christian pastors came back to America, Father signed on the Jerusalem Declaration, and wrote in Korean, “Victory of Israel.” This Pilgrimage will be held 2 more times before September. From now on, we will try to bring the reconciliation between Christianity, Judaism and Islam as the sons of Abraham, and finally bring the final settlement of the problem of the Middle East. ❖



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ond Israel coming. We planted seeds of forgiveness and true love. We established at the symposium a firm foundation to nurture the seeds of true love.

‘I once was lost’: This trip has taught me to push, shove and kick to the curb the old box that I have been raised in. Pushing with a heart and sprit of God and true love. Not to be angry or upset with those who do not understand the meaning of exchanging the cross for a crown, but to pray that one day they will all their hearts to be renewed. I

often remember that the Bible says, “To study to show yourselves approved, rightly dividing the word of the Lord.”

‘But now I’m found!’ The box that our families had us sealed, glued and taped up in most be ‘buried,’ as we buried the cross in Jerusalem. I am only sorry that I didn’t use the shovel and personally shove the dirt in the hole. Dad, I loved you but I don’t wear your heart attack around my neck and have it hanging in front of my church! The cross that I always wore has now been exchanged for a crown. Hallelujah!

‘Was blind’: All of our eyes, hearts

and minds have been blind, sometimes in our lives, but it is time to understand that now is the time of the Second Coming! And in the name of Jesus, rebuke every hindering spirit.

‘But now I see’: Our final glory is remembering that Jesus said, “I would not have you to be ignorant!” He allowed himself to be crucified for our sins. He is the way, the truth and the light. He is our guide always by our sides. I thank God and Father Moon for allowing me to walk where Jesus walked. Walking in the Garden of Gethsemane and Golgotha. I will never forget the feeling of the Holy Spirit going through

my body as I wept at the Wailing Wall.

I pray that we, the new disciples, called by God, will begin to write new scripture, that our Lord would have us write a testament that will be accepted by all God’s people.

I also pray that we will work at reconciliation between Jewish people, Moslems, and Christians all over the United States and other countries other than Israel, and of course continue to work with the Israelites.

In the Bible God changed many names! Therefore, He would have us do the same to glorify him, love him, trust and obey him! ❖

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As the Founder and CEO of a successful community development corporation and as the Pastor of the Second Pleasant Green Missionary Baptist Church, Rev. Blocker fulfills the following definition of a Christian leader, as articulated by Dr. George Barna, in his book, *The Second Coming Of The Church*: “A Christian leader is someone who is called by God to lead and possess virtuous character and effectively motivates, mobilizes resources, and directs people toward the fulfillment of a jointly embraced vision from God.”

A heavyweight of community-based organizations in her own right, Mrs. Maggi Blocker, like her husband, has forged a vast network of friends and allies within Houston’s circles of leadership. As Founder and CEO of her own community development corporation, she has spearheaded such endeavors as the Latch Key Afterschool Program, which is aimed at helping inner-city youth to succeed in school and life.

When the invitation to join the Rome-Israel Mission came to them—literally at the last minute—Pastor & Mrs. Blocker unselfishly answered Heaven’s call. After all was said and done, and on the day of their departure, the Blockers were the sole representatives of Texas’ ACLC non-FFWPU clergy aboard the flight.

On Saturday, May 24, four days after their return to Houston, Rev. and Mrs. Blocker joined us at Gloryland M. B. C. for our ACLC Monthly Prayer Summit. The Blockers’ testimony of their Pilgrimage experience was scheduled to be the highlight of our gathering.

Pastor Blocker spoke eloquently and passionately as to how the tour had tremendously enriched them with regard to bringing to life so much of the settings and background in which the Biblical record is framed.

Holding up a five-inch-long, golden-brown, curved pod containing six beans, Rev. Blocker stated, “These are the ‘locusts’ which John the Baptist ate, as spoken of in Matthew 3:4. We thought that the ‘locusts’ John ate were the grasshopper-like insects, but they were, in reality, these beans, which are also used as a substitute for cocoa.”

Slightly hushed “Ahhs” could be heard from us Bible students gathered in the room. The idea of the desert prophet surviving on these beans seemed to make more sense than the idea of his having to chase down, catch, and eat the winged, creeping, migratory insects that constituted Moses’ eighth Egyptian plague (Exodus 10:4-6, 12, 15, 19).

Pastor and First Lady Blocker went on to testify to the fact that they, as Ambassadors of Peace, were moved by the opportunity to have been a part of such a peace mission as this tour.

In their work as community leaders



and activists, they are constantly involved in transcending the barriers between and among Christians, Jews, and Muslims. This ACLC sojourn had provided them with yet another opportunity at the international level to do the same work.

Among the points made by the Blockers during their testimony (i.e., the Catcombs, Circus Maximus, St. Peter’s and St. Paul’s tombs, and the stop at Dimona) one point stands out with distinct sharpness. It is related to the life-threatening heart attack suffered by Bishop C. Phillip Johnson, on May 18, at the place called the “Potter’s Field.”

Upon their arrival at the “Field,” Pastor Blocker felt a strong impulse from the Holy Spirit, urging him to not disembark, but rather to stay on the bus. When he decided to do just that, he was sure that he was the only person who

had remained on board.

Minutes after everyone else had departed from the bus and had made their way to the “Field” for the cross-burying, Pastor Blocker looked to the rear of the bus and, to his surprise, spied Bishop C. Phillip Johnson, who had remained on the bus due to the fact that he had felt extremely fatigued since the preceding day.

Pastor Blocker approached Bishop Johnson, sat down across the aisle from him, and a friendly conversation ensued. Johnson, however, was so tired that he couldn’t help dozing off. Blocker understandingly urged the Bishop to just take it easy and to get some rest.

Minutes later, Pastor Blocker heard a sudden, loud gasp. He immediately turned toward Bishop Johnson, who had passed out and was not breathing.

For the next several minutes, Blocker poured out all of his strength, shaking Johnson, talking to him, hitting him, and urging him to fight for his life. “What’s my name, Bishop? What’s my name?,” shouted Blocker, as he shook Johnson. Slowly came the mumbled response, “I... don’t... know... your... name.” Bishop Johnson then slipped back into unconsciousness.

Pastor Blocker shouted, “Don’t you die on me, Bishop! Here! Take this water bottle, and hold it tight! Don’t you die on me!” As he spoke those words, Blocker wondered whether he should leave the bus and go for help. The Spirit of God immediately spoke to him and said, “Nathan, you are the help!” That settled that.

By the grace of God and Pastor Blocker’s fervent prayer, Bishop Johnson managed to grasp and squeeze the water bottle. Pastor Blocker, while shouting, “Satan, you can’t have him! Hold on, Johnson! Wake up, and hold on!,” continued to hit and shake the Bishop.

By the time the rest of the pilgrimage returned to the bus, Bishop Johnson was again conscious and breathing. Had Pastor Blocker not remained on that bus, there would have been no one on board with Johnson, and the Bishop quite pos-

sibly would have died. Blocker testified that, for him, this was clearly “...an opportunity to be my brother’s keeper.”

This writer is aware of at least one occasion on which Bishop Johnson has telephoned the Blockers at their residence since their return from the expedition. It isn’t difficult to imagine how dearly in his heart Johnson holds Pastor Blocker. There is no doubt that they’ll be friends of faith for life.

On the afternoon of Monday, May 26, Pastor and First Lady Blocker invited my wife, Lori, and me for an evening at their home, to share reflections and to view both the digital photos from the pilgrimage and the video footage of the Rome scenery, the Israel scenery, and the footage of the “Conference for Jewish and Christian Reconciliation and Harmony.” It was such a heartwarming time together, as we discussed the future expansion of the Blockers’ already victorious foundation as well as the future of Houston’s ACLC thrust.

Four days later, on the evening of Friday, May 30, Lori and I joined Pastor and Mrs. Blocker at a political campaign gathering, held at Ali Baba’s Bar-B-Q & Grill.

The candidate, Mr. J. S., is a successful business man, running for Houston City Council. Mr. J. S. happens to also be a Pakistani Muslim, whose love for this country and its opportunity culture has compelled him to aspire for a career in public service. He has the highest love and respect for both Pastor and First Lady Blocker, both of whom were asked by the candidate to have words at the podium.

In addition, following the National Anthem and the Pledge of Allegiance, prayers were offered to open this gathering. First came a Muslim prayer, offered by the restaurant owner. Following that, the Lord’s Prayer was offered by Pastor Blocker. The beautiful unity between Christians and Muslims was glorious to behold.

Pastor Nathan and Maggi Blocker are indeed a model of involved, creative, and anointed Christian clergy, whose faith-based and community-based leadership brings abundant treasure to the ACLC table. Lori and I are proud to call them friends, and proud that they could represent Texas during the Rome-Israel Pilgrimage. ❖

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God has truly revealed to you “as to how to establish His Kingdom on earth. You have been given the anointing to bring multi-ethnic and religions together. I have hypothesized this also as a doctor of psychology.

Father Moon, I am on a mission of love and restoration for my people, the Native Americans, who have been abandoned and pushed into reservation camps. There is poverty, hate, homelessness, and anger. My husband and I will go to our pow-wows and give Native American married couples the holy wine and teach Divine Principle. We want to drive a mobile trailer right on to the reservations and pow-wows. We must reach all people.

Thank you for caring for all of us, all races, creeds, and religions. God

has allowed you to have the empowerment, love and wisdom.

Father and Mother, God told me who you are. I prayed and He revealed it. We always pray for you and your universal family. We thank God for you. We have shared our vision with Rev. Dong Woo Kim, Pastor Bruce Grodner, ACLC. We are thankful for the love of Pastor Hirofumi Sakamoto, and Pastor Compton.

Please pray for us and help us in the 500 nation-Native American mission. This trip has brought Jews, Christians, and Muslims to unity and restoration. Through Archbishop Stallings’ repentance speech to all present at the conference, the spirit of love fell up us and all were very emotional and hugged and cried together. We can say Shalom.

The holy wine has restored and healed many couples. A righteous lineage will result. ❖

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have the power to impact America as Rome was impacted?

Christianity of that time was united, “holding all things in common”. But there was no easy course. Each of the first six chapters of the book of Acts outlines another persecution. Persecution in martyrdom, in division, in cheating, etc. The way of God’s Church is nearly always to bear the brunt of attack and persecution.

Rome destroyed Jerusalem and overran even Masada, but it couldn’t destroy the Church. In Qumran the scrolls survived; a testimony to the spirit of commitment of those people to their faith. The level of commitment to the faith of orthodox Jews even today is impressive. Christians today may claim to know more about Jesus, but what of their commitment to the way of faith?

Israel is now as ever the chosen people of God. If you doubt that, read the book of Romans. We Christians are also a chosen people—though not descendants of Abraham—like the Jews, the true Church is of those who are called to be a “peculiar people”. Those with a ministry of reconciliation (2Cor.5:19). “Ecclesia” the NT word for the Church means literally to be “called out”.

Let us not be part of the secular viewpoint that’s quick to pass judgment on religious people. Let us not join the ranks of those persecuting Rev. and Mrs. Moon who stand for peace. Ephesians 4:1-4 calls us to be honoring one another making “every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit.” I want to thank Rev. and Mrs. Moon and the leadership of the ACLC for their vision of unity that led to this pilgrimage being such a success. My effort to “keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” will be standing with the ACLC. ❖

Rebuilding Jerusalem: Rocks from the Holy Land

by Rev. Levy M. B. Daugherty

I have always felt tremendous pride to have the opportunity to work with our True Parents at this time in the providence of human history. The more I work with our True Parents the more grateful I feel. But after going on the Jerusalem trip I had a new understanding on the importance in helping the ministers understand the true value of our True Parents.

After we crossed the Sea of Galilee I stood on the shores where Jesus once stood and was trying to take in the vast understanding of what Jesus wanted to share with all of the people who tried to follow him. I tried to understand his predicament, but it was impossible.

I stood at a waist length fence and looked down into an area where it was pointed out was the house of Peter. All that was left was the foundation of the place where Jesus stayed when he came to this area. The guide pointed out that in the Bible is recorded that Jesus' first miracle was turning the water into wine. But the guide further explained that perhaps the first miracle that Jesus did was in the House of Peter when he healed Peter's Mother-in-Law, who was sick for a longtime. Of course by now, 2000 years later, there was nothing left but the foundation. The rocks were black in color because they were created from volcanic rock. As I looked around the area I could see the whole village in one glance. I saw how incredibly small this village was. From Peter's house to the temple was just a few yards away—perhaps 100 yards. At that moment something very interesting began to happen.

As I was looking at the rocks they begin to speak to me. They said, "Yes, it was the act of love and kindness that

gave Jesus his fame of being a miracle worker, the magic man. Indeed, it did have Jesus become famous and many people followed him, however, not because of his teachings or him being the son of God, but because of his miracles. Just

happening around Rev. Moon." They further said, "It is not because of a miracle that these great things are happening but it is because he is using the Divine Principle, and because of the Divine Principle everything is being entrusted to

sisters gathered rocks from holy places in Jerusalem. They washed them and prayed that America can help Jerusalem and Israel. Rev. Jenkins received these rocks graciously and promised the brothers and sisters that he would take them back to the U.S. and ask brothers and sisters to help the Israeli providence by a giving a donation for these precious rocks. As a gift for their donation they would receive a mounted rock from Jerusalem as a reminder of the sacrifice and hard work the brothers and sisters are doing. It is hard sometimes to understand the difficulties of those living in countries where the native religion is a dominant culture. In America it is so free to worship as you please sometimes we take it for granted.

Let us all contribute no less than \$100 donation for each one of these rocks. The rocks are being mounted on a very beautiful stand. Perhaps you could purchase or give a donation for more than one. One may be given as a gift as a Birthday present, or a Christmas present.

As Vice President of Family Federation for World Peace and the Executive Director of ACLC I ask you kindly to let us all rally around our President's request so that we may be able to assist Jesus in this great mission.

I know we have been asked so many times to support various things but please brothers and sisters let us help as much as we can in this effort. If you cannot give the minimum amount of \$100 please give whatever you can. All is very much appreciated.

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a few yards away is the place where Jesus taught the Divine Principle and understanding on how to become like God, how to regain the ideal and image and likeness of God. The very thing that made him famous became his cross well."

The rocks led me to understand that we cannot allow the same thing to happen to Father, and if we're not very careful, because of Father's love and kindness he will be misunderstood, and instead of listening to the words of the Divine Principle and Father's eternal wisdom, people will follow him for his money. The rocks said, "You must show them it is God that is doing everything they see

him.

For Jesus, for the people to understand Principle was more important than performing a miracle, but the leaders could not listen and the people did not understand, so all Jesus could do was to continue to do miracles and hoping that someday they would understand. The rocks said, "No matter what you do you must teach the Divine Principle to the ministers and through understanding the Divine Principle they will gain wealth, wisdom, deep understanding and everything that comes along with it".

I wanted to share with you my rock story because the Israeli brothers and

Longing to See Jesus in the Holy Land

by Rev. Tom Cutts

While taking Holy Communion, the Sunday before leaving for Israel, I was moved to tears by the love of Jesus and the sacrifices he made for me. As I prayed, I thought about the 120 gathered with Jesus before his ascension, and wondered if Christ might similarly appear to the 120 Christian ministers on this historic pilgrimage. It was with this longing to see Jesus that I set off for the Holy Land.

Both in Israel and in Rome, the believers through the centuries built churches and chapels atop many of the important pilgrimage sites. In fact, at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, where Jesus was entombed after his crucifixion, six different Christian denominations compete for the site. They have been known to even disrupt each other's services. In these ornate settings, there was no appearance of the Messiah.

While in Jerusalem, the 120 Christian ministers had a one-day seminar with 120 rabbis. I knew we were in for an extraordinary meeting, when, at the very beginning, Chief Rabbi Itzak Bar Dea welcomed his Christian "younger

brothers" and commended us for bringing down the strongholds of paganism, and spreading monotheism throughout the world.

At our first round-table discussion, when I was my turn to speak, I men-



tioned how surprised I was to be called a "younger brother" by a Jewish rabbi. I also reflected upon my experience at the Holocaust Museum. I had never realized the extent of Christian involvement in anti-Semitism. John's Gospel is par-

ticularly aggressive against "the Jews", and some remarks, attributed to Jesus, were an outright condemnation of entire cities of Jews. I was shocked to learn that the horror of the Holocaust had its genesis within Christianity.

I was also a surprise for me to find that prior to 1948 and the establishment of a Jewish state in Palestine, Jews and Muslims had gotten along well. In fact, Jews had often fared better under Muslim regimes than under Christian rule. During our round-table discussion, I repented to my Jewish brothers and sisters at the table for what had happened to their people because of Christianity.

The next person to speak at my table, a Jew, then really caught me by surprise. He confessed that had the Jewish leaders not persecuted Jesus and the early Christians, and had the Jewish leaders not encouraged the Romans to murder Jesus, then the New Testament accounts would not have been written with such an anti-Semitic bias. Now that was a shocking admission.

