

True Mother's North American Speaking Tour Starts April

Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon will begin a 16 city speaking tour in the North American Continent beginning April 1, 1998 in Washington, DC. The official title of her speaking tour will be "Blessed Marriage and Eternal Life."

The tour schedule is as follows:

- April 1 Washington, DC
- April 2 Bridgeport, CT
- April 3 Boston, MA
- April 4 St. Louis, MO
- April 5 Atlanta, GA
- April 6 Richmond, VA
- April 7 Dallas, TX
- April 8 Louisville, KY
- April 9 New York City, NY
- April 10 Chicago, IL
- April 11 Seattle, WA
- April 12 Los Angeles, CA
- April 13 Denver, CO
- April 14 San Francisco, CA
- April 15 Minneapolis, MN
- April 16 Toronto, Canada

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Chicago Ministers Speak Out on Rev. Moon and the Future of America

by Dr. Tyler Hendricks—NYC

Reverend Joong Hyun Pak convened a major Regional Directors meeting in Chicago February 21-23. Three special ministers were invited, Rev. A. Dunlap, Rev. A. Waller and Rev. T. L. Barratt, and several Chicago Unificationists also gave valuable testimonies. The following excerpts are taken from notes of that meeting.

Rev. Dunlap: As program chairman of my denomination in Chicago,

I made a plaque for Rev. Moon and got a lot of pressure not to do that. But I said I love him and am going to do it. I'd rather be a man than a mouse.

I was impressed that Rev. Moon went to jail fighting for the rights of all. Rev. Moon is color-blind; he teaches that all are equal under divine love. If we had more Rev. Moons in the world, we wouldn't have all the crime and divorce. I married a couple who kissed in the wedding ceremony for 15 minutes, and their marriage lasted for 3 months.

Rev. Moon was put in jail by the elites, though the people love him. You can't keep a good man down. Send your children to work in humble places. Rockefeller sent his sons to work in coal mines. I sent mine to work in construction. Then

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The Renewing of America: Topic of Leadership Conference

by Chris Corcoran—NYC

More than 250 grassroots activists, political leaders and religious leaders gathered in Washington, DC, from March 13-15 to study True Family Values taught by Dr. Tyler Hendricks and Rev. Philip Schanker.

The gala event had the theme,

"Renewing America and Our Families." Sponsored by the Washington Times Foundation and the ACC, the guests speakers included a prominent former Congressman who is now a minister; a nationally famous Baptist minister; and two national recognized faith-based social activists.

The series of lectures focused on Biblical resources for marriage and family life, presenting a new paradigm

for a model of a healthy family and a message of hope and renewal. The concept of true parents was introduced as a means to achieve family renewal in America.

The climax to the three-day conference was a marriage renewal ceremony on Sunday, where virtually every participant pledged the four vows of a God-centered family. On the stage to conduct the cer-

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The Second Generation Committee Inauguration Held at Belvedere



by Goon Koch—Tarrytown, NY

March 15th marked the beginning of a new era for the Second Generation in America when the new Second Generation Committee was inaugurated at the Belvedere Training center.

Over the past several years, Yoon Sun Park has been responsible for the Second Generation Office in the United States. As a leader, he has always invested his love and heart into his

younger brothers and sisters, but now must move on.

Under Jin Hun Nim's guidance, a committee, centering on Matthew Jones, was created to take on the responsibilities of the 2nd Gen office. It was founded with the premise that each member would serve for a period of time with a constant influx of new members and fresh ideas. The first committee, now nick-named the "gang of seven" is made up of Tweeran Pumphrey, Misook Kwak, Jin Man

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FOUNDER'S DISCOURSE ON UNIFICATIONISM

by Reverend Sun Myung Moon

This is the Founder's Address given at the XIV World Media Conference, Washington, DC. November 26, 1997.

I would like to express my deep gratitude to you for your participation in the Fourteenth World Media Conference. I find it particularly meaningful that you will be discussing various issues faced by the media as it seeks to respond to the age of globalization in the 21st Century, which will arrive in just a few years.

We live in an age when the global environment is undergoing exceptionally rapid change. It is incumbent upon the media to respond to these changes more quickly and more correctly than other sectors of society. Otherwise, humanity faces a future of even greater confusion and instability.

Right now, the most important factor bringing about change in the world is that increasingly, our means of communications function at the speed of light. Every day, new technologies are developed which seem to transcend time and space and connect even the farthest corners of the Earth in a matter of seconds.

In the past, newspaper editors would demand that reporters gather local news and publish it more quickly than anyone else. But what is the situation in 1997, just three years prior to the beginning of the 21st Century?

Today when reporters consider their local community, they think not only about the physical and geographical region in which they live. They also think about their associates and neighbors around the world with whom they are connected through e-mail.

When a reporter gathers information concerning this or that issue, he or she uses the Internet to find relevant material from around the world. For those who gather information, "local community" no longer refers just to the region in which they live but to the whole world.

As recently as a hundred years ago, at the start of the 20th Century, news often traveled by train, ship or even at times by carrier pigeon. People had to wait days or weeks even for such impor-

tant news as the battlefield situation in the First World War.

In the latter half of the 1990s, however, the Internet and telecommunications have made it possible to transmit news in a matter of seconds. The entire world can receive information about major news events almost simultaneously. It can be said today that the entire world is our local community and that local news has come to mean news about the whole world.

Because electronic communications technology is bringing the world together in this way, economic and cultural exchanges have already entered a borderless age.

The age has come when all the Earth's citizens influence each other's lives. The economy of any particular country or region cannot but be influenced by the world economic situation.

For these reasons, we must think of the world as constituting a single community. And we must pose the question: "What should be the form and content of the media in a global age?"

Photos of the World Media Conference by Paolo Galli. Unfortunately, we have not been able to obtain a report on the conference.

GLOBALIZATION AND THE MEDIA:



an important role of the media to determine how to interpret and evaluate the facts, and thus provide the direction in which the audience is guided.

Here it is important to examine the worldview, philosophy and historical outlook held by media organizations and journalists themselves. In other words, it will be necessary for journalists to share positive and idealistic values regarding humanity and world peace and prosperity.

Thus we should have a global perspective.

If the kind of media that satisfies people's base desires and interests from purely commercial motives sets the trend, then the world will become an even more gloomy and unhappy place in the 21st Century.

We have been through the most difficult ideological war during the 20th Century. Isn't it true that during the ideological struggle of the Cold War, Communism's dialectical materialism was on the ascendant in many parts of society?

I hope that in the course of this conference you will have a great deal of discussion on a variety of topics related to this question, and that you will be able to obtain useful results.

I also would like to take this opportunity to present some of my views on globalization and the media in the 21st Century.

First, I think the media in a global age should move beyond "functional journalism" toward "value journalism." The news media do not completely fulfill their mission simply by giving their audiences a factual account of the news. Rather, through commentary and criticism, the media must awaken their readers and viewers to an awareness of truth and lead the way in elevating society's spiritual and moral values.

In the global information age of the 21st Century, the peoples of different nations will exercise tremendous influence on each other across international boundaries. Thus, the immoral aspects of any one major country's culture can easily have a negative influence on other countries. The coming of the information age, which itself is a result of advances in industries that apply communication and information technologies, is the fundamental factor hastening us into a world in which information is shared by all humankind. In such a world, merely reporting the facts of the news will be much too elementary. It will be

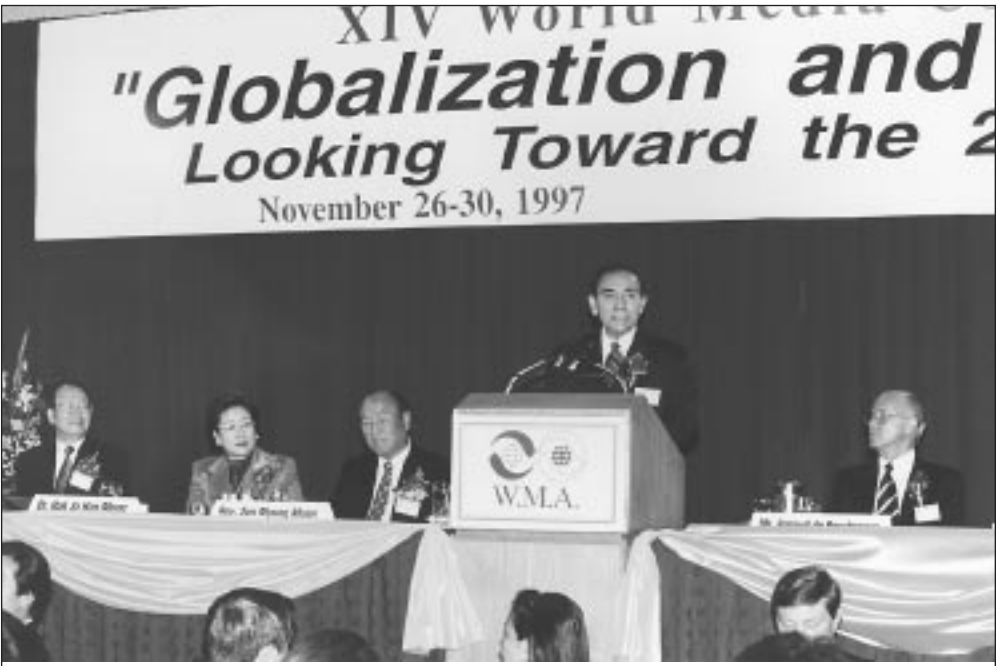
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LOOKING TO THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY

It was only a few years ago that even many intellectuals and journalists in the Free World were under its influence and confused.

I met the challenges of that age with the greatest seriousness. As a result I was subjected to much misunderstanding and criticism. On the one hand, I led the Unification Thought Movement and the campaign to realize ideal families. On the other hand, I worked to liberate the Communist bloc and to teach students and intellectuals in those countries a system of values to prepare them for the world after Communism.

In 1982, at a time when the Free World was confronting its greatest challenge of the Cold War, I founded The Washington Times. It was a time when Washington, D.C., which in many ways is the capital of the world, had only one newspaper, the Washington Post.

At the time, I observed the world not merely from the standpoint of the international power relations of the Cold War but from the standpoint of the history of God's providence of salvation. I had already warned that the Soviet Communist empire would soon come to an end. During preparations to hold the Second International Conference of the Professors World Peace Academy in Geneva in 1985, I told scholars from around the world that the theme of that conference should be "The Collapse of Soviet Communism."

The scholars, who viewed the situation from the perspective of U.S.-Soviet relations of the time, were stunned to hear this, and were at a loss. In the end they were persuaded, and the conference was held under the theme that I had suggested.

When the Eleventh World Media Conference was held in Moscow in April 1990, I met then-Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, accompanied by a group of Free World journalists whom we had come to know primarily through The Washington Times.

In my meeting with President Gorbachev, I told him that the future of atheistic materialism could be nothing other than self-destruction and that he should repudiate materialism and attempt a revival of spiritual values centering on religion.

Within two years of that meeting, the Communist Soviet empire collapsed. My prediction in 1985 concerning the end of the Soviet empire came true, and many scholars who knew about this were again amazed.