Throughout the seminar, our Christian and Jewish tears of repentance and

forgiveness blended together to create a genuine brotherhood.

However, there was no miraculous visitation from Christ, and I was forced to reconsider my own expectations. I began to think about how Jesus actually appeared to the disciples after his resurrection. At the Garden of the Tomb, Mary Magdalene spoke to a gardener whom she then realized was Christ (John 20:14). On the Road to Emmaus, two disciples spoke to a stranger whom they later realized was Christ (Luke 24:31), and when the disciples were fishing on the Sea of Tiberias, they spoke to a fisherman whom they later realized was Jesus (John 21:4). Jesus did not appear to them in the form that he had while he was on earth. Somehow, his spirit and being took over the body of another.

Perhaps we did meet Jesus in Jerusalem. He might have been among the Christian pastors, or among our Jewish brethren. Most certainly, though, the coming together of Christians and Jews in reconciliation and peace was the very work of Christ. Hopefully, the pain and rejection that Christ experienced two thousand years ago, could begin to be relieved with this important healing of Christian and Jewish relationships. ❖

REMOVING THE CURSE OF THE CROSS: Towards a New

by Dr. Andrew Wilson

This address was given at the Conference for Jewish-Christian Reconciliation and Harmony, Jerusalem, May 18, 2003

Interreligious reconciliation is the key to the peace of Jerusalem, because religion lies at the core of the conflict. In a place like the Middle East, where people are passionate about religion even to the point of sacrificing their lives, political solutions are bound to fail. Yet for too long we have pursued humanistic approaches, looking for practical ways of living together, while bracketing the deeper theological differences that continue to divide believers. Even in interfaith meetings we have avoided serious discussion of God and theology, thinking it to be a fruitless enterprise. Aiming merely at co-existence, we have not dared to believe that our religions could arrive at unity of heart.

Genuine and lasting peace requires moving beyond secularism to build a society in which people of different religions can talk together about God and affirm common values about God. The major focus of my life's work has been to seek these universal values. I wrote *World Scripture: A Comparative Anthology of Sacred Texts* (Paragon House, 1991) attempting to identify values shared among many faiths. In surveying the sacred writings of the world's religions on more than 150 topics, I found that they agree more than 80 percent of the time. Whether Christian, Muslim or Jewish, Buddhist, Hindu or Taoist, ethics and attitudes towards life, death, and ultimate reality are surprisingly similar. This will not be surprising to anyone who believes in the One God who reveals aspects of himself through all true religion.

Recognition of the universality of religious and moral values can surely help knit together the human family. Nevertheless, there remains the fact that religions continue to deny and disparage each other's treasured objects of faith. Christians reject the salvific value of the Law. Jews deny Jesus. Their central narratives recount stories of conflict and contests of competing worldviews. Hence, while we can affirm common ground—a good first step—it does not get to the nub of the problem.

Judaism, Christianity and Islam were each born in the fires of conflict and rejection by the dominant religion of the age. The historical conflicts present at their founding have congealed as permanent religious attitudes towards the other religion, cast as the faithless infidel. Theological disagreements have persisted, becoming core articles of faith. Nevertheless, whether we are Jew, Christian or Muslim, we have one God as our Father. As any parent would, God would want us to resolve these conflicts.

On this occasion, we Christians and Jews find ourselves sitting together like two families at our children's wedding. We want to get along with our new in-laws, so we make pleasantries and stay on our best behavior. Yet underneath there are thoughts left unspoken, of dirty linen and unpleasant memories. We remember only a few generations ago when our families would not even speak to one another, so deep was the pain and hurt. Today I invite us to take a daring step and look squarely at the core of the Jewish-Christian divide. "Come now, and let us reason together," said the prophet (Isa. 1:18), and perhaps we can break though to a new level of reconciliation and mutual respect.

I do not seek the conversion of anyone, Jew or Christian. On the contrary, I seek the way by which Jews and Christians can give genuine respect to each other's faiths, respect that has been lacking until now. Given the sensitive nature of this topic, I beg that you will forgive any offense these remarks may cause.

The Jewish-Christian Divide

Christians readily affirm that their God is the same God as the God of the Jews—the God of Abraham. Yet they have a different understanding of God, in particular about the way God has acted in history centering on the person of Jesus of Nazareth. From a Christian

viewpoint, God's purpose in establishing the Jewish people was to have them receive the Messiah. Jesus of Nazareth came as the Messiah, but the Jews did not receive him. As a result, Christianity was born as new religion to carry on where Judaism left off.

Christians regard Jews as having a defective doctrine of God, since they deny the truth that God made himself more accessible to humanity by incarnating as Jesus Christ. Therefore—and I will be perfectly frank—while in polite company they may praise Judaism as a great religion, in their heart of hearts many Christians look down upon the Jews, as Rev. Billy Graham did when he reportedly made disparaging remarks in an unguarded conversation with President Nixon. New Testament teachings are quite definitive as to the stubborn disbelief of the Jews. Moreover, a people who would cling so tenaciously to the sin of denying Jesus Christ would surely also be prone to base attitudes in other areas of life: hence the Jew's supposed greed and venality.

Jews, for their part, regard the religious path of Torah as entirely adequate. They are offended by Christian misrepresentations of their religion, which are found scattered about the New Testament. They do not see any superiority in Jesus' ethics over that of the best rabbis. Jews don't believe that Jesus was any kind of Messiah. After all, Jesus never accomplished what the Messiah is supposed to do: liberate Israel from Roman oppression, bring back the Jews from exile to the Holy Land, and establish world peace. The world after Jesus was still filled with violence and oppression, and for Jews it grew much worse.

Ask most Jews what they honestly think about Jesus, and you will find a deep bitterness. Jesus was the starting-

point for the painful history of Christian anti-Semitism. Centuries of Christian violence against Jews: mob violence, pillaging, rape, confinement to ghettos, forcible abduction of children to be baptized as Christians, expulsions from many nations and finally the Holocaust, have poisoned the minds of Jews from being able to appreciate the goodness of Jesus Christ. Christian anti-Semitism, and the resulting Jewish resentment of Christianity, remains a spiritual weight, the congealed pain of tens of millions of people who lived and died through that persecution. It is a continuing factor in hindering the Jewish-Christian relationship.

Christians ask Jews, "Do you really have to reject Jesus? Look at what a wonderful man Jesus was." Jews cannot even begin to answer this question without feelings of rage: "How dare you Christians ask us to believe in Jesus! You never stop trying to convert us! Leave us alone, and let us live our lives in peace!" The 2,000-year history of conflict between Judaism and Christianity has made rejection of Jesus the very essence of a Jew's religious identity.

Today, Christians are repenting for anti-Semitism. They see it as their own failing to live up the teachings of Jesus, who preached forgiveness and love. They recognize it is their problem, a horrible sin and a blot on Christian history.

What about the Jewish rejection of Jesus, is that a problem for Judaism? For 2000 years Judaism has maintained its aloofness from Christian beliefs. But like it or not, Christians and Jews are brother religions. They are fellow children of Abraham. And usually when brothers try to get along, they try to understand each other and they try to take each other's views into account. Christians cannot help but interpret Jewish aloofness as arrogance, stubbornness, stiff-necked, and other adjectives from the Bible. How can natural brothers maintain aloofness from each other without engendering additional misunderstandings?

Repentance

Mere coexistence among religions is not a sure foundation for peace. Peace must be based upon reconstituting the family of Abraham, with genuine love and respect for one another. This will require repentance for the mistakes of the past. We want to overcome the pain of the past and establish a heartfelt, emotional bond of

love, because in the Kingdom of God all religions are siblings in God's family.

Repentance should be a mutual process, but in practice the relationship between Jews and Christians is asymmetrical. Jews feel a deeper sense of victimization and oppression than do Christians. As in the relationship between Blacks and Whites, people don't speak about Black racism in the same way that they speak of White racism; racism by definition comes from the powerful. The victimized group needs to experience the comfort of the more powerful side making amends before it can move. Conversely, the side that feels more confident of its blessings and of God's love has the emotional resources to initiate reconciliation.

Christianity has begun the process of repenting for its anti-Semitic past. This repentance is taking place on two levels. First there is repentance over historical wrongs, such as the Holocaust. The second level is self-reflection on doctrine, to determine what teachings, if any, led Christians to commit such historical wrongs. Today this self-examination is penetrating even as far as the New Testament itself.

The Shadow of the Cross

By any reckoning, the central New Testament doctrine containing a taint of anti-Jewish animus is the crucifixion. In this regard, the Catholic writer James Carroll's best-selling textbook, *Constantine's Sword* (Houghton-Mifflin, 2001) offers a serious critique of the Christian doctrine of the cross. He begins with the celebrated incident of the giant, 12 foot cross at Auschwitz, erected by Catholic nuns, at which many Jews have taken offense. What to Christians is a symbol of Christ's triumph over death is to Jews a desecration of a cemetery containing more than a million Jewish dead. Seeing that Christianity's singular focus on the crucifixion of Jesus is most responsible for anti-Semitism, Carroll calls on Christians to de-emphasize the cross. Specifically:

- The cross divides Christian from Jew, because it contains a shadow side. By focusing Christian faith entirely on the death of Jesus, it points the finger of condemnation at his killers. Christian mobs were always most likely to rampage in Jewish neighborhoods around Easter.
- The cross is a symbol of judgment—one is either standing with Christians who are ransomed by the blood of the cross or standing with the Jews and Romans who mocked Jesus on the cross. It thus symbolizes the conflict out of which Christianity began, when the church stood over against all other religions.
- The cross is a symbol of hegemony. Under Constantine, it was a symbol of Christ triumphant over the pagans. Later, emblazoned on the shields of the Crusaders, it became a hated symbol of Christian power to the Muslims.
- The cross was only elevated as the central Christian symbol in the days of Constantine. The earliest Christians, who would have regarded it as an instrument of execution, did not use it. They were more interested in the person, life and teachings of Jesus; hence in the catacombs Jesus is symbolized by the fish and the "chi-rho."
- Christian soteriology need not be dependent on the cross. Jesus' life can be seen as redemptive in itself. Jesus' forgiveness and love of his enemies can be seen as redemptive. The resurrection can be seen as the locus of redemption.

I would agree with Carroll, and ask Christians whether they are well served by focusing on the cross as the central element of their faith. No one can deny that the passion and crucifixion of Jesus was the high point of the drama of salvation. The conflict is certainly dramatic; yet it leaves the lasting impression of a conflicted humanity, a portion of which remains at odds with God's purposes. There is no conflict in God. Yet whenever Christians remember Jesus on the cross, they cannot help but also remember the Jews and Romans who were responsible for putting him there. By emphasizing the act of rejecting and crucifying Jesus Christ, the cross sets up a high wall between those who accept Jesus and those who do not. While it is glorious to bask in the

Can there come a time when Jews and Christians together mourn Jesus' death on the cross

Relationship between Judaism and Christianity

redemption of the cross, it is quite another thing for those who are condemned in its shadow.

Yet Jesus came for everyone, especially the lost sheep. While on the cross, he forgave his enemies who put him there. With his resurrection from the grave, Jesus said “Yes,” overcoming all those who would say “No” to the will of God. He visited and taught his despondent disciples, giving the faithless Peter another chance. I believe that Jesus, who came to tear down all the walls between peoples, has been pained to see new walls of religious intolerance erected at his death—especially the wall between Christians and the Jews, his own flesh and blood.

Christians are beginning to ask the question: did God truly intend that Jesus be hung on the cross and killed? What if the Jews of 2,000 years ago had believed in Jesus, would they have allowed him to be crucified? Surely God did not prepare Israel with painstaking care for 2,000 years only to have them reject the Messiah when he came. Jesus called on the people to believe in him. If the people had believed, they would have honored Jesus as a Jew. Jesus’ followers would not have needed to erect a separate religion called Christianity.

As Rev. Moon teaches, God never intended for Jesus to face the circumstances of the cross. His intention was for Jesus to build God’s kingdom on the foundation of acceptance and support by the people to whom he came. Rather, the cross dashed God’s hopes, and frustrated Jesus’ desire to establish God’s kingdom on earth during his lifetime. Only when his circumstances became intolerable did Jesus determine to go the way of the cross. The salvation it brought was the best that Jesus could salvage out of a bad situation.

Jesus’ life displayed God’s saving and reconciling love. His love was so true that he was willing to lay down his life for a people who didn’t accept him, who were ignorant of who he was or what he came to do. Yet on the way to the cross he lamented, “Would that you knew the things that make for peace, but they are hidden from your eyes.” (Luke 19:42) Jesus’ heart was to fulfill God’s great will to establish one worldwide nation of God. He meant to accomplish this by peaceful means. Thus, in asking Christians to take down the cross, Rev. Moon is calling the churches to focus on Jesus’ original purpose and fulfill the peace he came to bring.

The Christian clergy who are here today have taken down the cross from their churches. Particularly the African-American clergy are beginning to recognize the injustice in what Jesus suffered, oppression all too familiar to their people who endured lynchings and the slave-master’s whip. As they do, the conventional glorification of the cross rings hollow. They also stand in solidarity with the Jews and their suffering. None of it is justifiable; none of it was God’s will. These clergy are learning the true heart of Jesus, who came to bring peace and not division. Today when religious conflict threatens humanity’s survival, they are stepping forward as Christians who follow Jesus’ example in loving their enemies, above all the Jews who are of the Lord’s flesh and blood.

This is not some cheap compromise or cosmetic change. It is not an action taken to appease Judaism. Rather, taking down the cross is to glimpse the living Christ. It is like lifting a veil that has obscured the Spirit of God. (2 Cor. 3:16) When they take down the cross, these clergy discover a deeper relationship with the living Christ than anything they had known by fixing their faith on the crucified Lord. They are fixing their faith on God’s will and God’s original purpose in sending the Messiah, which is to reconcile the human family to God. This is the core of the Christian message: “For God so loved the world, that he sent his only begotten son.” (John 3:16) God does not love only Christians; he cares for all people. This message cries out poignantly from the bloodstained stones of the Holy Land, for those who have ears to hear.

Jesus the Jewish Messiah

As mentioned above, the Jewish understanding of

the Messiah is the one who establishes the Kingdom of God as a socio-political reality on earth. Jesus on the cross, who offers salvation in spirit to an unredeemed world, did not satisfy the Jewish criteria for the Messiah. This is a key reason why Jews do not take Christian messianic claims for Jesus seriously. God had been educating Israel to expect a Messiah who would build the Kingdom of God; therefore, faithful Jews can only recognize the Messiah in his mode of glory. The Messiah is not supposed to die on the cross and leave the world in a shambles; that is why Paul called the cross a “stumbling block” to the Jews. (1 Cor. 1:23)

Moreover, Christianity arose in the shadow of the cross, after Easter. As its doctrines developed, they appealed not to Jews, but to pagans in the Roman world who were looking for a relationship with God—in other words, for salvation. (Jews already have a relationship with God through the covenant.) Hence Christianity



took shape as a separate religion, with such un-Jewish doctrines as redemption by the blood of the cross, the divinity of Christ, and the Trinity. The pages of the New Testament are full of misrepresentations of Judaism as the apostles sought to foster faith in their distinctive community and guard it from pressures to “Judaize.” Christianity prospered as it made the transition into a Gentile world and jettisoned most of its Jewish roots. Christianity evolved, separated from Judaism by the cross, to become something non-Jewish.

Yet if we consider the possibility that Jesus’ original mission was not to die on the cross, then a remarkable convergence becomes possible. Maybe Jesus came to fulfill all the messianic promises that God made to the Jews, but only on the condition that the people accepted him and worked with him to do so. A look at the life of Moses and his travails in leading the people through the wilderness to the Promised Land certainly confirms the notion that a divinely appointed liberator needs the people’s support.

Few Jews feel it is emotionally safe to consider the possibility that Jesus came as the Messiah to the Jews. As a Jew myself, I know that the internal source of the fury behind the Jewish “No” to Jesus lies in the deep resentment Jews feel against Christianity for its centuries of anti-Semitism. Yet today, with Christian repentance easing the sting of anti-Semitism, it may be possible for Jews to reconsider the life of the greatest Jew who ever lived. Maimonides recognized Jesus of Nazareth as the greatest son of Judaism, the world teacher who brought light and a great civilizing and spiritual influence to the entire world. Not many Jews would say that today, but I believe the Jewish establishment ought to go there.

The Jewish “No” to Jesus is the obverse of the Christian cross. It is the perpetuation of a vulgar human conflict from the first century C.E. involving people of dubious merit. Those who condemned Jesus were not the great lights of Judaism, not Hillel or Akiba, but quibblers like the high priest Caiaphas, who sought to maintain the peace of Roman rule and who said, “It is expedient for us that one man should die for the people.”

(John 11:50) Yet their unconsidered judgment became hardened and fixed as a perpetual religious attitude. Most Christians today recognize that it is illegitimate to hold all Jews responsible for the actions of a few self-interested and corrupt leaders 2,000 years ago who condemned Jesus and handed him over to the Romans. By the same token, Jews today need not feel bound to follow those same leaders in their condemnation.

Harmony among the Abrahamic faiths, who all assert the same God, requires that each religion view the core revelations of the others in good faith. God, who is the source of all religion, does not give contradictory messages. Therefore, in the interests of peace, I believe Jews should be open to considering the possibility that God chose Jesus of Nazareth to undertake a messianic mission. This is the step not yet taken in interreligious dialogue. Today I challenge the Jewish community to make that step.

For a Jew to take seriously the messianic claim for Jesus of Nazareth does not mean converting to Christianity. After all, Muslims call Jesus “Messiah”—in their own terms. This proposal hinges on letting each religion work within its particular understandings of the meaning of the word “Messiah.” The clergy here today are decoupling a Christian understanding of Jesus’ messianic mission from the particular circumstances of the cross. They are approaching Jesus from the point of view of his life and teachings as recorded in the Gospels. Likewise, Jews can appropriate Jesus utilizing the resources of Jewish tradition. A number of Jewish scholars are already declaring that Jews might begin to appreciate “Rabbi Jesus,” a teacher with a profound understanding of Torah and a practitioner of tikkun.

Lifting the Curse of the Cross

When Jesus was nailed to the cross 2,000 years ago on Calvary, those nails also fixed an historical wall dividing Judaism from Christianity. Christian faith in the crucified Christ has been utterly foreign to Judaism. At the same time, as Christianity redefined the meaning of Messiah in light of the cross, it denigrated Jewish messianic hopes as worldly and materialistic. To break down that dividing wall, the cross must come down first. Until then, the cross remains a curse (Gal. 3:13), an insuperable obstacle to resolving the conflict between these brother religions.

Judaism and Christianity each has a road to travel if it is to arrive at a place beyond the cross where it can embrace its brother, where they can be reconciled from the bottom of their hearts. Today, as Christians are taking down the cross, they can begin to see a new image of Jesus of Nazareth as he lived on earth. He was a Jew! Can Jews likewise recognize him as one of their own?

Can there come a time when Jews appreciate Jesus as a righteous Jew, as a teacher and rabbi whose words recorded in the Sermon on the Mount are in accord with the best teachings of the sages?

Can there come a time when Jews regard the crucifixion of Jesus as a tragic event in the history of their people, similar to the persecution of the prophets and their deaths at the hands of unrighteous kings?

Can there come a time when Jews and Christians look upon the death of Jesus with a heart of sorrow, seeing in his tragic death the frustration of God’s hopes and the beginning of two millennia of painful separation and mistrust among God’s children?

Can there come a time when Jews and Christians together mourn Jesus’ death on the cross, mourn that a man sent by God on a divine errand could not fully complete the messianic mission to build the Kingdom of Heaven in his day? Can they observe those events with repentance, considering whether they would have had the wisdom to recognize him had he appeared in their midst?

When that day of repentance and reconciliation arrives, it will heal of the historical rift between Judaism and Christianity, and lift the curse of the cross. ❖

Region 3 ‘God and Ideal Society Breakfast’

by Rev. Barry Geller

Thirty guests gathered at the Robert Treat Hotel, Irvington NJ, on Saturday, June 7th, for a breakfast addressing the importance of God's inclusion in civic and political life. Among the 30 leaders assembled were the Deputy Mayor of West Orange, City Councilmen from Irvington and Orange and a representative of the Mayor of Irvington.

They all stayed for the entire 4 hour program, entitled "Rev. Moon's thought on God and the Ideal Society". Rev. Phillip Schanker presented 2 very thorough and focused lectures summarizing Creation, Fall and Restoration. He paid special attention to the motivation and results of the Fall and to human responsibility for Restoration. In addition to the politicians, pastors and Imam's from Newark,

Paterson, Orange, and other towns gathered for this event.

Our efforts were directed toward

helping the people understand that the misuse of love is the cause of human suffering and to inspire them to action.

Dr. V. commented that "All civic leaders should learn these ideas and participate in seminars on God and the

Ideal Society. It is essential for public life to study these presentations." One political leader invited us to offer these presentations to other leaders in his town. Pastors were inspired by the Biblical focus of the presentations.

As the Providence develops with International Leaders, we plan to hold more "God and Ideal Society" events, and to include more political leaders in our programs. Rev. John Hong, our Regional Leader, expressed his desire to unite with True Parents heart for America and the International Work. We look forward to more member participation in outreach events, as we expand into other areas of society, not only to religious leaders. ❖



Clergy Seminar in Seattle

by James Oberg, Seattle

A seminar for clergy was held at the New Holly Neighborhood Campus in Seattle on Saturday June, 14.

Our guest speaker was Rev. Dr. H.G. McGhee from New York and his topic was "The Cross Reconsidered". We were grateful to receive such an honored guest who stands in a prominent position serving and supporting our True Parents with such dedication and devotion.

To kick off the event, Pat Wright a famous Gospel singer who sang for True Parents, presented several Gospel hymns for our listening pleasure. Ms. Wright's glorious voice reverberated through our very souls and touched our hearts and moved some clergy to tears. Twice she answered our calls of encore. Ms. Wright is a contact of our sister, Mrs. Diane Araki. What a great blessing to have Ms. Wright singing songs of praise and glory.

Clergy guests were then treated to

an outstanding powerpoint presentation which included a look at the situation facing Christianity today and an overview of the Divine Principle and it's application in our lives, by Rev. Eric Sylte of The Family Federation for World Peace and Unification.

Our Kenote Speaker Rev. Dr. H.G. McGhee then took the podium. Rev. McGhee brings a freshness and power as one of the recently awakened clergy who has a close relationship with True Parents. His heart and dedication are clearly evident as he speaks of his past as "Saul" and how he met True Parents through rev-

elation from his father in the Spirit World, and became "Paul". His message began in a subdued manner and slowly became a melodious song from the heart of a great man of God proclaiming the True Parents as Messiah, King of Kings, True Parents of all mankind. ❖



Leadership Education and Development Seminar

by Pablo and Dr. Ann Iparraguirre

The LEAD Seminar is an interfaith program designed to offer academic, practical, and spiritual tools to develop the character of leadership. The three themes of Integrity, Setting and Achieving Meaningful Goals, and Taking Initiative are the focus of this Seminar. Participants will spend time learning and practicing elements of these themes that are necessary for

effective leadership. Seminar activities include: team building, spiritual readings and discussion, mind and body exercise, and academic investigation of the seminar themes.

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Chicago ACLC Prayer Breakfasts

Around 100 Pastors gathered at Rev. Franklin Morris' church for our monthly prayer breakfast on May 27, 2003. Everyone was very inspired by the testimonies of the people who were able to go to Rome and Israel.

Dr. A. Harold White, Bennie Owens, Rev. Joseph McCaffee, and Rev. T.L. Barrett all shared how they have a new meaning to what they preach about in their church from their experience in Rome and Israel.

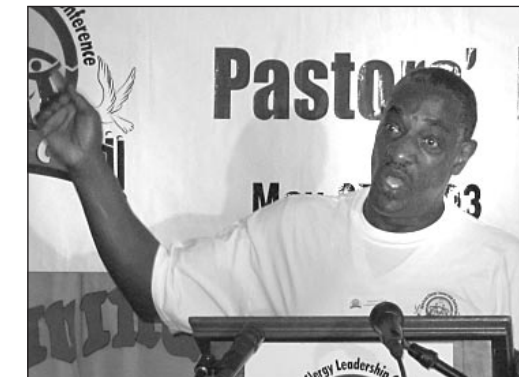
Rev. T.L. Barrett shared how he never had an experience as meaningful as this one with our Movement, he said that he has been with us to many conferences and outings but nothing as profound as this. Those pastors who attended mentioned many times how this had a lasting impact on their life.

Everyone was very inspired by the testimonies even one new pastor came and offered his church for next month's meeting.

June

On June 17, at Rev. James Porter's Greater Pleasant Green MBC, Chicago, around 200 pas-

tors and clergy came to our ACLC prayer breakfast. Everybody was very inspired by Archbishop Stallings, Rev. Jesse Edwards, Rev. T.L. Barrett, and Rev. Michael Jenkins. Now everyone wants to focus on this upcoming Blessing Ceremony. Thanks to all who supported this prayer breakfast. ❖



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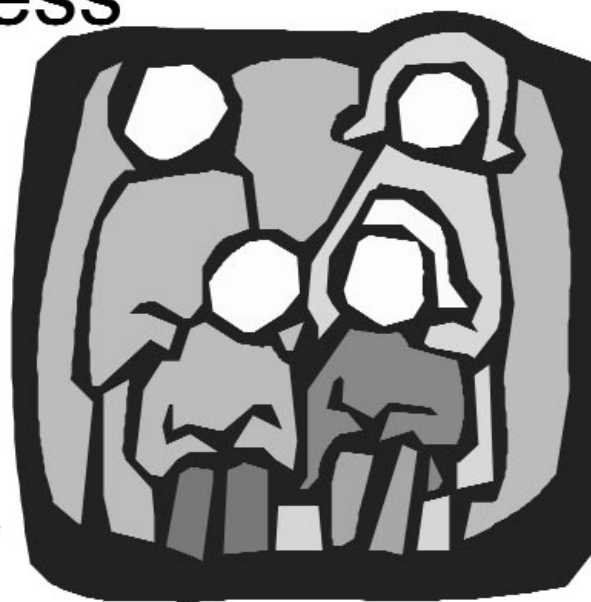
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heart. This was the first holiday that Father was able to attend publicly after the dark trial of indemnity to protect the world from war. Father said that as soon as the war was announced the world was plunged into chaos and confusion. Father entered the hospital at the same moment. He mentioned that he went through a 63 day course to indemnify everything.

Now Father is completely proclaiming a new day.

Father protected the conflict of religions. Father lit the 7 candles in a menorah 7 candle stand on the altar behind the offering table. The offering table was very beautiful and full of large colorful fruit. Father lit the first candle in the middle and then he took that candle (they were tall slender common size candles) and lit the others. He came back off the stage in front of the offering and True Parents did Kyung Beh. Then Father took his place on the altar and True Mother bowed. Then True Children. Then Hoon Mo Nim and Dr. Lee of Sun Moon University were asked to come and bow. This represented all of the blessed couples in the spirit world and all of the blessed religious leaders centering on Jesus and the 5 key leaders. Then the congregation bowed.

Then representatives of the 3 primary nations, then Christianity (Bishop Stallings represented Christianity), Islam, Buddhism and Confucianism all bowed, then the continents of the world, then the Democratic Able



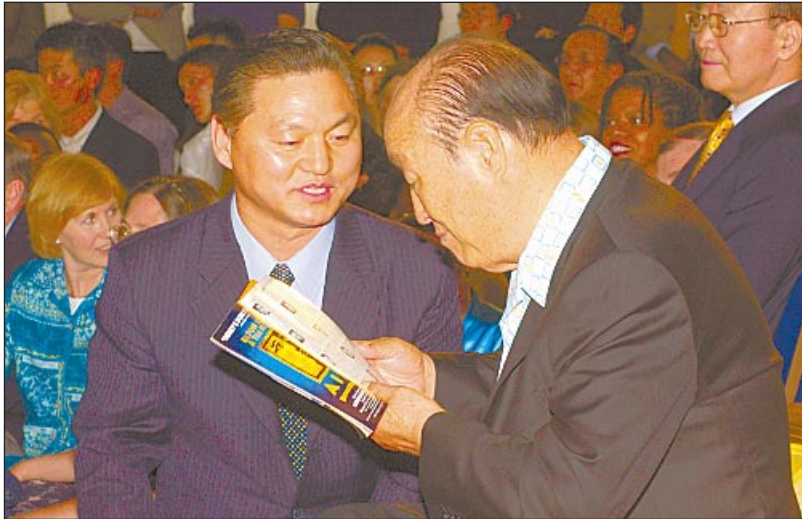
world, then the Cain (Communist) World. Father Bayo (one of Bishop Stallings asst. pastors) was blessed in marriage on December 7th with his Japanese wife. They presented the flowers. Father gave the flowers to the audience, throwing them throughout the audience. Then Mother gave her flowers to Rev. Bayo and his wife.

After Father's speech a large Silver Victory Trophy was presented by Rev. Hwang (Fatherland), Rev. Jeong Ok Eu (Motherland), Dr. Chang Shik Yang (Elder Son Nation). The large silver trophy was to recognize Father's victory of overcoming death and the incredible indemnity course since March 16th "To Our Beloved True Parents, we rejoice in the victory of True Parents overcoming the period of trial and opening the gate for the unity of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Israel and Judaism, Christianity and Islam and all religions are one. Now an Interreligious Body will form to guide the nations of the world."

Then an incredibly beautiful framed presentation of the Jerusalem Declaration (5 ft. by 3.5 ft). The incredible declaration was signed by over 300 representatives of Christianity and Judaism and Islam repenting for the past and embracing Jesus and making a new beginning. Then Archbishop Stallings, Rev. Levy Daugherty, Rev. Hod Ben Zwi (Pres. FFWPU Israel), Taj Hamad (Representing Islam), Dr. Chang Shik Yang (Continental Director of NA FFWPU), Dr. Ji (Continental Director Middle East). It was a powerful moment. The Declaration has 5 pictures in the matting at the bottom, two of ministers carrying the cross and burying it in the potters field, one when True Parents signed and posed with the declaration and leaders and one of the ACLC clergy at the Sea of Galilee and one with Rabbi Bar Dea and Bishop Stallings with Dr. Shalev (Israel) and Rev. Porter (Chicago).

Then Father distributed the offering table. It was exciting, Father first gave to True Children then Mother then he threw the nuts from the table all the way across the room.

Blessed Families, Father has begun a brand new phase. During this period lets completely give ourselves to secure the Fatherland and gain the sovereignty that God desires. Let's substantially resolve all the problems of Christians, Moslems and Jews. Please Blessed Families—all your past can be forgiven now. Let us join together to fulfill God's will during this great and hopeful moment in history. ❖



41ST DAY OF ALL TRUE THINGS

Speech

by Reverend Sun Myung Moon

This is from notes taken by Rev. Michael Jenkins at the service at the National Sheraton Hotel, Washington, DC, May 31, 2003.

The fall was the most crucial problem that occurred in history. Your mind and body, when will they become one. Have you thought about that. Hana Nim means one. Unified. Even though there are millions of things in the universe they are all harmonized and unified in God.

No matter how wonderful and incredible a being is, without love there is no value. Without love there is nothing. Even if your mind and body were united there must be love. This is the highest ideal. To have true happiness we must be brought together in True Love. That is the logic of God. That is the true creation. This absolute, unique and unchanging.

This Day of all True Things. I'm 83 now. I was half my age when we established the True Day of All Things. What is that existence that God has longed for. What is the direction process and purpose of God's will. Centering on what God can harvest the fruit must be love. There are many American women here. There are many beautiful American women here. But God doesn't care about that. Some will say I want to control man and everything. But that is not God's way. The ideal of God is that the fruit must be ripened centered on love. Even though the fallen world is as it is, God's truth and core love centers on the family. God wants to harvest that ripened fruit centering on love. Why? From now the hopeful attitude is centering on True Love.

True Parents means that there is only one. There should be no translation needed. I studied English over and over again. I wrote words down from the dictionary in 10 notebooks. Now I'm older, I have to look up the same word many times. After, 50, 60 or 70 it is very difficult to learn a language. Now I proclaimed that I would stop using translation. How can you say you really love your parents and don't understand Korean. I came and invested in America, with all my heart. There must be husband and wife, but that will only last one generation. There must be lineage. That's where God's heart is.

Then the kingdom of heaven on earth can be expanded centering on the blessed family. Can the head of state stop the decline of morality. Only God can stop it. If a preacher speaks more than 20 minutes his congregation will run away. What do you want me to do. Should I continue, my record is 16 hours and 45 minutes. Mother was pregnant 14 times and had 13 children. (Father asked all true children to stand up).

Did mother have good children? Yes. They have graduated from Harvard. Look at Hyung Jin Nim, he shaved his head and he is so good. Now everyone wants to dress like him.

Do we need just one race. No, God made all races. If one race tries



to preserve only its own race it will decline. The white race is declining in numbers in the world because of this.

Because Jesus was not received then Christianity and Islam appeared. By the time Jesus was 43 he would have been able to bless the world. Jesus could not establish the family. No one is opposing the blessing in the Unification Church because they can see what the Blessed Families are like and what they are doing. Now the opposition to the blessing has passed. Now they come forward and ask for the blessing. Now you are matching your own children. When I go to my homeland all the sweat, blood and tears that I shed in America will be harvested.

If a person becomes a prison of love, he doesn't care. Love is the greatest power and



joy. One woman had morning sickness, and a husband, instead of making the rice cake in a normal way, he danced around the rice cake as he was beating it thinking about how he loves his wife. When she ate it the love in the rice cake cured her morning sickness. That is the True Love. Without love of True Partner they cannot know love. Once you taste True Love through your partner do you want to lose that partner. Would you exchange that partner for another? True Love is OK. OK means Open Kingdom. That is the overall conclusion.