Where do you think Rev. Moon gets this ability to predict historic changes in the world situation? I would like to tell you quite honestly the reason. Without any doubt it is that, as a religious leader, I stand in close communion with God. I have an absolute commitment to bring about God's plan and God's will for the future of humankind.

I have consistently appealed to leaders in all fields of life - who have

been entrusted by God to prepare for the building of the future world - so that they may fulfill their responsibilities.

The age of the Cold War is coming to a close. Humankind is at a critical point. We must prepare for a new millennium in which we can all live on the Earth as brothers and sisters under one God, based on the principles of interdependence, mutual prosperity and universally shared values.

We need to ensure that the world of the 21st Century and beyond will be a world of peace in which all humankind will be able to live in freedom and prosperity, sharing in love and happiness.

The issue of ideological confrontation between East and West has concluded and now we must resolve the issue of the difference in economic standards between North and South. I have previously advocated the sharing of scientific technology and the construction of the International Peace Highway. This arises from my insight that humanity must be united as one family and live in a state of interdependence.

Now that the East-West Cold War has ended and scientific technology is advancing day by day so that the world can grow into a single community, do you think that humankind will automatically live in peace and happiness? Absolutely not. During the 21st Century, human society will face issues even more fundamental and even more dangerous than those of the Cold War.

According to what I have perceived, the most serious problem to beset humankind in the future world will be the issue of immorality and moral decadence destroying family values. Moral decadence is truly the original sin that pushes humanity into the abyss of suffering and despair.

Whether the world of the future will resemble heaven or hell will be determined by whether we can establish a moral code that sustains the purity of the family and protects family values.



Is it possible that issues faced in common by many countries throughout the world, such as the moral decline of young people, endless drug-related crime, increases in divorce, family breakdown, AIDS, and sexual crimes can be resolved by means of political power? Until now, we have been unable to resolve these problems even through education in school or religious instruction.

What good will it do a society to be economically prosperous and politically free if it is unable to solve the issues that cause all its families to exist in agony? Humankind has come to a point when it must find a teaching that protects and uplifts family values, and a method for putting such teaching into practice.

In the post-Cold War age, we must protect and uplift family values.

This is the most important message that Rev. Moon would like to give to you journalists who are participating today, representing all journalists around the world.

Currently the World Culture and Sports Festival III is being held in Washington, D.C., and the International Bless-

ing Ceremony will be on November 29th at Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium and all around the world. Initially, it was planned that 3.6 million couples would participate in the events. Surprisingly, though, the number of participants will now exceed 36 million, or ten times the original goal, by a few million couples. This celebration encompassing all humankind will surely be the foundation for a majestic beginning, encouraging all the people of the world to determine to protect and uplift family values.

I ask you journalists assembled here, as well as the leaders who have participated in this festival, to give us your enthusiastic cooperation at the national level so that this event can be developed into a global festival involving 360 million couples.

Expanding and solidifying this movement for true families so that it becomes a worldwide phenomenon is surely the most important spiritual and cultural revolution for humankind in the 21st Century.

Last June, in remarks commemorating the fifteenth anniversary of the founding of The Washington Times, I announced my intention to establish newspapers in 185 countries and to start a news service to link the entire world as a local community.

This enormous project is founded on my conviction about the future that I described above. Springing from my dedication, it is a gift to the people who will live in that future world. I would like to request the participation and cooperation in this project of the many distinguished journalists gathered today from around the world. ❖





**REV. JOONG
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**Rev. Pak is the Continental
Director of the Church
in North America.**

This is the text of the address given at the conference, "Renewing America Through True Family Values" sponsored by the American Leadership Conference, March 15, 1998, Washington, DC

Beloved Christian leaders, my brothers and sisters, I am honored to be here. Dr. Falwell, Dr. Armstrong, Rev. Flake, Mr. Woodson, I am grateful for the opportunity to speak at this important conference. My topic is, "True Families and the Kingdom of God in America."

America is the world's supreme power. Our military power can destroy armies, and our monetary power can devalue economies. We are on top of the world. Why, then, are we not truly proud of America? Why is America not yet the Kingdom of God?

We will soon enter the new millennium. Many people are planning spectacular parties to celebrate. As Christian leaders, what is our plan to enter the new millennium? Do we have any idea of what God and Jesus may be planning?

For some indication, let us read from St. John's Revelation, chapter 22, verses 12 to 17. This, of course, is the last chapter of the last book of the Bible so these are the closing words of the entire Bible. More important, they are the last revealed words of Jesus.

In his last revealed statement, what would Jesus have wanted to tell us? Naturally, he wanted to communicate how he will work when he returns. So we should pay close attention to what he said.

"Behold, I am coming quickly and my reward is with me, to tender to every man according to what he has done. I am the Alpha and Omega, the first and the last; the beginning and the end. Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the Tree of Life and may enter by the gates into the city. Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the immoral persons, and the murderers, and the idolaters, and every one who loves and practices falsehood.

"I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you these things for the churches and the roots and the offspring of David, the bright morning star."

The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come."

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And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come. Let the one who desires take the water of life without cost.

The book of Revelation is not simple, so let us walk through these verses carefully.

Verse 12 records that Jesus will come back soon in glory, bringing rewards and punishments. Those who follow God will receive great rewards; those who disobey God will be cursed. This is a serious reality at the Second Coming. I will discuss the standard by which we will be judged.

Verse 13 states, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." This means that Christ returns to fulfill the purpose of God's creation.

This creation purpose was not fulfilled by our first ancestors, Adam and Eve, because they rejected God's word. Therefore, we need a new beginning. The new beginning is Jesus Christ. He comes again in order to connect us to the beginning in the Garden of Eden. This is the blessing he brings.