God wanted me to plant the seeds in this country and even if I couldn't harvest the fruit the Blessed Families will harvest it. Are you here just to plant seeds or to harvest. (Harvest!) Blessed Children must become members of the Kingdom of Heaven. This is crucial for God's providence. ❖



‘Lasting Love Conference’ at Ohio State

by Dr. John K. Mwamba, Director

World CARP hosted the Lasting Love Conference on the premises of the Ohio State campus on May 22nd, 2003 targeting professors, educators and students. We had a goal of 100 participants, but to our surprise, 120 people showed up at the conference. This was an amazing experience ever! The theme of the conference was focused on “Mature Heart and Good Character as the Basis for Lasting Love”. The keynote speaker is Rev. Joshua Cotter, President of World CARP USA. He gave a powerful presentation on the three life goals (mature character, contribution to society and loving relationships and family). The presentation was well received and digested by students and professors. This was confirmed during the discussion groups. Seven students reported on the outcome of their discussions. We were amazed by their insights; one could believe that they were already



members of World CARP. The conference was very inspiring and professors were very proud of their students when they gave comments on the selected readings. We had two sessions on “The Priority of Character” and “Youth’s Search for Lasting Love” which included the readings by the students of the Ohio State University (OSU), the comments by the professors of OSU, the discussions and the reports by OSU students. The program began at 6:00 pm and ended at 8:30 pm. The dinner was served at 8:00 pm. All students and professors stayed to the end even though the dinner was served late. My impression is that people did not want to leave the room even when we were closing. It appeared as if they wanted a long program. This is because they were very inspired by the presentations and the organization. We used the interactive method that allowed everybody to participate. The professors were fully involved also in the discussion group

on their table. Dr. Viola Newton, professor of Literature and Dr. Joseph Russell, Psychologist, gave insightful and inspiring comments on the Priority of Character and Youth’s Search for Lasting Love. They used personal stories, anecdotes, poems and examples that were down to earth. Many other professors came as well; Dr. Joachim Zabramba for instance helped a lot even in inviting his own students. The students were grateful for being invited because they learned something new from the academics. We received also a lot of support from the Ohio Family Church led by Rev. Ki Yeal Lee and his wife Seiko Lee who entertained us together with another vocalist Ms. Terri Page, both of them were excellent to uplift the spirit in the audience. The conference was emceed and coordinated by Dr. John K. Mwamba who introduced the audience that the Lasting Love Conference is the inspiration of Dr. Sun Myung Moon and began in May 31st, 2000. Rev. Stephen Nomura, Vice-President of World CARP USA assisted a lot in putting together the



readings materials that professors and students received for their education of the heart. The local members were supportive in making banners, ushering, serving food, on the registration tables, even in passing out flyers. The results of the conference were instant when students were asked to fill out the evaluation forms. Many of them expressed interest to get involved with the World CARP activities and events. Now, we will follow them up through the advanced seminars, workshops and community service projects. The vision is to continue on quarterly basis the Lasting Love Conference until the 60.000 students at the Ohio State University are reached with this positive message of touching the hearts of intellectuals. The next conference is scheduled for October 2003 with a goal of 700 students and professors. We look forward to great things happening with the World CARP Ohio in the future. ❖

IIFWP Lebanon Roundtable: Religion and Peace

by Thomas Schellen


With over 50 persons in attendance, the roundtable held in Beirut Friday, February 28, 2003 reviewing the role of religion in the search for Middle East peace attracted substantial interest from conference participants. Besides representatives from the religious field—predominantly Christians, Muslims, and Jews from the region, the US and Europe – also leaders from other areas and persons from other world regions joined the session. However, representatives of the three religions and their various sects accounted for the majority of contributions to the discussion, beginning with two initial speakers who addressed the issue from larger Islamic and Christian perspectives, on the moderator’s invitation. These two initial contributions emphasized, from the side of Islam presented by London-based Imam Abduljalil Sajid, the common humanity of the religions, the wide ranging agreement on central issues, and reiterated the necessity of inter-religious dialogue as prerequisite for peace among people and peoples. From the Christian faith, the opening statement by US-based Bishop Phillip Johnson, underscored that religious persons are secure in their inner faith and

offered a perspective of hope from the experience of black American Christians. The success of the children of slaves and the children of slave own-

ers in finding solutions to enmity gives reason to be convinced of being able to extend these solutions, Bishop Johnson said. He added a fundamental note of caution against war and a warning that a failure in making every effort for peace would plague the United States for years to come. The ensuing exchange of views was both lively and disciplined, with very few misunderstandings showing on any side. Jewish religious leaders, who had been less vocal in the first 30 minutes of the 2-hour roundtable, entered their insights and experiences in equal proportions with the Muslim and Christian speakers during the latter part of the session. Proposals for practical action in continuation of the work of the Middle East Peace Initiative included a march for peace from Rome to Jerusalem by way of Egypt and its AL Azha mosque, an important center of Islamic studies. Following this proposal by a Druze Sheikh from the Holy Land, a representative of that mosque highlighted the importance of justice and, for Muslims, the study of Islam’s holy scriptures in reference to their original intent and language, as opposed to interpretations and readings that had formed with time

and circumstance. Several subsequent speakers underscored that religious people, especially those who attend conferences such as the IIFWP initiative, are like-minded in their ambition for peace. Questions that religious advocates of peace need to address are how to open the hearts of members of their own congregations to the respect and acceptance of other religions, attendees said. Others pointed to the need for remedying ills such as illiteracy, poverty, and disease, and a member of the Israeli political class told the session that a stronger physical presence of inter-religious peace makers in Jerusalem would help political leaders there to keep their eyes on a vision of peace. Where the discussion touched upon political and historical aspects of the relationship between Jews and Arabs, and the pain and suffering of victims of violence in their conflicts, a noticeable increase in emotions and momentary misunderstandings crouched upon the discussion. However, participants reminded each other quickly to look forward, and calm returned. In the final half-hour of the session, roundtable participants underscored the importance of a task highlighted by the moderator at the beginning of the deliberations, namely that the representatives of each religion are responsible in addressing their radical individuals and groups. Words of hatred and indoctrination to hate should be eliminated, first from religious sermons and instructions, participants emphasized. Dialogue among religions must be accompanied by each religion practicing its principles and values, added others. The roundtable on religion and peace see **LEBANON** on page 17

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Keeping the Dream Alive

by Rev. Michael Yakawich

Recently, I received a call from the mayor asking me to speak at his prayer group. It is for me always an honor to be asked to speak publicly. It is even more special to be asked by such a public official. This experience touched my soul and reminded me once more of our value in keeping our dreams alive, staying consistent on the course and simply not giving up.

For every one who lives a life of faith, they are on the front line. Certainly, some may hold more important roles than others. Some may be able to participate directly while others may be in the background supporting. In both cases, they are extremely valuable. As each person of faith is priceless when they strive to build heavenly families and touch the lives of so many in their communities in their own unique way.

Having been elected as the chairman of a neighborhood task force, I realize again that God can work through us in many different ways. The task force is a grassroots volunteer based organization working on low income housing issues to neighborhoods concerns and problems. They are a group of local citizens who have rolled up their sleeves to address issues of concern regardless of color, race, religion or creed. (This group had gone on stage and presented Father Moon a plaque of appreciation when he was in Billings on his tour.) In whatever way we choose to participate and present our life of faith, we can bring our moral values

and principles to the table.

The “Volunteer Shining Star” Award recently recognized our Family Church outreach program to the local rest homes by The Stillwater Community Hospital board of Trustees. It is a monthly community service project. The moms and youth band work with several convalescent homes in the area presenting music and teaching art skills such as origami (paper folding). The residents love them and look forward each time for their visit. It is a testimony that no matter what age or gender, our talents and skills can be used greatly by God to love and serve our community. We are the light and salt of the earth (Matt. 5:13-16) and I believe we should see this more in whatever role we choose to play.

As we work with other clergy and service organization, we will be helping co-sponsor the 6th Annual march Against Drugs and Violence. The local newspaper gave this project a “Thumbs Up” for service in action. Bringing the local police and sheriff departments, service organization and clergy (through our ACLC leadership), we now have an outpouring of support. This is another way that we all strive at our own unique level to be good and just and honorable people and be that witness to others in the community.

For those who may feel their work

is in vain, I respond that it is not! People are watching you whether you know it or not. They see your heart, your kindness, and your attitude that you bring into the grocery store when you are shopping to the PTA meeting that you attend at your child’s school. Two of our local church members often inspire me by such work as they volunteer on a city board (Paul DiLorenzo) to another who works with the local Boy Scouts (Chad Martin). They set an example of injecting the Father’s heart as they interact and participate in these

organizations.

Our calling is to be a witness as Jesus mandated to the early disciple (Acts 1:8). The results are not always so visible. It may be visible for some and not for others. You may bring fruit right away. You may still be tilling the soil of home church and community outreach with seemingly so little results. I know in my heart that you have already made a great impact by your life of faith even if the results as not so visible. Likewise, it is both the hope and the encouragement, not to be demoralized but energized.

Even as I do my business, my customers frequently call me the “preacher”. Most of customers know clearly that I am a pastor of the Family Church founded by Rev. Moon. The owners of

the business encourage me to come each week to do my sales. When I was on a mission in South Korea

recently, the local paper printed a story titled, “Local Pastor Off To Korea In Moon Project”. These same customers were very supportive and inspired by such a ministry. We can make a heartistic connection in whatever work we do.

As a matter of fact, the Stillwater and Carbon Country Tavern Owners Association recently invited my family and I to a free nights stay at a local motel to show their appreciation for the sales work I do! How times have changed! It is for me a witness to the fact that we can be proud of our faith and as we are consistent in our “ways of heart”, people will respond in a positive way.

Just as Moses had his talents and then relied on Aaron and others to help him in his ministry, we need each other. I find so many of my clergy friends much better than I in preaching, administration, music and education. Some have great talents in prison ministry or hospital ministry than I. Nevertheless, by working together, we can learn from each other and compliment each other. As in any community, we can learn from others and be a blessing to others. It is not so much in competition that we win, but in cooperation. Whether in our own church or in our own community, when we see our own abilities and remarkable talents and see how valuable they are to others, we are empowered even more to keep all our dreams alive and help them thrive. ❖

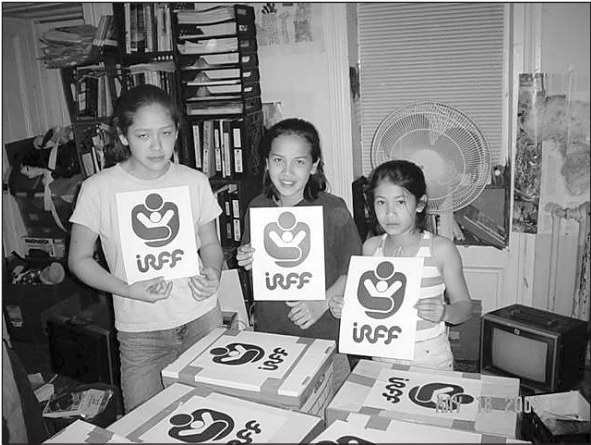
Each person of faith is priceless when they strive to build heavenly families and touch the lives of so many in their communities

Comfort Kits for Iraq



by Mr. Ichinori Tsumagari

World Tongil Moo Do (WTMD) UTS Club members helped to prepare 21 “Comfort Kits” for IRFF to send to Iraq,



as part of its emergency relief project in that country. IRFF is working together with Christian Disaster Response (CDR) and a consortium of agencies to send humanitarian assistance to war-torn Iraq.

WTMD and IRFF believe in the impor-



tance of developing a healthy character by emphasizing living for the sake of

others through action. We are looking forward to working together in the future. ❖

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in the Middle East served to re-state the point that the difficulties and conflicts in the region originate from political, economic, territorial and historic issues much more than from the religious differences. In their religions, the people of the Middle East have long been coexisting side by side, with very few quarrels over faith issues.

Over the course of the deliberations, participants made several practical proposals for moving towards closer inter-

action that could eventually lead toward a culture of peace. Most of these proposals involved joint action, such as promoting peace zones, varied possibilities of inter-religious pilgrimage to Jerusalem, fact finding visits to the Middle East’s nations, religious sites, and political flash points, as well as making efforts in peace education, service projects, and social development throughout the region.

The moderator of the session was David Fraser Harris, IIFWP Secretary General, Middle East Region, and IIFWP Chair, Syria. ❖



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The Interfaith Movement and the Launch of the Roadmap

by Dr. Frank Kaufmann

Recent world events awoke the average lay person to the wisdom and necessity of interreligious dialogue. Professionals in the field enjoyed a new environment in which they no longer were met with confused disinterest when sharing their lives with strangers in planes and airports. Instead they are met with appreciation and admiration. “Huh?” was replaced with “Lord knows we certainly need that.”

As with much of the positive change in the wake of 9-11 (such as heightened social awareness, and restored humanness), newcomers’ enthusiasm

for interreligious dialogue also dulled a bit as time went on.

This dulling of the temporary spike in appreciation of interfaith does not bring us back to pre 9-11 levels of unknowing. Events brought new development to the movement, some good, some bad.

The good development is that there has arisen a lot more interfaith activity since 9-11. This has (at least) two benefits: 1. Interfaith projects, events, and awareness has moved far deeper into the grass roots (this is long overdue), and 2. The increase yields a much more variegated landscape, so that many more creative and innovative ideas for approaching interreligious problems and challenges are cropping

up. Each new project tends to bear the signature of the leading visionary acting under inspiration.

The negatives include the fact that a sudden but relatively untrained interest (in a world of increasing superficiality and impatience), coupled with the inability of the interfaith movement to produce recognizable results in the world’s most watched, religious trouble-spots (such as Israel) create the danger that the public will return to its prior dismissal and disinterest in the interfaith movement, only more dangerously this time, not merely from ignorance, but from a conscious and deliberate assessment of the ineffectiveness of the movement. Thus the interfaith movement stands at an impor-

tant crossroads.

I believe the warm glow will last long enough to produce some fiscal solace by matching the over wealthy with the over needy, but this too will meet rough roads ahead if the interfaith movement does not find a way to do more than assuage the givers social conscience, and instead start to produce some tangible progress in the world of interreligious relations. Very few fundamentally new ideas are coming forth. To benefit from events without taking responsibility for one’s failures, including even those which led up to the very horrifying events themselves is to chase fools gold. ❖

Are We All Going to Get Burned?

by Rev. James Stephens

Jim Stephens is the pastor of the Unification Church in Bloomington, IL. This article appeared in the local newspaper, The Pantagraph, in a weekly column titled “From The Pulpit” on May 11, 1996.

Most new denominations or new religions that have any staying power teach “new truth” when compared to the traditional religious doctrines of the day. For the adherents of this new “truth”, the new doctrine makes more sense to them, answers their long-standing questions, or seems to be a better guide for their daily lives. Conversion to something new and different is not an easy process so it must be significantly attractive.

Typically there is a charismatic leader and the eventual followers are made up of either “searchers” or people who have given up on the traditional doctrines.

This is for the most part true of my church. My background was very much oriented to the practical world. I got my degree in engineering from Northwestern University. Like many in college during the Vietnam war, I was a “searcher”, wanting peace in the world, and disillusioned with traditional churches.

Traveling to California after graduation, I encountered the Unification teachings, founded by Rev. Sun Myung Moon, whose own background was engineering. What I heard over the next ten days made a lot of sense to me.

As a matter of fact, it still does. One

of the things that pleases me the most about my faith is that it is very practical and highly applicable to daily life. It is also deeply profound and personal in the relationship that I have developed with Jesus Christ and Heavenly Father.

I cannot expect any of you readers to accept the Unification teachings because they definitely fall into this controversial “new truth” area. However, I would like to offer some of our insights on the Last Days for your consideration.

At the outset, let me assure you that the two necessary ingredients for interpreting the Bible are present. First is the Holy Spirit. Rev. Sun Myung Moon is a person who has had the Holy Spirit from a very young age. Second is a

Biblical foundation. His teachings are based on countless hours of study of the Bible. Eyewitnesses testify to at least three of his Bibles that fell apart from use. These teachings have changed the lives of millions all over the world, in every race, every culture, every religion, every language and every country. I believe this is because the Unification Teachings are understandable through basic universal common sense. This is not a shallow doctrine.

What’s going to happen to us in the Last Days?

The Bible predicts disastrous events in the Last Days. Unificationism, however, teaches there will not be a supernatural end of the world. The cataclysmic events of the Bible are not to see **BURNED** on page 19

IRFF Water Project in Tanzania

Tanzania is a vast Country covering 945,000 sq. km. It has a variety of topographical features, soils and climate, all of which have a great bearing on the distribution and way of life of it’s people.

It has an almost static per capita income of about US\$ 100 per year. This places the country to be one of the poorest in the World. Some areas in Tanzania experience difficulties in having water for their daily life and even for gardening. This is due to the climatic situation of little rain.

The socioeconomic problems are leveled to be responsible for the difficulties that the society is facing. One of health related vices’ facing the society is clean water problem.

Access to safe water is essential for addressing poverty and health problems. The poor most of who live in remote urban and rural areas, have limited access to clean water for domestic use, crop production and adequate sanitation. Economic benefits are achievable indirectly through improved health and time saved from the drudgery of carrying water over long distances. Existing data on the incidence of water - born, water - related and water - washed diseases indicate that these are mostly prevalent where people use contami-

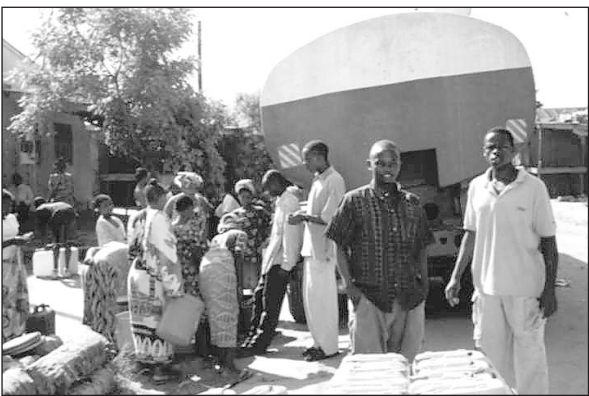
nated water or have little water for daily use since such disease account for over half of the disease effecting the population and more than 80% of the Tanzanian population living in remote urban and rural areas.



One of the effected areas on water problem in Dar es Salaam was Makuburi Area. It has a population of approximately 35,000 people many of whom have a low income. This population was very effected with Cholera due to the shortage of water for domestic use and sanitation.

Being more concerned about this problem, the IRFF Tanzania initiated the action of supplying clean water to the Makuburi Community with aim of reducing suffering of these poor people, with a truck (tank) of 25,000 litters of water; IRFF people were carrying

clean water four times a day and supply to the community. For three months starting from January 2002, the Makuburi Community lives a normal life before another imitative took place for water solution in the area



The IRFF action has been of great help to thousands of people, women and children who had to walk a long distance of about 10 km. to fetch for water which was not clean at all for domestic use, they were relieved of such suffering.

The cases of Cholera in Makuburi area dropped from 68 cases in February 2002 to only 3 cases in March 2002. Now, there are no Cholera cases because of sufficiency of water for domestic use.

Different people initiated gardens in which they plant vegetables and sell in order to gain money to sustain their lives.

The IRFF has worked influencing the Kinondoni Municipal to act up on the situation of Makuburi area. As a result there have been funds provided by CARE - Tanzania to the Kinondoni Municipal in order to address the water problem by digging deep well and building water kiosks in Makuburi Area. The project is now finished being executed, and the kiosks started to operate in August, 2002.

Different seminars were organized in this community on water management and now, it is the responsibility of the community to run the project in order to sustain the water kiosk, the community contribute with only Tshs. 50/= for every 20 ltrs of water.

The IRFF is committed to relieving people from suffering of all kind. Based on this; we are strategizing to giving solution on water difficulties in Kisarawe District in Pwani Region (Tanzania) this is a rural area experiencing difficulties on water for daily use.

IRFF work on grassroots level since 1976. It was easy to detect the need of the community and in a process, to immediately solve the water problem.

This project was like an initiated idea, like a way to try. It worked very well, and is a very helpful way and pilot project to many other communities now. ❖

Nature of God and Man; the Purpose of Life

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In a very memorable scene of the popular theater, the dream sequence in *Fiddler On The Roof*, the cornered Tevye invokes the spirit of his wife Golde's late grandmother in order to extricate himself from a very problematic situation: he has promised his Daughter to the wrong man. Tevye reports that the grandmother has come to him in a dream warning against this almost finalized match. His wife's agitated yet believing response, referring to her grandmother Tzeitel's coming all the way "from the other world" to impart her needed guidance, tells Tevye his ruse has worked.

While merely a fictional, construct acted out in the cultural setting of the Russian Jews, this scene nevertheless reveals something universal in human consciousness. From Plato and the early Greeks, through Jesus and Paul, through most African and Oriental cultures, to spiritualists of the 20th century, a belief in some kind of survival of bodily death has been unequivocally affirmed. Jesus' assertion that in his Father's house "there are many rooms," would seem to be justified by the fact that this common belief is held by such divergent peoples.

The Mount Of Transfiguration

While many traditional believers tend to shy away from the topic, testimony to the existence of a spirit world actually permeates the Bible. Prophets such as Ezekiel and Isaiah report powerful spiritual visions, as does the writer of the book of Revelation. In the Gospels, angels speak(Lk 1:28) and on the Mount of Transfiguration, Jesus talks with the long-dead Moses and Elijah.

"And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them upon a high mountain apart. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah,

talking with him (Mt. 17:1-3)."

Today, perhaps the most dramatic testimony to the existence of the spiritual dimension comes from those who have had what are commonly called "near death" experiences. These individuals, who were pronounced clinically dead but who were later revived, recall remarkably similar experiences while they were "dead."

While many people, if not most, are prepared to admit belief in some kind of life after death, few are willing to accept the proposition that even during our physical lifestyles we are existing in two realms at once—a material one and a spiritual one. Yet this is what Divine Principle teaches. There is an invisible spiritual world that surrounds this physical one and that is inhabited by those who have passed on.

Because the two realms do interpenetrate each other, the spirit self of a person near death can float on out of his body and then return later on. For this same reason the spirits of Moses and Elijah could appear to Jesus.

To begin to understand how we could simultaneously live in two realms and, for the most part, be unaware of it, we must remember that there are many things, even in the natural world, that exist beyond the range of our five physical senses. For example, we can't see infra-red light or x-rays, or hear sounds above or below certain frequencies. Nevertheless, x-rays and high and low frequency sound vibrations do exist. In the same way, even though we cannot perceive a spiritual world through our physical senses, it does exist all around us.

Jesus. The "moon" which reflects the light of the sun is either the Holy Spirit or else the Bible itself. And the "stars" are the children of the "sun" and the "moon". This is the Christians.

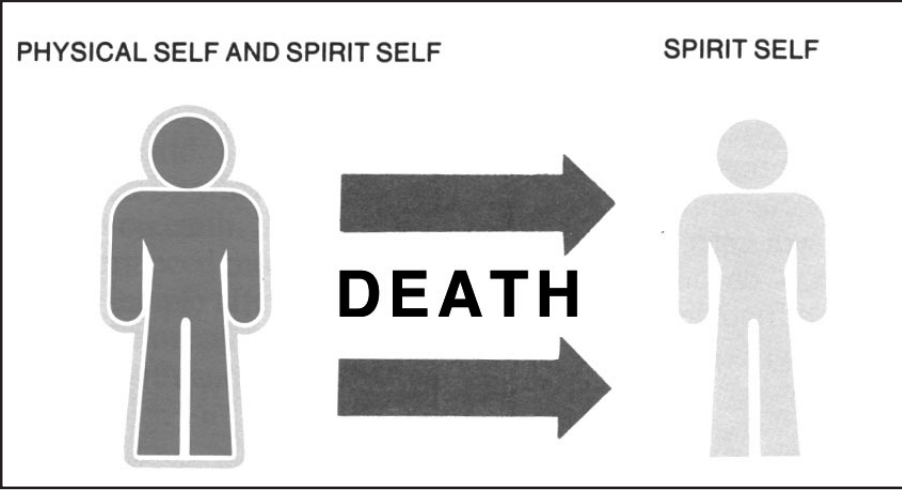
If we look at the history of America, there is no time in the past when there was so little of Jesus and the Bible in public institutions as there is today. Look at our government, our educational system, our judicial system, the media. Do you see the "sun" (Jesus) and the "moon" (Bible) in our public institutions? Have any "stars" (Christians) fallen from heaven? You bet they have. James Baker and Jimmy Swaggert to name a couple. Christians as a whole have about the same rate of divorce, adultery, abortions and others sins as the general population. Have we, the "stars", fallen from heaven? You decide.

Many are expecting Christ to return in the literal sky on literal clouds. Rev. Moon was guided by the Holy Spirit to Hebrews 12:1. It says, "...we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles..." A cloud of witnesses in this verse

Science

The discoveries of modern science lend credence to this prospect. Whereas in prior times scientists thought of the material world as constructed of solid, though minute, blocks of matter, they now believe this is not the case. Rather what we think of as the material world seems to consist of invisible patterns of energy.

As Professor Raynor C. Johnson of



the University of Melbourne has pointed out in *The Imprisoned Splendor*, "The world of hills and rocks, tables and chairs is for the ordinary unreflective man the one real world. There may have been some excuse for the materialistic philosophy of the nineteenth century which supported this, but the discoveries of modern physics...have undermined that outlook. The solidity of the material world has proved illusory...."

The implications of this new theory with regard to the possible existence of a spiritual dimension are clear. Indeed, it is probably such a discovery as this that gave rise to Albert Einstein's celebrated remark that his work was spiritual, involving the discovery of where matter ended and spirit began.

Subject And Object

By applying the principle of polari-

ty, we can conclude that a counterpart to the physical world must exist. As previously stated, God created all things in subject-object relationships. Man as subject has both spirit and body; therefore, his object—the world—must also have a two-fold nature. Just as the physical world was created as an environment for man's physical body, so the spirit world was created as an environment for his spirit.

As man has five physical senses for perceiving the physical world, so he has five spiritual senses with which to perceive the spiritual world. These spiritual senses make possible such experiences as those discussed above and others such as hearing voices, having prophetic dreams and seeing visions.

The spirit is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body there is a spiritual body (I Cor. 15:44).

Existing in both worlds, each of us consists of both a physical self and a spiritual self. Just as the physical body and a physical mind (which functions similar to instinct in animals), in the same way man's spirit has a spirit body and a spirit mind. The spirit body is the body of the spirit self, just as the physical body is the body of the physical self. As the spiritual form is identical to that of the physical self, people are recognizable even in spirit. When Jesus saw Moses and Elijah he saw them in their spirit bodies. The spirit mind is the central part of a person's being, the source of his emotion, intellect, and will. Here our personality and self-awareness originate. Through the spirit mind God is able to communicate with us, inspire us, and guide us in our growth. ❖

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be taken literally. The kingdom of heaven and peace on earth will be established in this world in the Last Days by people of living faith.

So how do Unification teachings interpret the scriptures predicting doom? Matt. 24:29 says, "the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky and the heavenly bodies will be shaken..." Rev. Moon found the Bible verse for interpreting this scripture in Gen. 37:9-10, the interpretation of Joseph's dream. "I had another dream, and this time the sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me...his father rebuked him and said, 'What is this dream you had? Will your mother and I and your brothers actually come and bow down to the ground before you?'" In this story the sun, moon and stars symbolized the father, mother and the children.

So what does this mean for the Last Days? The "sun" of the Bible is of course

is a great number of people. Unificationism says that in the Last Days, there will be a great cloud of witnesses (i.e. believers in Christ) that effectively change the world through active faith.

What "earth" will be destroyed? In the Bible, "heaven" and "earth" can be either literal or symbolic. Jesus said in John 6:38, "For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me." Jesus was not denying his birth on earth and claiming he came down from the sky. He was saying his origins were in God in heaven and in spirit. The "earth" that Jesus came down to was the world of evil. This "earth" (the evil world) is what he intends to destroy, not the literal earth (i.e. the soil).

The weapon of choice for Jesus is truth. Truth is the power he uses to change the world. It is referred to in the Bible by many symbols such as fire, sword, breath, tongue, hammer and lightning. In the Last Days it is the Spirit of Truth that comes bringing new truth that will change the world (John 16:12-13, I Cor. 13: 9-12, I John 3:2) Ephes. 6:16-17 speaks of "the sword of the Spir-

it, which is the word of God." Jesus said, "I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled." (Luke 12:49) In Jer. 23:29 it says, "Is not my word like fire," declares the Lord, "and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces." Hosea 6:5 says "my judgments flashed like lightning upon you." II Thess. 2:8 says "the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth..." In the Last Days people and things will be burned up; the earth will be shaken; people will be thrown into the fire. Unificationism teaches these are not literal but testifying to the power of truth.

All the supernatural events have explanations in terms of spiritual warfare and things that will be taking place in the minds and hearts of people in the Last Days. Take heart, peace on earth for all is coming.

Rev. Moon has revealed hundreds and hundreds of such discoveries as these in the Bible. Copies of the basic study guide are available at no charge by writing to me at P.O. Box 1802, Bloomington, IL 61702. ❖

New CD: *The Best of Patsy Casino*

by Patsy Casino

For many years people have asked me if I had a CD of my singing. I'd say no and they'd say why not? I guess, in a sense, I didn't really see myself as a singer. I didn't start singing until I met the Unification Church. For many years Performing Arts was my mission in the church.

A little history: In high school one semester I took Chorus but it was my sister whom everyone noticed concerning singing. In fact she won a scholarship to Switzerland to study voice one summer and her teacher encouraged her to study voice. Instead she majored in Elementary Education and taught school for 30 years. I did love music however, and studied piano and flute. I played in High School marching band and won the John Phillip Sousa Band award as 1st flutist, I can still remember falling asleep at night with my small radio in bed listening to classical music and flute solos. In College I studied Home Economics—Textiles and Clothing. I was planning to go into Fashion Merchandising or costume designing for movies or television. It seemed like something exciting and fun to do and everyone thought I fit the role.

I met the Unification Church in my last semester before graduating at the University of Texas. I went to see the Korean Folk Ballet who were performing at the Student Union. I actually went to see the Korean dresses since I was taking a Costume history class and I thought It would be interesting to see Oriental dress. It was there that I felt God's spirit and I was witnessed to and attended a workshop that weekend. Many people were surprised that I came because I didn't look the searching hippie type but I was more into glamour and beauty. Underneath all the exterior was a very sensitive girl who thought deeply about life.

I remember many nights lying in my dormitory thinking what happens when we die. Is there life after death? What is the best way to live my life for God so I don't waste it. I have always believed in God. As a girl I can remember flipping

thought the Bible that stayed in our living room and looking at all the beautiful pictures of Jesus and his disciples during his ministry and wishing I could have talked with him to understand how he knew God so deeply. At the weekend retreat when I heard that the Messiah had been born I almost fell out of my seat. What did it mean?

My first response was that I wanted to meet him. Where is he? At first I was excited but then because very sad. Did it mean I'd have to join the group? What about all my plans?

It all happened so suddenly. I cried



for days and days wondering if it were true. The struggle was almost unbearable. Then I began to have so many powerful dreams. One of the most powerful ones came in big bold red print. I saw “Those who give their life for my sake will gain it, and those who try to gain their lives will lose it.” The dreams were so intense I'd wake up sweating. Then I saw all these people wearing white robes in my room bowing and praying. I felt the presence of a bright light and a voice

saying to me, “If you really love God please raise your hand.”

All night I felt as if I was struggling to raise my hand but something kept pushing it down. Finally after much struggle I raised my arm. Again, I woke up sweating. After so many intense dreams and hearing voices and noises in my room I actually became scared and thought I'd better join and make at least a year commitment until I knew more clearly. Could I live with myself if I ran away from God's calling when I always told him I loved him? I

didn't want to be one of the people who rejected Jesus when he came. I moved into the center and finished my last semester of College. I was preparing to go on National MFT when Mr. Phillip Bursley heard me singing in a group meeting. He asked me to audition for Sunburst. He chose me for the group and plans for MFT got canceled.

I had never been to a rock concert in my life. In fact the first concert was with my husband two years ago to see the Rolling Stones. I really enjoyed them. It's ironic that I became the lead singer. in Sunburst. The first time I sang in front of True Parents I was very nervous. But I felt Father's loving spirit. He was a spiritual rock. His eyes and spirit saw into my soul. I knew he would always be with me. His love was unshakable. He knew my weaknesses and strengths and accepted me gently and lovingly. I didn't feel his judgment for my sins but only love, compassion and encouragement in my journey to find God.

I had never felt such powerful love before. Now I knew what it was like to be living with Christ, someone living completely for God and others. I really felt like he was my Father and I was his daughter. I knew I had to hold on to True Parents if I was going to make it in this spiritual battle. Being in Sunburst was quite an emotional mission. After a long and difficult path I became the lead. singer. There were so many internal struggles about who should sing what song at which event and so on. Each performer naturally feels he has the best voice and everyone wants to sing the lead solo. But inevitably someone has to sing back-up. Honestly, I didn't have so many preconceived ideas about music since I had not sung before the church so it might have been easier for me to unite with all the providential directions. There were times I just felt so unqualified and struggled terribly. I felt like a leaf on a big tree holding on by just a little stem being blown in a big storm. I knew if the stem broke I'd be blown far away so I held on tightly for dear life.

But with God, True Parents, and a very God-centered and creative central figure like Frank Grow, Sunburst pioneered and set the foundation for heavenly rock music by creating a beautiful unity. We performed at so many events all across America. It was such an exciting time. I took my mission so seriously. I actually felt when I sang a song it was so important that it could make or break the entire providence. We all felt we were called by God to save the world through music. I was just so proud to be the face and voice of True Parents.