Then what is the dividing line between blessing and curse? Verses 14 and 15 clearly reveal this.

Verse 14 states that those who "wash their robes" will be blessed. "Washing one's robes" means to leave behind one's fallen life. (Zech 3:3-4) It means to cut from the original sin and be reborn. The person who receives this new life becomes a Tree of Life. The people who wash their robes can enter the New Jerusalem.

Verse 15 reveals who may not enter the New Jerusalem. The list begins with "the dogs," by which the Bible means the sexually impure (Deut 23:18). This is followed by "the sorcerers, the immoral persons, the murderers, the idolaters, the liars." All such unrighteous people, following Satan's model of life, cannot enter the Kingdom of God.

Verses 14 and 15 reveal that the person who cleanses their original sin will become a Tree of Life. I can clearly declare, to you and to myself, "Those who can enter the Kingdom of God are those who create a true family." Those who realize the love and righteousness of the true family can enter the City. On the other hand, those who follow false family life, based upon immorality and selfishness, remain outside the

City.

The last and most important revelations continue in verses 16 and 17. The Spirit calls the religious leaders and righteous people to drink the water of life. To drink the water of life is to receive the absolute grace and Blessing of God. By this, your family becomes a true family. This family can enter the New Jerusalem, the Kingdom of God.

I want to clarify four points concerning why true families enter the Kingdom of God.

1. Family

Without your family, you cannot enter. A solitary person cannot enter. God created Adam and Eve as husband and wife, to create a family. Why? Because He, our eternal Father in Heaven, was lonely. He was a God of love with no partner. God had no one to give and receive true love.

God is love. Love exists in relationship. God's will is to work together with us, live together with us, and participate in our lives. This is why He created us as His people. He did not create Adam alone. He said it was not good for Adam to be alone. He created Adam and Eve. He wanted to see their godly offspring (Mal 2:15). He wanted to have more and more children, to experience and create more and more joy, to His eternal glory!

Therefore, without a family of true love, we cannot enter the realm of God's complete love. We enter into the Kingdom of Heaven with our loving spouse, loving children, loving parents, loving brothers and sisters, aunts and uncles and cousins, our loving family!

2. Joymakers

The Kingdom of God is a realm of joy and happiness. You know this very well, because Jesus says so. Where do joy and happiness originate? We cannot make joy by ourselves. Joy comes from love. Joy is a response to love. If you practice love, joy returns to you. Love and joy are like the two sides of a coin.

To practice true love, we need a partner. No one is happy isolated from others. No one joyfully proclaims, "I love me." Did the Almighty God say, "I love me?" No; without someone to receive His love, even God cannot practice love. Without practicing love, we cannot live a joyful life.

Where do we find eternal partnership? We find it in the true family, in parental love, husband-wife love, fraternal love and children's love. These are the four great realms of heart. Love in the family extends to bring together the Smith's family and Jones's family, and to harmonize all families as neighbors, relatives and friends. We all live together; this is the Kingdom of God.

3. Love Race

Who can enter into the Kingdom of God, the New Jerusalem? It is the Love race. Can white people enter by themselves alone? They cannot. Can black people enter by themselves alone? They cannot. I'm one of the yellow people. We, also, cannot enter by ourselves. Black, white, red and yellow: all races can only enter together.

God is color-blind. He recognizes

only one color. That is the color of love. Different races have different colors of hair, but when we become old, everyone's hair turns the same color: silver. That means that we become the color of true love.

So, when we arrive in the New Jerusalem, the Kingdom of God, we will be one people: the people of True Love. True love is God's love, which is living for the sake of others. Entrance into God's Kingdom is not based upon skin color, but upon the practice of true love.

4. Blessing

What does the Blessing mean? The Blessing means that each family which receives God's eternal love and grace pledges to God that "my family will be a true family." This is a family which practices absolute sex. Absolute sex means purity before marriage and fidelity within marriage. Absolute sex means joy and positivity about sex within a faithful, monogamous commitment. Such a family stands against free sex, immoral sex, selfish sex.

Remember—only pure and blessed families can enter the New Jerusalem and the Kingdom of God. This is the Blessing.

Now, let us consider true families and the Kingdom of God in America.

America has military, economic and cultural power. But our influence is creating problems for the world, including the spread of AIDS, drug abuse, free sex. Considering the deluge of pornography, is it any surprise that one-third of America's children are born to unmarried women, many of them teenage girls?

The current Miss America is not helping by her public promotion of condom distribution in schools. I come from an era when we had a name for girls who gave boys condoms, and it was not Miss America.

David Blankenhorn, an expert on fatherhood, stated that within five years, half of America's children will have no idea what is a father. The absence of fathers strongly contributes toward violent, criminal behavior in boys and sexual promiscuity in girls.

On the brighter side, we read that there are less divorces today than five years ago. I like to think that the True Family Values Institute made a contribution here. Over the last two years, we have held seminars for over 5,000 ministers.

And yet, according to the Chicago Sun Times, "first marriages still have a failure rate of 45% and the failure rate of subsequent marriages is even higher." Our nation is at a crossroads. Who will make America a healthy and moral society? Who will bring justice and peace to America?

It is not important that America is an economic or military superpower, the way Rome was 2,000 years ago. Rome rejected Jesus Christ and persecuted the church. What if America, the modern Rome, stands against Jesus Christ when he returns?