That's how I saw myself. When I stood on stage I felt that I represented them to the public. So I was always concerned to conduct myself properly. Father often talked about morality. Performers in the fallen world often have problems in the area of love—many partners, etc. We must change that. A true artist must be god-centered and establish a God-centered family. God would enjoy listening to that artist perform even if their technique wasn't the best. Ideally they should have the best heart and best technique. But already there are many great performers but Father says their lives are so unprincipled that it pains God to actually listen to them. We must change all

that.

Once when I performed at a media conference in South America in 1983. The performers were invited afterwards to visit with True Parents. I thought he was going to comment on our performance. Instead he began asking us about our spouses. He went around the circle commenting about our individual situations. I was surprised that He knew my husband's personality so well. At the time I had just started living with him. He said, “I gave you a very good spouse. He takes very good care of you.” Is this true? I said, “Yes Father.” My husband would send me vitamins, etc. and encourage me to get proper rest. At the time I did not think so practically and could easily get burnt out. Today my husband is a lawyer and provides very well for our family. And he's still encouraging me to get more sleep! Father emphasized to us as couples that we must always sacrifice and live for God in order for God to protect our families.

During those early years Father gave us so much attention—spiritual direction as well as practical guidelines. Here are just a few: The voice is subject over an instrument. Don't close your eyes when you're singing. Look at you audience. Pay attention to your hair and makeup: don't wear too much makeup on your eyes. Yes, you can dance on stage if your heart is pure. For years in Washington D. C. I sang for the Korean community and for guest that came to America. Father was so happy he called us to meet with him. He heard all of our songs and critiqued us individually. He said my Korean was the best. Then he went on to say that when you sing in Korean you must have perfect pronunciation. Korean people will clap but they respect you if the pronunciation is correct. So study your Korean. Just last year in a meeting in Washington DC. with Mr. David Eaton and other performers he told us we should continue studying and improving our art so we can witness to more high level people. We have to become more famous to influence the world.

Father is so sensitive. He knows what we need if we just listen to him. After the years singing in Sunburst, which was very stressful, I lost my voice. I could barely talk. At the time I was in CARP and father saw me in the audience. He turned to Tiger Pak and said that I needed rest and told him to send me to the Unification Theological Seminary. At the time Tiger Pak wanted me to pursue Acting and Television. He felt strongly that we must prepare for television and movies and witness through media. So I studied one year at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in Pasadena, CA. However, I was getting sicker and sicker. I think I was just run down. We had such a grueling schedule—not the prima donna situation that some members thought performing artists were having. It wasn't Hollywood where the stars are catered to.

We would witness, fundraise all day and still perform at many events in the evenings that took so much emotional energy. After years of this I just became very tired. When I went to a voice specialist he suggested I might need surgery to remove the vocal nodules that had formed. Otherwise, he said I could take 2-3 years of rest from performing and I might gain my voice back naturally. Wow! Father already knew this just

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WHERE WE CAME FROM

Bohemian Breakfast

by Claire Bowles

In 1st grade I drew a nude. It was a woman sitting on a horse, backwards. A picture that filled the whole page of butcher paper, as we were encouraged to do. My teacher came over to look at it. She was very nice, but obviously flustered and a little disturbed. She said nervously that it was very pretty but didn't I think the circus lady needed some clothes? I remember what I said to her and now it seems very precocious. "Don't you believe in nudes?" I drew lines at my woman's wrists and neck to indicate clothes but I was feeling my six-year-old pride miffed.

The main difference between my Bohemian upbringing and that of kids being brought up by what WE called trashy people was the *type* of trash that littered the houses and yards. For example, in the bohemian home there would more likely be wine bottles rather than beer bottles scattered about the place after an evening of entertaining, but the placement of the wine bottles would be quite the same as the beer bottles in the 'trashy' homes. Same ash trays full of the same cigarette butts. On any normal day the books and magazines covering our floor might be Allen Watts and Poetry Digest, rather than True Romance and Hot Rod Monthly but they still lay there day and night, untouched for months at a time. The paintings on our walls were definitely nicer to look at than the calendars plastering 'trashy' walls but in both houses the pictures were mostly of women with little or no clothes on. Of course, we called ours 'nudes'.

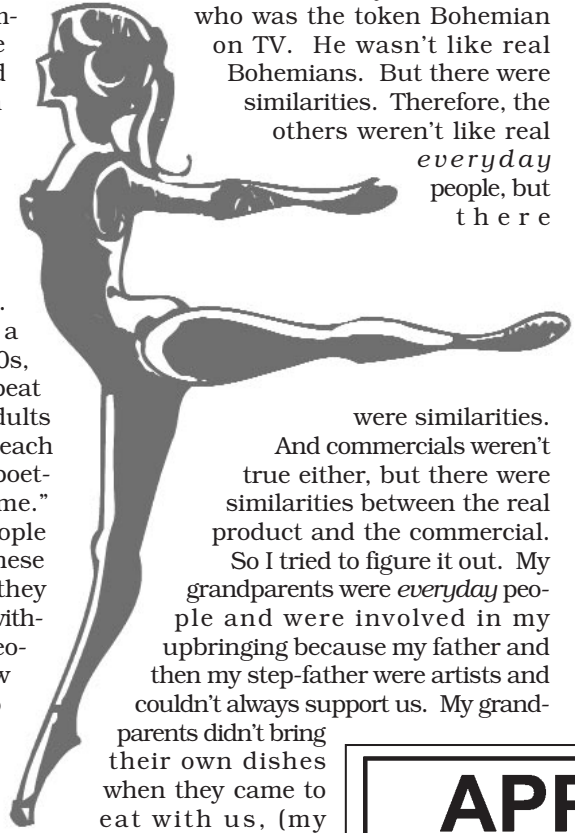
There were trashy people in every race, but they weren't the same as *everyday* people. *Everyday* people worked hard, took care of their families the best that they could, were enlightened to the extent that was available to them, were pretty boring and didn't have much time for a heck of a lot more than that. Trashy people, on the other hand, didn't serve others, including their kids, and didn't work hard. Trashy people had lots of dramatic sexual relationships. Trashy people didn't care about laws or author-

ity. Trashy people had trashy houses and yards. Trashy people didn't like *everyday* people. Hmmm. Trashy people were just Bohemians without education.

There was a real superiority complex among the bohemians of the '40s and '50s and they had to defend their superiority with the weapon of snobbery. So, even though our houses were just as dirty, and the kids just as neglected, perhaps the morals just as corrupted, and we lived in the same neighborhoods, we somehow still felt that we were superior to trashy people. I say "we" even though I was just a baby and a child through the '50s, but I felt it, too, and came to repeat the catch phrases that I heard adults say. "A *real* ballet teacher can't teach any other form of dance." "*Real* poetry doesn't necessarily have rhyme." "*Real* artists don't care what people think." I understand now why these things were said and even why they are true, but we also were taught, without words, to look down upon people who didn't understand or know these things. *Everyday* People who didn't care about or have time for 'real' ballet teachers or 'real' poetry or 'real' artists, were just glad their little girl was taking ballet, tap and jazz. These were people who got misty-eyed when they heard "Mother is a Word Like No Other" or loved the painting which hung over their sofa and which was mass produced in Taiwan. Somehow, the bohemians that I knew lumped *everyday* people in with trashy people and snubbed them equally.

I'm being harsh now. But I knew that something was wrong with my life even at age 8, though I tried very hard to fit it all together. I saw from the TV that there were several different kinds of peo-

ple. There were *everyday* people like on My Three Sons, Leave It to Beaver and Father Knows Best, who were largely indistinguishable from one another, and then there was Maynard G. Krebs, who was the token Bohemian on TV. He wasn't like real Bohemians. But there were similarities. Therefore, the others weren't like real *everyday* people, but there were similarities. And commercials weren't true either, but there were similarities between the real product and the commercial. So I tried to figure it out. My grandparents were *everyday* people and were involved in my upbringing because my father and then my step-father were artists and couldn't always support us. My grandparents didn't bring their own dishes when they came to eat with us, (my father's second mother-in-law did) they just never came to eat with us. We ate at their house every week or so. My grandparent's house was Twilight Zone different from my world. Everything had a place and it never strayed from that place...for years! Always in the same



place. My grandparent's house was filled with food. Cupboards were full and a big, full freezer was in the basement. Opposite my house. And my grandparent's house didn't have any nudes. They had 'pictures' on their walls, which were different than 'paintings'.

Take a typical day at my house: I am 7, or 8 years old. I get up for school soooo sleepy. I have to hunt for clothes in a pile of laundry that is a big mountain in a closet that has no door. I hunt through, flinging clothes into the air like a cartoon, and finally find something to wear. I hunt for a brush to brush my feathery blond hair. I can never find a brush but a fork works, I discover, except that I have to wash one. I have no breakfast...as usual. My mother got a job as an artist at the newspaper and is never there in the mornings. In fact, I am a latch-key kid before there are such things. Sometimes there is Captain Crunch but not regularly. Even when my mother was married to my step-father (3 years) he didn't make breakfast either, though he was staying home painting instead of working. I don't remember anything but Captain Crunch. No toast, no plates, no eggs. Just like the trashy people next door. Only WE have bookcases on OUR walls with *real* books in them and...there it is! Between the book of Salvador Dali paintings and that empty old carton of cigarette...a hairbrush! ❖

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by looking at me. So I went to the seminary for 2 years and my voice completely healed as I studied, and changed my environment. Once President Kim said, you are music minister- what a nice title. I want people to feel God's love though my singing.

I still sing at many events in our Church. I also have done television commercials and instructional videos in the DC area. I've even had one line in the movie "Rules of Engagement" starring Tommy Lee Jones and Samuel L. Jackson that was a number one movie for three weeks in America. I still feel Tiger Pak's spirit encouraging T.V. and movies.

So how does this all come together for my CD? I have received so much love from True Parents being in performing arts. I want to share some of the love songs that I've sung in their presence or in church activities over the many years. Each one brings back so many beautiful memories. For instance, "Through the Eyes of Love" when I sang it at a Seminary event which Father and Mother attended, I still can recall Father turning to mother and suddenly holding her

hand and giving her the most romantic looks you can every imagine. I was melted by their love.

Today that look is still vivid in my mind. "Hopelessly Devoted to You" was a song that Heung Jin Nim liked. True Parents requested that I sing at his funeral in Korea. He was so devoted to True Parents. Because I was asked suddenly to sing there was little time to prepare. My spiritual daughter Tania Heiberg stayed up all night transcribing the song to a lower key. I had to borrow a dress from a sister because there was no time to go shopping. I was four months pregnant and off I went learning he song on the airplane with a tape. I felt unworthy to be on the same stage with Heung Jin Nim and all the blessed children who carried his casket off stage at the time. But I was carrying a blessed child in my womb. I was thinking that is the only reason a sinner like me could attend. I was the only American on the same stage. "I wish" was sung at our Science Conference. When I belted out the last sentence about freedom Mother suddenly burst into tears. Those early years were so stressful. I felt Mother was very proud of me and my strong determination. At least, I hope that was the reason and not



because it sounded so terrible.

Every song has such meaning. Each time I sang before True Parents I'd have to really pray and check my heart. Is it in the right place? I knew they could see everything. If I wasn't right with God I could barely sing. I'd feel like I was being choked. In 1976 at Washington Monument before going on the stage to sing "Save the Country," I almost fainted. As I was walking out I thought, "Oh No, I'm going to faint." I felt so dizzy.

Suddenly my Dad who had flown up from Texas stood up in the front row (he had somehow managed to work his way through the crowd of 100,000) and yelled

my name. That love connection shook me out of the dizzy state and I was able to sing the song powerfully and mean every word. "We're gonna lay that devil down." I was so happy to be a warrior for God and prepare the atmosphere for Father to speak. I know my singing is a gift from God. Without faith in God and True Parents I can honestly say I can't really sing.

I want to thank God and True Parents—the glory goes to them. And I want to thank my husband for all his love and support over the years—in fact, he's the one who finally said, "OK no more excuses. I want you to make a CD this year." Because of him I'm discovering what true love is all about. And I thank my four wonderful children who seem to get such a thrill that their over-the-hill mom—between cooking, cleaning, and driving them to soccer, basketball, softball, Girl Scouts, cheerleading, and many school events— is making a CD. Their friends think it's cool. And I want to thank all my brothers and sisters who have convinced me over the last 29 years that they actually like my singing. Thank you and I hope you enjoy my CD. With God we are always young in spirit and the best is yet to come. ❖

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It was hard to imagine how Reverend Moon could top his declaration of messiahship in 1992. However, he may have done so by proclaiming the beginning of a whole new historical epoch in 1993. In a speech, “The Reappearance of the Second Coming and the Completed Testament Era,” delivered at Belvedere International Training Center, Tarrytown, New York on January 10, 1993, Rev. Moon announced “the transition today to the Completed Testament era.” Although details as to the precise nature of the new epoch were as yet sketchy, it was understood to involve a fundamental shift in the order of salvation. As one church leader explained, “Previously, religious organizations have always been centered upon the salvation of the individual, but we have now progressed to the salvation of the family.” The implications of this were momentous. Essentially, it signaled a radical new beginning for the movement and rendered all previous religious expressions, including that of the Unification Church, obsolete. Within a few years, the church began to reconfigure itself as a “Family Federation,” developed theological concepts and terminology reflective of the shift, and launched into efforts to realize a restored and purified Garden of Eden. The gateway to the Completed Testament Age (CTA) was the Blessing which extended far beyond the Unificationist community during the 1990s. In fact, members routinely referred to the “globalization” of the Blessing. Probably because of its association with “holy” experiments and new beginnings, the CTA also signified a renewed role for the U.S. and the Americas.

The Proclamation

Most of these developments were not apparent in 1993. The immediate concern was to proclaim the message of the new age in coordination with the earlier declaration of messiahship. On April 10, 1993, the movement published a statement, “True Parents and the Completed Testament Age,” in the newspapers of 160 nations. Then, in May 1993, Rev. and Mrs. Moon began a tour of thirty-three U.S. cities under the same theme. Whereas Korea was the venue for their proclamation of messiahship, the U.S. was the launching pad for Rev. and Mrs. Moon’s proclamation of the Completed Testament Age. Rev. Moon spoke in the first twelve cities between May 13-24, 1993. Mrs. Moon then covered twenty-one cities between May 26-June 28th.

The tour was extended to include twenty-three additional cities during July, thereby covering all fifty states. A highlight of the July segment was Mrs. Moon’s speech at Capitol Hill on July 28th before representatives from 115 congressional offices. That same day, the U.S. Congress passed a resolution designating July 28th as national “Parents’ Day.” Senator Trent Lott (R-Mississippi) went on record as joining the Women’s Federation for World Peace in celebrating the occasion and urged his colleagues in the Senate and all citizens in the nation to recognize and support True Parents’ Day. Although few, if any, legislators understood the symbolic significance of their action and although church opponents later attempted to expose various members’ role in the enactment, the designation was gratifying.

Mrs. Moon’s speech at the United Nations in New York on September 7, 1993 served as a springboard to the world tour. That she had delivered the message of

“True Parents and the Completed Testament Age” at the UN as well as on Capitol Hill afforded credibility when scheduling major venues abroad. Between September 11-30th, Mrs. Moon conducted twenty-five rallies in Japan, the highlight being her speech before 50,000 at the Tokyo Dome. At that particular rally, Princess Eva Marie of the former Kingdom of Yugoslavia and Marilyn Quayle, wife of the former Vice-President of the U.S., offered remarks. In October 1993, Mrs. Moon delivered the CTA message before audiences at forty Korean universities, often speaking at two different campuses on the same day. Then, beginning on November 2, 1993 and extending for the next fifty-three days, Mrs. Moon traveled the globe delivering the message to audiences in forty countries. The tour covered Europe, the former Eastern bloc communist and Balkan states, the Middle East, Africa, South America and the Orient. Simultaneous with Mrs. Moon’s world tour, Rev. and Mrs. Moon’s older children and several of their spouses delivered the “True Parents and the Completed Testament Age” message to audiences in forty additional U.S. cities on weekends and often in churches between October and December 1993. The following spring, between March 8-April 27, 1994, Mrs. Moon and her adult children and in-laws undertook a “100-Campus Speaking Tour” in the U.S., once again proclaiming “True Parents and the Completed Testa-

Former U.S. President Gerald Ford speaking at the Inauguration of the FFUWP, Washington, D.C., July 30, 1996



ment Age.”

The speech itself was challenging on a number of levels. For secular or non-Christian audiences, it introduced unfamiliar terminology and content which appeared to be rooted almost entirely in the Judeo-Christian tradition. Adam and Eve, the Human Fall and Satan, the Cain/Abel relationship as a paradigm for world history, and Biblical figures such as Rebekah and Jacob, Tamar, and Mary all figured prominently in the message. Beyond that, the very concept of the Completed Testament Age implied that it was an extension of the “Old” and “New” Testaments. Some resultant problems were acknowledged in tour reports, particularly in the Middle East. There, as one report noted, many church missionaries had “gone to jail, been deported and endured various hardships.” In Jerusalem, the Chief Rabbinate of Israel threatened to revoke the kosher license of the hotel where Mrs. Moon was to speak and a few hundred Orthodox Jews demonstrated. In Istanbul, a substantial number of the Muslim audience walked out during the speech. Rev. Kwak noted that in India, a political official introduced Mrs. Moon, “saying that he did not understand the theme,” and that in Taiwan, though many of the 4,000 gathered “probably did not understand the Biblical terminology...still they did not fidget but sat quietly and listened to the speech.”