When Jesus returns, I believe that he needs partnership. He needs co-workers. The Bible says the brides await him, with lamps and oil. The brides, the lamps and the oil are our

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ANNOUNCEMENT:

In preparation for our upcoming events,
The Official Family Federation Website has changed.
It is now hosted in the FFWPU New York office
under the name:

www.familyfed.org

The Webmaster will continue to be: Laszlo Weress
If you wish to write articles or announce your local
Family events, please write to: laszlo@familyfed.org

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they appreciate education. Marion Anderson went to singing school owning one dress, her mother washed it every night. Put cardboard in her shoes.

The drug industry in America makes more money than General Motors. Who has the planes? It's everywhere, in the White House, state houses, even AME churches. College students shooting up. Now Russians are bringing their women over to be prostitutes. America better clean up its own house before worrying about Hussein. Clinton was a draft dodger, and wants to send the poor people to fight. The leaders should go to the front line. But they send the poor, and kill innocent people in Iraq.

We have to give vision. Our blacks in Chicago are divided across economic lines. I've been in jail 40 times in America. I'm 67 years old. Rev. Moon is trying to bring people together. I will die for him, because he and Bishop Kim and Mrs. Kim and Michael Jenkins believe this.

Your strongest point is that you bring all races together. Second is the strength of your marriages. Third, you have a strong family ideology and practice. It is necessary for the USA to survive. All the churches need this.

Rev. Waller: I don't recognize denominational lines. If we work together with Rev. Moon, we can change this nation. I've seen True Family Values save families in my church. It teaches them how to give and take. Dr. Moon is reaching out to mankind. You have lifted me up a lot. I thank God for what you've done and the doors you are opening.

I answer critics with the Bible—love your enemies. I can't waste my time hating people; the Bible tells me to love everyone. We have to work together in unity for Christ.

If they say Rev. Moon claims to be Jesus: we all are brothers in Jesus and

with Jesus. Rev. Moon was anointed by God through Jesus Christ. He's using Rev. Moon as He uses us. The head has many members and God uses the whole body. He's using all of us. Jesus had 12 disciples. Peter could heal and teach. Jesus is using all people who serve him. Rev. Moon is representing the same God. Look at how the sun came out when Rev. Moon prayed. God sent that miracle because He was pleased with the work. Rev. Moon is here to help us.

Christians have to realize that they can remain of their own faith as well as be Unificationist. That opens up pastors to the Unification movement.

Rev. Dunlap: I don't depend on people, but on God and love. Bring the people together. It's hard, trials and tribulation, but have good cheer. Make the spiritual foundation, then economic, then social, then political. TFFV is about sharing and bringing races together. If we can do that, we can bring people together.

Rev. Pak: Rev. Barratt gave great speeches at the Holy Wedding and RFK Stadium and the press conference. Also, he connected us to Minister Farrakhan. Even I was afraid of Minister Farrakhan before that. So I repent that I didn't trust Rev. Barratt. But even I get persecuted by UC community over Minister Farrakhan. Minister Farrakhan trusts Rev. Barratt.

Rev. Barratt: Rev. Pak credits me, but I credit the hand of God, working through men of God. Merging of spiritual forces is ordained by God. On a Sunday morning Bishop Pak was speaking at our church, and Minister Farrakhan phoned. I had not spoken to him for months. When I woke up, he said, you were on my heart, and you

have stayed on my mind all day. I told him that the reason is that a man of God is here who wants to meet you, he is a representative of Rev. Moon. So it really came through God. My call did not get through, but God did get through. So it is God who is merging these powerful spiritual forces. No doubt. I believe the counsel of Gamiliel.

I believe my life is guided by God and there are no accidents. Every meeting is a divine providence, orchestrated by God. One of my members, Cynthia Cara-

God will work through the small people, like Cynthia Caradine and Maria.

We can do True Family Revivals in America. This is God's movement. It's not pushing Rev. Moon; it saving your own community. What's bigger — your hatred of Rev. Moon or your love for your people? Even the 3rd world can move to 2nd and 1st by getting the families together. When they hear us, Rev. Moon isn't such an issue. We know people all over the country. We'll travel, meet and preach. Bishop Greer will be married April 7 and wants it to be a Blessing. He's from elsewhere but will be Blessed in Chicago.

Evangelist Maria Helena Tonneyck: I love ministers work. Spirit world is totally with us and the churches are open. Just go to the positive ones, there are plenty. Daily witnessing spirit is crucial. I cannot rest without calling a minister. I started ministers' work four years ago. I know so many ministers now. I am not a teacher and I do not know how I did it. But here are points:

1. Be bold and also humble.
2. No sense of making them join the Unification Church. Just love and serve them, help them. How? If they have a special event you can attend — birthdays, revivals. Attend their revivals in other churches.
3. Report everything to your central figure.
4. Go to their church even for a few minutes; if you do, they are so inspired.
5. I feel it is life or death.
6. Think about and pray for the pas-

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families. Let us prepare true families, reborn as a new people, separated from the lineage of the fall (John 8:48). Then we can work with the Lord and save this world.

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My spiritual leaders, Reverend and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon, recently officiated the Blessing of 40 million couples. This included 400,000 families in America, and 2,000 clergy families.

He gathered leaders of all races and religions to pray together for true families and world peace in RFK Stadium. Thus, in the invocation, Dr. T. L. Barrett, pastor of the Life Center Church of God in Christ, Chicago, called us "from all religious faiths and nations of the earth, not as Baptists, Catholics, Pentecostals or Muslims; not as blacks, not as whites, Asians, Greeks nor Jews, but as Your children, the family of God."

A few moments later, Archbishop Ioann of the Orthodox faith called upon the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, under the direct guidance of the True Parents, to open the new millennium and the age of the blessing.