The message also was challenging to Christian audiences. Some of the problems were longstanding. Unification positions on the failure of John the Baptist and the necessity of Jesus to take a bride, restated in the CTA proclamation, had been a source of strain before. However, the explicit messianism of the text was new. Rev. Moon, for example, announced that if he and the Christian churches had “become one” following World War II, “the heavenly kingdom would already have been

The Completed

established on earth as well as in heaven.” He stated that he paid indemnity, or restitution, for “all of history” over the past forty years, and that unlike “American leaders, prominent Christians, and other leading figures of the world” who have “only a faint idea of the forces that shape the future...I know the direction that humankind must go, and I, with the help of God, will lead the world there.” All of this built up to the proclamation’s concluding declaration.

As Rev. Moon phrased it, “Ladies and gentlemen, it is my great privilege to announce to you the establishment of the first True Family. My wife and I, together with our thirteen children and twenty-four grandchildren, are absolutely dedicated to serving God and humanity. With three generations in one family, we have achieved on the family level, the central root, the central trunk, and the central bud of the “Tree of Life” mentioned in the Bible. It is our sincere hope that you will symbolically graft into this lineage by joining us in our efforts to create an ideal nation and world. This marks the beginning of the Completed Testament Age.”

This explained why Rev. and Mrs. Moon enlisted the participation of their family in the CTA speech tours and was consistent with the transition from individual to family-based salvation. In addition to True Parents, Rev. and Mrs. Moon now proclaimed the True Family. The invitation to symbolically graft into this lineage referred to the Blessing, and one of the purposes of announcing the CTA was to help prepare the way for the blessing of 360,000 couples planned for 1995. Still, these statements and sentiments could hardly have been expected to receive instantaneous acceptance. One American member referred to “proclamation shock” among listeners.

Though in different ways, the CTA tour was a challenge to Unificationists. Externally, members arranged and financed venues and did their utmost to fill auditoriums, often at quite short notice. Internally, they had to alter their consciousness about the CTA. Many understood that the CTA already had arrived and that The Principle was a Completed Testament text. In fact, Rev. Moon announced the CTA in several speeches to members during the 1970s and 1980s. The CTA tour served notice that religious gradualism was out and apocalyptic immediacy was in. It also signaled a renewed evangelistic thrust reminiscent of the 1970s. However, there was an important difference. Previously, the movement witnessed indirectly to the coming Messiah as the “new hope” or “new future” of Christianity. Now, it was witnessing directly to messianic fulfillment.

It also should not be overlooked that the CTA tour was challenging for Rev. and Mrs. Moon and their family. Part of the challenge was physical: fatigue, constant travel, temperature swings and changes of season, the crossing of time zones, unfamiliar food, etc. Rev. Moon had a fever, and Mrs. Moon fought the flu during her first twelve speeches. However, the more serious challenges were internal. There were numerous sources of strain. One was cultural. There also were national barriers. As the movement’s Continental Director of Asia, Byung Woo Kim commented, “Satan is always standing at the immigration area, and strong nationalism is controlling the world.” The possibility, and in certain areas the reality of religious opposition also presented pressure. Mrs. Moon acknowledged “many difficult and upsetting parts within the speech.” In one testimony, she stated, “I can speak and it is the truth, but there are times when I wonder if they will throw stones at me.”

For all these pressures, undoubtedly the most severe strain was living up to messianic expectations. Rev. Moon discounted appeals that he live a little more freely after the proclamation of the CTA, saying, “Because I have proclaimed myself to be the Messiah, history and

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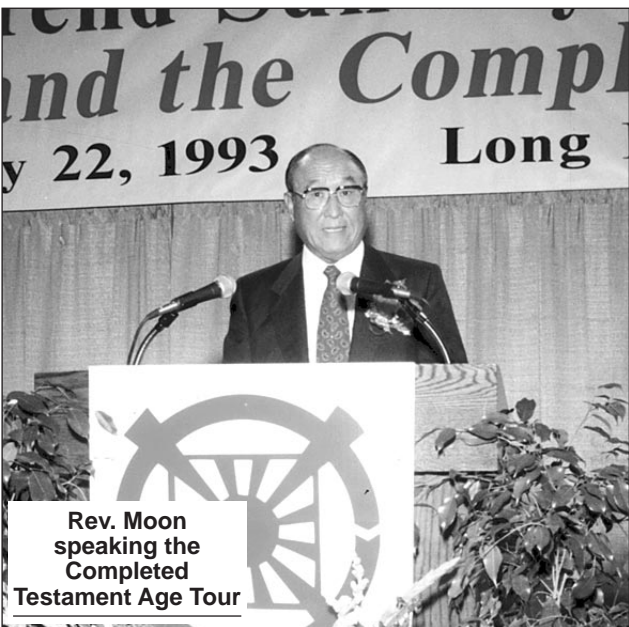
mankind will closely observe how the Messiah lived after such a proclamation.” According to Rev. Kwak, “Although he wrote the CTA speech, Rev. Moon nevertheless carefully read it for more than an hour every night and again in the morning and on the airplane for the purpose of infusing more spiritual pressure and power into it.” For her part, Mrs. Moon was expected to be not just uniformly gracious and giving but to demonstrate the same depth of heart and commitment as her husband. Even more taxing was the necessity of testifying not on behalf of others but to themselves! This was not easy. To proclaim oneself among followers was one thing, but to do so in public risked ridicule and censure or even worse, indifference. Yet there was no one else among the membership to undertake this task. In proclaiming themselves, the existential burden was great. Rev. Moon was not one to speak openly of personal struggles. However, in a recorded prayer, he referred to the “huge” mission of True Parents and stated, “No matter how hateful and difficult it is, we must go on.”

It would be a mistake to assume that these challenges overwhelmed or invalidated the tour. The truth was the opposite. Given the obstacles which were overcome, movement spokespersons might be forgiven a certain amount of hyperbole. One leader wrote, “When they were speaking, Father and Mother looked like teachers and all listeners looked like children.” Another stated that audiences were “spiritually overpowered, so that they could only listen immobilized.” While it may not have been quite as triumphant as these sources indicated, the CTA tour revitalized the movement’s worldwide membership and as mentioned it heightened members’ consciousness about the CTA and introduced a note of apocalyptic immediacy. Beyond that, it afforded members in mission countries a sense of direct participation in the movement’s mainstream providence. Mrs. Moon and her party were able to visit dynamic mission areas in Eastern Europe and Sub-Saharan Africa. Rev. and Mrs. Moon together visited the Oceania region for the first time. In this respect, the CTA tour was an essential building block in the movement’s globalization. At a more subtle level, the tour expanded the movement’s definition of membership. In their speeches, Rev. and Mrs. Moon spoke as if they were addressing in-house audiences, and throughout the 1990s there was a general collapsing of distinctions between insiders and outsiders. This was an uneven but revolutionary process for the movement. Essentially, Rev. and Mrs. Moon took seriously the proposition that they were the True Parents for all humankind and that a new age had begun. Under these conditions, they embarked upon an ambitious program of global salvation.

Federations for World Peace and Unification

During the early 1990s, the movement was optimistic about the prospects for immanent, substantial world peace and unification. To some extent, its perspective mirrored that of secular idealists who in the wake of the West’s cold war victory proclaimed “the end of history.” However, there was one important difference. Secular optimists tended to perceive the post-cold war situation in terms of the triumph of democratic values. Unificationists, however, rested their hopes upon the victory of True Parents who were regarded as the true “end” of history. Both of these positions were put to the test during the 1990s. In the wider society, there was a loss of idealism during the middle years of the decade as the costs of winning the peace became more apparent. There also was a tendency to retreat into isolationism and self-indulgence.

Unificationists were not oblivious to these pressures, but the movement as a whole stayed the course, pursuing a three-pronged program of world peace and unification. The first component of this program was dialogue. Rev. Moon remained convinced that interdisciplinary, intercultural and interreligious dialogue was essential for world peace. Therefore, the movement con-



tinued to sponsor a broad array of conferences. The defining characteristic of this development during the 1990s was the proliferation of numerous “federations for world peace.” These integrated the distinct and separate organizations for scientists, academics, media professionals, religious leaders, politicians and the like which the movement had previously organized and funded. This shift actually began in the previous period with the establishment of the International Federation for World Peace (IFWP), the Interreligious Federation for World Peace (IRFWP), and the Women’s Federation for World Peace (WFWP) in 1992. By the late 1990s, the movement proliferated a dozen or more federations. Many of them were later integrated under the International and Interreligious Federation for World Peace (IIFWP).

Each of these federations appealed to a different constituency. However, they were interrelated and at least initially understood to be successors to the United Nations. Just as the victorious countries created the League of Nations following World War I and the United Nations after World War II, so the conclusion of the Cold War, which the movement perceived as World War III, required the creation of institutions reflective of the new era. In the immediate afterglow of communism’s collapse and in the context of references to a new world



order expressed by some world leaders, the movement sensed that a new federative body would supersede the United Nations. As the idealism and hopes of the early 1990s faded for many, the movement reconceptualized the mission of its peace federations: rather than superseding the United Nations, they would work to revitalize it.

The federations for world peace also presupposed a more focused commitment among participants. Previously, those attending ICUS, PWPA, World Media Association, AULA or Summit Council meetings were united in their general affirmation of theistic values and opposition to communism. Although there was a higher degree of interdisciplinary encounter, civility and even family feeling than elsewhere, the conferences did not differ markedly in their basic orientation from professional meetings. There typically was a Founder’s Address at major gatherings, but otherwise attendees

were exhorted to be the best professionals and persons they could be. Rev. Moon’s declaration of messiahship to an assembled gathering of conference participants at the first World Sports and Culture Festival

in 1992 altered the equation, but there was still the possibility of proceedings slipping back into business-as-usual. In this regard, the creation of peace federations called participants beyond pre-existing professional and personal involvements to a shared common cause and a more activist, existential encounter. Another feature that the federations had in common was Western and particularly American influence. The working staff, meeting chairs, and the great bulk of the keynote speakers were Western, usually American. English was the language of choice for international gatherings, and the organizational structure and proceedings were governed by Western cultural norms.

Despite these influences, funding came from the Orient, and the federations were subject to the movement’s sense of timing and purpose. Many of the major international meetings were held in conjunction with movement-sponsored World Culture and Sports Festivals and to some extent served as a backdrop to the International Blessings. However, this was not uniformly the case. The movement’s most spectacular world convention was held in Washington, D.C. from July 30-August 1, 1996, inaugurating the Family Federation for World Peace (FFWP). This event included a cast of luminaries rivaling anything the movement had yet undertaken: two former Presidents of the United States, Gerald Ford and George Bush; former President and Nobel Peace Prize winner Oscar Arias of Costa Rica; former Prime Ministers Edward Heath of Great Britain and Brian Mulroney of Canada; thirty-six one-time heads of state or governments; university presidents including Boston University’s John Silber; Christian television personality Robert Schuller; Christian Coalition Executive Director Ralph Reed; Coretta Scott King, the widow of Martin Luther King, Jr.; Maureen Reagan, the daughter of former U.S. President Ronald Reagan; well-known comedian Bill Cosby; and Christian singer-actor Pat Boone. In addition, the main proceedings were covered live by C-SPAN television network.

The Washington Post contended that some of the speakers were unaware of Rev. Moon’s involvement and cited critics who claimed that former presidents, celebrities and educators recruited to speak at World Peace conventions were being used. The Post also speculated about speaker fees. Movement spokespersons stated that they took great pains to let everybody know who founded the FFWP, emphasized that the conference was meant to attract former heads of state who still wield influence in order to put family matters at the top of the agenda in their nations, and noted that the size of honorariums paid to speakers was confidential. Far from using them, Rev. Moon understood that his ministry had progressed to the point that world-level leaders were his peers and an appropriate audience for him to address. Also, Mrs. Moon delivered a straightforward opening plenary speech on the “View of the Principle of the Providential History of Salvation.” In this respect, the Inaugural World Convention of the FFWP was a high-level witnessing opportunity.

The establishment of the FFWP represented a new stage in the movement’s development. Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak, who was appointed International President, maintained that the FFWP was more important than the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity (HSA-UWC) or Unification Church. HSA-UWC, he noted, was “not True Parents’ ultimate organization.” The rationale for this assertion was connected to the historic shift that underlay the emergence of the Completed Testament Age.

Rev. Kwak explained, “Religious organizations have always been centered upon the salvation of the individual, but we have now progressed to the salvation of the family.... Such an organization is not a church; it is the Family Federation for World Peace.”

Given this understanding, it wasn’t surprising that the FFWP rather than the Unification Church was the main sponsor of the World Culture and Sports Festivals and International Marriage Blessings after 1996. ❖

by John W. Gehring

We have five exciting interfaith service projects remaining in 2003 ready and waiting for you to join. Now is the time to apply or become a sponsor for someone to join one of these great projects!

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August 9-13 Sri Lanka (war-torn northern area)
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burai South in the Jaffna Peninsula.
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October 19-27 Korat, Thailand
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December 5-14 Delhi, India

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Blessed Children Summer 2003 Activities

Program		Dates	Cost	Contact
Camp Aurora New Hampshire	Teens Gr. 7+	Jun 21-27	\$350 or less	Marjorie Buessing 603-226-3772 rbuessing@attbi.com www.live4joy.org
	Kids Gr. 4-6	Jun 23-27	\$260 or less	
	Kids Gr. 2-3	Jun 23-27	\$250 or less	
West Block Camp California	Family Camp	Jun 26-29	\$100 or less each	Kristina Seher
	Santa Cruz			510-510-5018
	HS	June 26-July 3	\$300 or less	Mary Gowey
	Feather River			925-671-0407
	Middle School	June 26 - July 3	\$300 or less	anniemoo7@attbi.com Annie Steinbron 510-632-2160 Kenritsu Yamamoto 209-832-4742 kenritsu@attbi.com
True Teens NW Seattle area	Teen Camp	Jun 30 - July 6	\$150 or less	www.t2nw.com Jeff Adshead 604-937-5332 adshead@telus.net
	Tongil 5-12yrs	July 6 - July 12	\$165 - \$300	John King camptongil@telus.net 604-939-0502
	Camp Sunrise NY/NJ	High Gr 10-12	July 4-13	\$375 or less
Jr High Gr 7-9		July 13-24	\$375 or less	
Elem Gr 4-6		July 26 - Aug 6	\$300 or less	
PA Family Camp	French Creek (not confirmed)	June 28-July 4	Both parents: \$175 or less Kids: \$100 or less - Up to 40% off for early registration of both parents	www.live4joy.org
	Camp Shehaqua I	July 29 - Aug 3		Chris Ching
	Camp Shehaqua II	Aug 4 - 9		732-957-8008 cching@mindspring.com
Greater Chicago	Jr. High Gr. 5-8	July 27-30	\$60 or less	Catherine Sometani 630-540-2366 katesometani@msn.com
	Elem Gr. 1-4	July 31 - Aug 3		
LEAD (Leadership Education & Development) at Camp Sunrise	Interfaith Gr. 10 - 12	Aug 3 - 10	\$350	Dr. Annie Iparriguirre paijbm@gmail.com
Service For Peace	Local Programs	Month of August		National Director: Michael Balcomb mbalcomb@serviceforpeace.org 914-762-1886
RYS	Perlis, Malaysia	Jun 8-15		www.rys.net
	Trinidad and Tobago	Aug 1 -11		
Global Peacemakers	Santa Atitlan, Guatemala	Jun 15 - Jul 2	\$850	Eric Wenzel 800-858-2077 www.globalpeacemakers.org
IEF	China HS Grads	Aug 1-10	\$375	www.peaceprojects.org

2nd Gen. take Abstinence Message to their High Schools



by Rob Sayre

Two 2nd generation, both who attend public high schools, took initiative and ownership to bring the Free Teens message to their High Schools.
Crescentia Hinkle, a sophomore at Reading High School in Reading, PA started an abstinence club, with a teacher advisor and brought 6 members to a Free Teens training session in Philadelphia in March and has held regular meetings.
Abby Sayre, a junior at Northwestern Lehigh High School in New Tripoli, PA, organized an abstinence club as

part of her senior project. Her group, Pure Freedom published a newsletter, raised over \$500 in donations from local churches and sponsored Linda Haft from Free Teens to address the entire student body, over 800 students and the entire administration.
Plans fro next year include bringing the abstinence message to the Middle School, training the freshman girls and finding a few guys to join! The two clubs also plan to meet together to maintain their energy & commitment and plan together. Find out more about their clubs and on-going work at www.live4joy.org. ❖

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by Jeanne Carroll

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United We Stand



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marine aspects of the
Providence in the Bay Area

This month we're going to discuss a momentous subject. I have several new articles planned, but recent concerns about Rev. Moon's health have prompted me to offer this article first. An earlier version appeared in 1998, with Dale Milne and the Rev. Joel Bjorling contributing. Thanks to God, and some excellent physicians, this remains a work of speculation.