Following that, the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan proclaimed that through God, we can create true families with true children and true husbands and wives, creating a true society. High ranking leaders of Buddhism,

Sikhism and Hinduism added their powerful prayers. This is a sign of God's kingdom.

Reverend and Mrs. Moon always taught me that Christian ministers are my elder brothers and sisters. They taught me to respect, love and serve you, to learn from you and see the face of God in you. Please believe me; this is the true heart of Reverend and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon.

Reverend Moon started the True Family Values Ministry a half century ago. Korea was under Japanese occupation, and then suffered the bitter Korean War. It was a hopeless country. All the people said he was crazy. And yet Reverend Moon taught his disciples that the most important way to connect to God and Jesus Christ is through the true family.

I met Reverend and Mrs. Moon when I was in middle school. I tell you that he was talking to us about what is happening today. I couldn't believe it at the time, but all of his predictions came true. Reverend Moon always called the family, "the school of love." Now we hear, on January 1, 1996, Pope John Paul II saying that the family is "the school of peace."

In the 1996 elections, all the candidates were calling for "family values." President Bill Clinton said that if the family is strong, America will be strong. We offer to Mr. Clinton this worldwide movement for true families.

This movement has three major

themes. One is the harmony of religions, races and nations. God's work embraces all people as one worldwide family under God. The second is sexual purity among the youth. God's young people are on the streets and in the media, encouraging their peers to be strong and pure, to escape the dangers of disease, unwanted pregnancy and emotional heartbreak. Most important is family empowerment through the Blessing. This is a marriage rededication to establish true families.

As I mentioned, Reverend and Mrs. Moon blessed the marriages of 40 million couples in 185 countries. Taiwan has a government commission promoting the Blessing in order to protect young people from AIDS. Tens of thousands of government leaders, clergy and village chiefs in Nigeria, Kenya, Zaire and Sudan have officiated the blessing for over 20 million couples. Why? Because it is the only certain way to stop AIDS and create social progress.

Through the Holy Spirit, over 12 million couples have participated in the Ukraine. In the Philippines, Thailand, Europe, Brazil, Mexico, America and all nations, we declare before God, Heaven and Earth that we will separate forever from Satan. We will practice true love. We will live for the sake of others. We will create a joyful family, joyful community, joyful nation and world.

Let us ministers truly bring the peace which comes from Christ! Reverend Moon has launched the campaign to

bless 360 million couples worldwide. The first stage global satellite Blessing for 120 million couples will take place on Saturday, June 13, 1998, with a simulcast from twelve cities worldwide, centering on New York, Madison Square Garden.

Let us fill stadiums with blessed couples, rededicating their marriages for the sake of world peace. The 2,000 clergy couples who have rededicated their marriage are taking a courageous and visionary step. I invite all of you to join them, if you have not done so already. We ministers must stand in front! We will be the models for others to follow. The marriage blessing movement will sweep America!

We can make America a truly great country! We can revive the spiritual life of America! God expects us ministers to work together. The president can take care of the political arena. As for the spiritual values which make America a moral superpower, it is you and I, with the love of God, who can accomplish this.

We will cross all denominational, racial and cultural boundaries to join our hands and march together. We will bless the families of America. The Blessing will make America a moral and righteous country and will expand this goodness to the world.

Let us embrace and be strong. Hand in hand, let us march together into the New Jerusalem, the Kingdom of God on Earth. ♦

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This tour is a continuation of a tour that started in the East. True Parents conducted a Hoondok Hae tour to seventeen cities in Korea, from late January until mid-February. Father led a program reading in each location. True Mother continued the tour in twelve cities in Japan. It was a great success in both



countries. In Korea, mayors of many major cities, as well as local council



members, educational leaders and teachers, and many VIPs attended. Each participant received a book of excerpts from Father's words entitled "True Parents." While True Mother was in Japan, Father visited the leaders

leaders. He shared with them the insight that, at the root of Korea's economic challenge, is a moral and spiritual crisis. ♦

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emony were ministers from several major Christian denominations. A tour of the Washington Times newspaper on Saturday afternoon concluded there with a dinner banquet and a rousing musical presentation by a local teen Gospel choir, Urban Nation.



Much hope for change in society was expressed during the seminar by several of the guests speakers who are prominent leaders in the emerging faith-based social action

ministries springing up around the country. One such leader noted that Congress has recently allocated a "Fatherhood Counts" 5-year block grant for states to use for projects that help restore the father's position in the family. Another speaker pointed out the recent multi-million dollar 5-year Federal grant to states for abstinence-only educational programs. These grants represent a new era in Federal spending to help restore the shattered American fam-



ily. However, spending money alone can't do the job, it was noted. Committed people with a strong faith in God need to hunker down and get into the neighborhoods where the help is needed most and SERVE those in need! The seminar embraced a remarkable coalition; it united black and white, conservative and liberal, and Protestant and Catholic. This is the new synthesis that will move America forward. The seminar concluded on a very high note with several of the participants giving moving testimonies of their deep, heartfelt experiences over the week-end.



Several more seminars are being planned. ♦

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tor constantly. Spirit world will tell you about him. Spirit world works if you go out. I always expect a good result, even if it is a small and poor minister. 7. Always bring a gift. Financial sacrifice—never go empty-handed. A cake. 8. Bow and show great respect to the minister. I ask him to pray over the

gift. Once it turned out that one poor minister's father was a bishop over 90 churches. 9. Prepare the street address a few days before, not at the last minute. Arrive 30 minutes early, to see the building, get the atmosphere, pray, meet congregants. Never break an appointment, even if something happens in your family. 10. Follow-up immediately, even that

night. Tell them you love them and you want to help them and support them. They don't have people like that. Attend them to bring them to True Parents. Don't forget the small ministers for the big ones. Call them all. I visited a small one who was sick and broke. He was so moved and invited me to a revival with a very big minister, who invited me to his church, a big wealthy one. I gave up my Christmas to be with Rev. Barratt's small Christmas service, and he invited me to his home and family. I left my son at home. 11. Be wise, find out each minister's character. Find out what they like, their birthday. God will tell you how to break through. To do that, you must visit many times. He will never forget you if he knows you left your own schedule to help him. The work is all heart. I cannot preach, but I go there and God tells me what to say. I kept going with Rev. Barratt even though I couldn't hardly walk anymore. It's a network; they all know each other. Whether a big or small one. You have to love them, even if you don't know what to do, you just go. I tell them I want to help their church.

God exists and knows what we want. He will open the door of the church. Rev. Jenkins — Ministers may not look too powerful, but by working with True Parents they become powerful. They become new people; God makes them great through True Parents. All the hatred is gone, even not thinking about black and white, and loving America. Now our enemy is the serpent. If we do street blessings without doing churches, it will be a big body with no head. Without Christianity, God cannot save America. ♦



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Chicago: TFMV Approach Book Developed and Ministers Send Birthday Greetings

Rich & Yukimi Lemont—Chicago, IL

In the never-ending battle for Truth, Justice and the True Parent's Way Chicago Region 6 has developed an approach book to use in contacting Christian Ministers and familiarizing them with the True Family Values Ministry.

The book was developed in response to a request from



Rev. Ki Hun Kim, regional director for Chicago. 24 pages of color photos and proclamations and letters of appreciation focus on some of the 23 Blessing activities that took place in Christian churches that TFMV works with. Others show some of the TFMV lecture seminars and prayer breakfasts and Awards Banquets that TFMV have sponsored.

Copies of the Approach Book can be ordered from Chicago Region 6 HQ. The cost is \$30 per copy. Call, fax, write or e-mail: Chicago Region 6 HQ; Attn: Nobuko; 7450 N. Sheridan, Chicago, IL 60626; TEL 773-274-7441; FAX 773-274-9860; RichLemont@Juno.com

Greetings

True Parent's birthday activities this year had a new twist; Chicago Regional Director Rev. Ki Hun Kim carried birthday greetings to True Parents from the Mayor of Chicago as well as an album of cards and photos from TFMV ministers in Chicago. The Chicago ministers lent substance to their wishes with a birthday gift of over \$7000 to our True Parents. Some of the ministers and their cards are shown.

Photo montage, from left to right, top to bottom:

- 1 Rev. Thomas Jackson from New Original COGIC brought 2 buses to Blessing '97.
- 2 Rev. T.L. Barett from Life Center COGIC. True mother spoke in his church in December 1996 and several pre-blessing ceremonies took place there.
- 3 Dr. Hycel B. Taylor was the guest

- speaker before 1000 plus ministers and lay leaders at the Second Annual True Family Values Award Banquet.
- 4 Rev. Walter Butts of Mt. Carmel Children of God has been working with Chicago church since early CAUSA campaigns and attended the ICC conferences in Korea. He has appeared as a featured singer at many TFMV events.

- 5 Msgr. Edward Bikoma gives his Masses in Aramaic, the language of Jesus, a language he grew up speaking as a boy. He has supported our work to "ensure True Family Values all over the world" since ICC days.
- 6 Rev. Lucius Hall has supported many TFMV events since he attended the ICC conferences in Korea. His position as Special Assistant

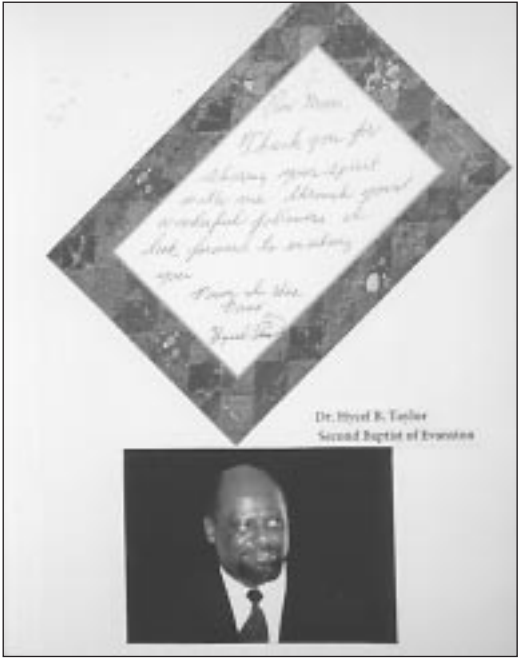
- to the Mayor puts him in a special John the Baptist position.
- 7 Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley sent his personal wishes to True Parents home at East Garden.
- 8 Rev. Connie Bansa, a recipient of the 1997 TFMV Award.
- 9 Bishop Ocie Booker, presiding bishop for Chicago sends his greetings. ♦