LESSONS

Success is not guaranteed to new religions. God inspires every authentic faith, but ordinary human beings have to administer them. No matter how pure and wise the founder, others must eventually take the reins. Jesus lamented often, and Buddha wondered if even one of his disciples really 'got it.' Over the millennia prophets have founded countless religions, whether offshoots or entirely new faiths. Each of these religions changed with time, for good or ill. In historical terms, only a fraction of them lasted very long. Muslim and Christian histories show how difficult it is for a growing religion to remain united. Within a few generations the Muslim faith split into Sunni and Shia factions, lead by religious elders and the descendants of the Prophet, respectively.

Christianity divided within the lifetime of Jesus' apostles. The Copts of Egypt, Roman Catholics, and Greek Orthodox Church all have ancient traditions, and lines of apostolic succession. Each has weathered schisms, false leaders, and other difficulties.

Many churches arose from the American tradition of enthusiastic revival. During the 1830s an evangelist named William Miller started a movement that gave birth to the Jehovah's Witnesses, Seventh Day Adventists, and others. Miller created a huge ruckus with his End of the World predictions, and then, soon enough, with revised millennial warnings.

UNITY

The Jehovah's Witnesses make bold claims of unity. A friend of mine was born and raised a Witness; she even belonged to their elite 144,000 chosen ones. When she converted to Unificationism they "laid a heavy guilt trip" on her. Elders told her that not one of this chosen band had *ever* broken with the faith. I leave it to the reader to weigh the veracity of that claim. Mormon history illustrates the dangers inherent in recognizing a living prophet. I have a list of more than 100 Mormon groups, and every one of them claims to be lead by "*the* legitimate prophet," true heir to founder Joseph Smith Jr. Many of those groups are small; some no more than extended families. About nine groups, each with a charismatic leader, broke off from the Mormons *before*

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Smith was martyred. After Smith died, the Mormon leadership split. Many elders, headed by the formidable Brigham Young, brought the faithful to a new home in the deserts of Utah. These elders founded, and their twelve successors still lead, the Latter Day Saints church.

The decision to move was far from unanimous. Smith had proclaimed Independence, Missouri as the 'chosen place,' and some elders wished to settle there despite ongoing persecution. They convinced Smith's oldest son, Joseph Smith III, to become their new prophet. Together they founded the Reorganized church.

Today the RLDS church is the second-largest Mormon group, and for more than a century it was lead by a Smith. (They have long been sending missionaries to Utah!)

Another Mormon offshoot, while small, is noteworthy. The Temple Lot church owns the plot of land (in Independence) upon which Joseph Smith Jr. planned to build his 'ultimate' temple. The place to which Jesus himself was supposed return and live, and rule the Earth therefrom. No Mormon group can build on it without Temple Lot's permission. Trouble is, they're too poor to build it themselves—and too stubborn to cooperate.

One new religion that's rivaled Unificationism in notoriety is the Hare Krishnas. Years ago they built a large, ornate 'American temple' in West Virginia. Since then the Krishna movement has divided, and that temple is now occupied by an independent leader with a style and theology all his own.

We Unificationists have seen several groups (perhaps three or four per continent) break off. They're oddballs, tiny and not particularly appealing. Most, if not all, suffer from acute Chapter Two (i.e., sexual) problems.

PROPHETS

The Baha'i Faith proclaims a record of unbroken unity, but the reality is a bit messier. During the 1800s, founder Baha'u'llah endured severe persecution, organizing a new religion within Muslim society. His great-grandson Shoghi Effendi was their last individual leader, or Guardian.

Shoghi Effendi left no will. Upon his death, an American scholar named Charles Remey hoped to take over as Guardian. The situation was in flux, and some of the founder's descendants had been branded "covenant breakers."

The Baha'i leadership, dominated by Persians, dissolved the Guardianship in favor of a newly organized council. Remey departed, taking many followers with him.

There are now two offshoots, with slightly different beliefs, both known as Orthodox Baha'is. All three groups like to pretend the others don't even exist.

As with the Mormons, we see the leadership 'baton' juggled between direct descendants, eminent leaders, and assembled councils.

Not all new religions were inspired by God. There have been "prophets" who openly flaunted their licentiousness.

In Europe, during the 1100s, a man named Tanchelm proclaimed himself

the new messiah and gathered a devoted following. He began humbly, but soon amassed a treasure horde and lived like a debauched Roman Emperor. Five years later he was assassinated. His movement did not outlive him.

During the 1500s, the German city of Muntzer was seized *twice* by fanatical, messianic leaders. The second of these, Jan Matthys, was besieged by the very residents he'd expelled. Within a year, he and all his followers were dead.

SURVIVAL

The Principle explains how prophets can receive 'mixed messages' from the good and evil spiritual realms. Even so, God-guided religions *will* survive and grow.

The story of the Jews, from earliest times until today, is deeply inspiring. (Read *The Gifts of the Jews* by Thomas Cahill.) The Parsees have also survived millennia of adversity.

The Roman Catholics have the most successful church—and perhaps, human organization of any kind—in all history. They've outlasted invasions, heretics, Darwinism, and more.

Catholic standards and institutions endure, yet change when necessary. They may soon dump their administrative policy (it's not a theological doctrine) of celibacy.

We Unificationists have been through many phases. The physical Kingdom did not arrive (as widely rumored, but *not* officially proclaimed) in 1981, much less at various earlier dates. However, the Providence has evolved far beyond the expectations of virtually all our members.

At the Cheongpyeong workshop, three 'internal' Unificationist revivals are described. The *Washington Post* detailed the second of these, with the 'Black Heung Jin,' if in their usual stilted fashion.

RESSURECTIONS

Some phenomena are, so far as I know, exclusive to Unificationists. The Princi-

ple describes 'returning resurrection,' and names only one example: Elijah and John the Baptist.

In the mid-1980s this teaching gained immediate meaning. A period of New Age-ish channeling ushered in the ministry of the 'Black HJN,' with its wave of repentance and purification.

That ministry paved the way for the installation of Daemonim/Hyo Nam Kim at Cheongpyeong. It would take many of these columns to describe her achievements. Daemonim enjoys universal recognition, most importantly from True Father himself.

When Rev. Moon eventually passes on, the way stands open for a vast new wave of returning resurrection. It is, please note, widely assumed that True Father *himself* will manifest in this fashion.

Any number of mediums could make such a claim, and win the support of (one or more) Unificationist leaders. Each claimant may have a strong national or ethnic backing.

How would our members, and the movement as a whole, determine whether (any of) these mediums are (and remain) genuine? A formal process may be called for.

It might not be a simple true/false judgment, because spirits aren't bound by the usual conventions. We've already welcomed messages from (and thus, the unseen participation of) hundreds of saints and historical figures.

Author Elizabeth Moon (an Irish name, by the way), in her excellent Paksennarion/Gird fantasy novels, traces the founding of a new religion. In that storied time, only a handful of scribes are literate. After Gird dies, those few struggle with how best to relate his life story.

No doubt similar things have really happened. In contrast, our founder's life has been exhaustively recorded.

New religions always reflect their founder's character and deeds, not to mention the accuracy of his (or her) teachings. The fruits are shown in the history of their movements.

We can be thankful to have the truest and most loving leadership of any religion in history. ♦

IN MEMORIAM

Homer Boutte

We are saddened to announce the passing to the spirit world of Homer Charles Boutte, the second son of Thomas and Alice Boutte.

Homer was 21 years old. He was a graduate of the STF program and spent 2 years there. He attended Bridgeport University for a short time and was taking some time off to be with his parents in their hometown of Keene Valley in the Adirondack Mountains of Upstate New York.

Homer had a truly original nature. He loved God and people and had a deep connection with nature. He loved birds and other wildlife and cared for the things of creation with deep appreciation. He was an avid mountain climber and his last day was spent doing the things he enjoyed most. He went fishing and hiking in the beautiful natural setting around the home that he loved. He slipped and fell while climbing up a waterfall. He was killed instantly.

Homer is survived by his parents, Thomas and Alice Boutte (74 Couple

Blessing), his brothers and sisters, Tier-son, Cara, Christal, and Jacob. He is also survived by his grandmother, Mrs. Alice Rowley Cheney, his aunts and uncles, Mary and Kim Bratti (2075 Couples), Sarah and Steve Hauschka, Timothy and Katherine Cheney, and cousins, Adonia and Felicia Bratti. His paternal grandparents and grandfather, Timothy Cheney, predeceased him.

Homer was inspired to do whatever he could for God's Providence and often helped the local church center with holiday fundraising. The children from the Albany/Upstate Northeastern New York church loved him dearly as a "big brother" who never tired of their games and interests. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

The Sung Hwa was held in Keene Valley, New York. Contributions can be sent to the family c/o Rev. Sebastian Huemer, Albany Unification Family Church, 107 Whitehall Road, Albany, NY 12209.

Mrs. Mereth Huemer ♦

Give Us This Day Our Daily Dog



**KIM KORMAN
BROWN**

Kim is a
Wife and Mother
in rural Virginia

Living in a rural area one experiences a different reality than one might in the city. Neighbors have told me that after hunting season, a lot of hunting dogs get lost, and meander along the roads. After our cat was killed by a stray dog a couple of weeks ago, we called the dog warden and he set up a trap in an open shed on our property. The first morning we checked it there was a really angry stray cat in it that hissed at us hatefully. We opened the door and he bolted like he was shot out of a canon. Gone!

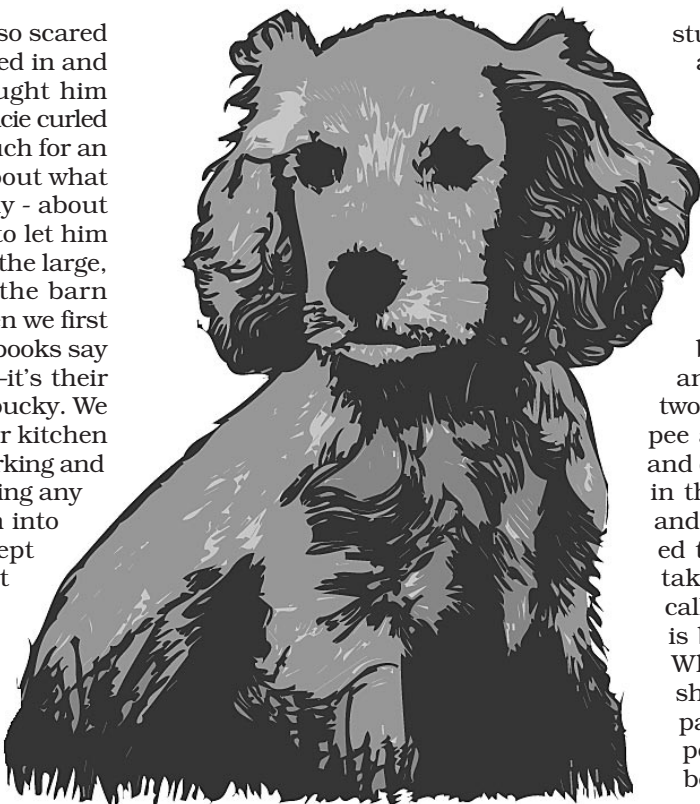
The second night at about 11pm I heard mournful, high-pitched, yipping and howling. The kids and I went down to the trap with a flashlight and found a tiny, black puppy huddled there. We

opened the door and he was so scared he didn't move. Gracie crawled in and pulled him out and we brought him onto our porch. Ranin and Gracie curled up with him on the porch couch for an hour or so while I thought about what to do. He was such a little guy - about five pounds - so we decided to let him spend the night. We brought the large, plastic dog kennel in from the barn that we bought for Bogey when we first got him. All the vets and dog books say that dogs love their kennel—it's their den. Frankly I think it's bull pucky. We put Bogey in that thing in our kitchen and endured two nights of barking and howling. We couldn't take losing any more sleep so we moved him into our bedroom, where he's slept happily every night for the last two years. The \$50 crate has been relegated to the garage ever since.

Anyway, we brought the little fella into the kitchen. He seemed half starved so we shaved off little bits of canned dog food into a bowl which he bolted down ravenously. Upon more careful examination we found that he was crawling with vermin. Gracie bathed him in baby shampoo which removed about one tenth of the dirt and crawly things. But the kids were in love. They named him Milton. Ranin got a sleeping bag and readied himself to sleep on the kitchen floor. We said goodnight.

About two in the morning I got up and found Milton making a little poo under the kitchen table which I cleaned up, thinking, oh no, we have a new baby in the house.

In the morning, Ranin was fried with exhaustion. I called the vet to find out how much it would cost to clean the puppy up, deworm him and give him an initial shot. Meanwhile, Peter and I discussed him at length and decided we weren't ready to adopt another dog. After a few phone calls we actually found a friend who was looking for a dog for their family and



stuck her head in the garbage can and tried to put her paws on the table. She was starved and ancient, with ground down teeth and her graying body covered with little cuts and scars. She looked like a war dog.

We invited her into the living room and she hoisted her old bones onto the couch and basically slept there for 2 days and nights straight. She got up two or three times to go outside and pee and then came back shivering and crying. Sometimes she woke up in the middle of the night howling and shaking. Peter and I concluded that she was too sick for us to take on, sweet though she was. I called the dog warden who by now is becoming a good family friend. When the old girl saw his truck she trotted up to him and put her paws on the bumper and whimpered. He said that she used to be a hunting dog and thought she was going hunting when she saw the truck with the cage on the

back. There is something positively heartbreaking about the straight-ahead, innocent loyalty of dogs. Poor old thing probably lived her whole life trying to please her master. You could just sense it. As the warden drove away with her he said, "Ya'll better get used to this, stray dogs come through here all year long."

I don't know if I'll feed every dog that happens by, but I'll probably try. I'm lighting candles for extra help from St. Francis.

Kim can be found at web site: "http://worldcommunity.com" and has email address: kimbrown@worldcommunity.com.❖

Sympathy without Boundaries

For my wife on Mother's Day, 2003
the twenty-fourth anniversary of our betrothal.

Clasping hands,
smelling the honeysuckle
on a country road,
admiring a tree
magnificently gnarled,
I'm with my friend.

She's quick to cry;
sympathy without boundaries,
and generous passion,
Her soul belongs to beauty.
She's a mother.

Four children;
a husband;
cats,
and a dog;
Messes multitudinous.
She laughs

in spite of it all.
She's our mother.

We love her.

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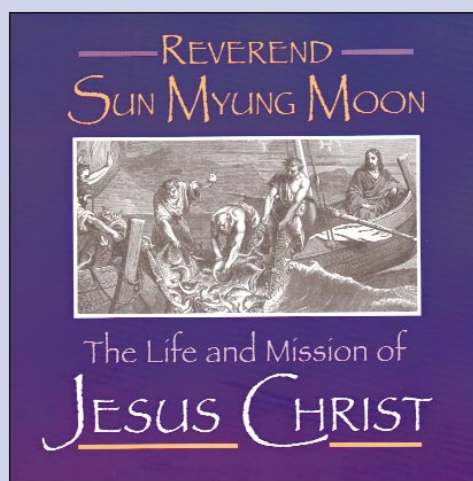
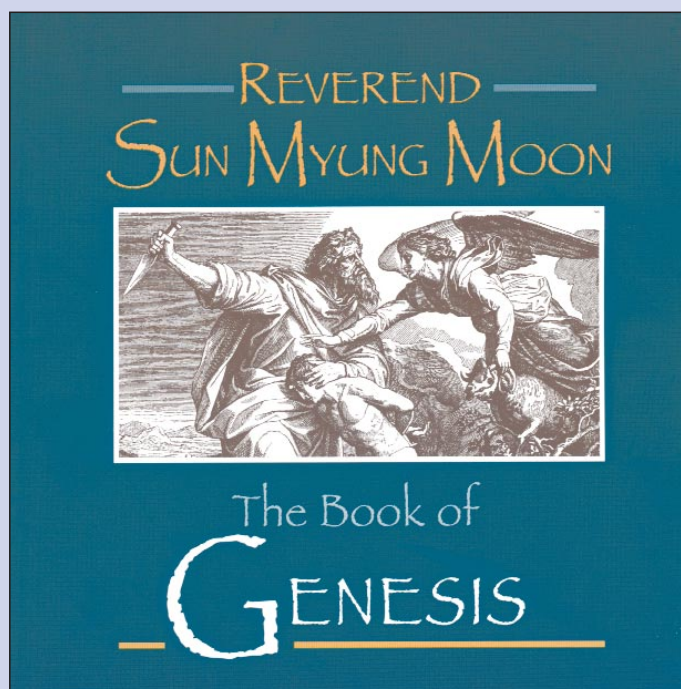
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