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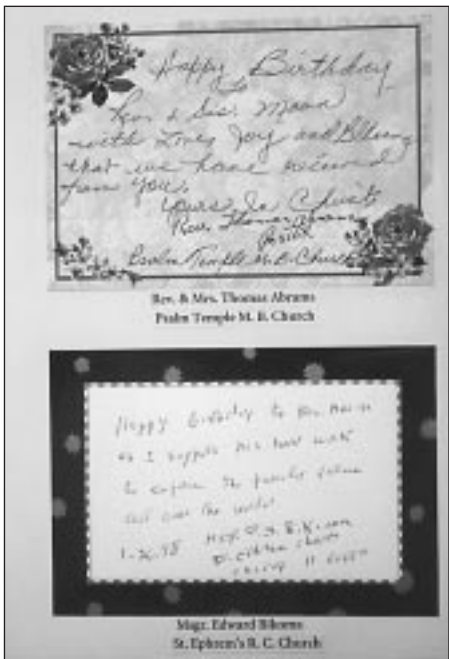
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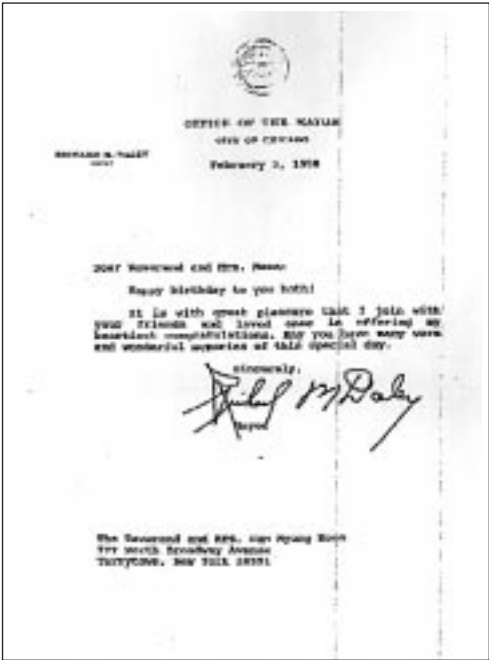
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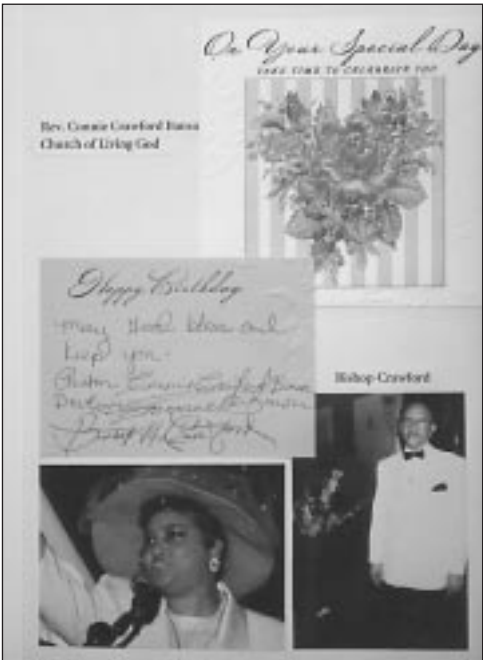
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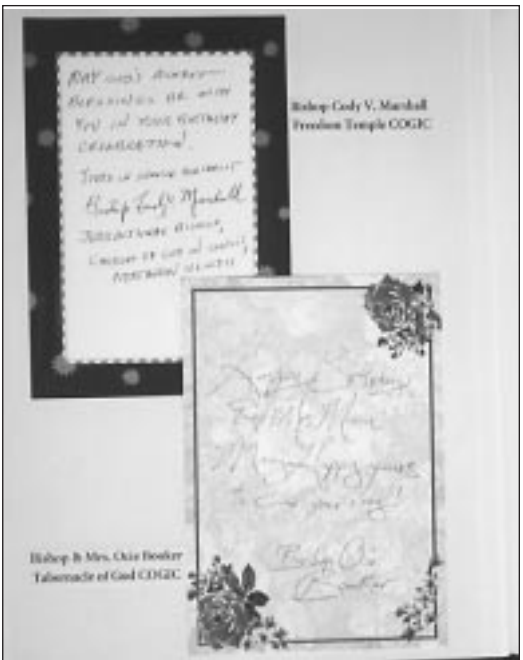
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4th America’s Friendship Project to be held in Guatemala

by John Gehring—NYC

The America’s Friendship Projects (AFP) were begun in 1996. These projects are an effort to bring students and young adults from the America’s together to provide service, share friendship, culture, ideals and faith. The first American Friendship Project was hosted in Haiti, 1996 and was followed by projects in Honduras and in the Dominican Republic. The 4th AFP will be held in Guatemala on May 14-23, 1998 and will involve fifty youth from a dozen nations in an effort to deepen links of friendship and promote peace and cooperation.

The Guatemala project will focus on a theme of, “ Sharing True Values through Educational Uplift”. The work service will be a continuation of a pro-

ject sponsored by the World Student Corp which built two local schools in Santiago Atitlan a decade ago. Overcrowding and high demand from local villagers makes building a second floor of the school a necessity.

The project will be bi-lingual (Spanish and English) and involve youth from over twelve nations. Participants arrive in Guatemala City for a two day orientation on May 14th. The service portion will follow as participants travel four hours to the beautiful but poor rural community of Santiago Atitlan.

The work site is nestled between three volcanoes and the beautiful Lake Atitlan. The overcrowded five room rural school house offers scholarships for local villagers and therefore needs to be enlarged in order to provide greater opportunity for the rural poor of Guatemala.

Sponsors

The Religious Youth Service (RYS) RYS was initiated in 1985 as an international service project that has involved tens of thousands of young adults from over 90 nations in active service. The RYS has helped sponsor nearly 70 service projects in twenty seven nations for the purpose of building intercultural and interreligious friendship and cooperation.

Women’s Federation for World Peace (WFWP). Began in 1992 and a UN registered NGO with chapters in over 180 nations worldwide, the WFWP has had numerous peace activities, promoted service and educational outreach globally. The WFWP has cooperated with the RYS in sponsoring American Friendship Projects since 1996.

Cost

Participation Fee: \$200. This covers

room, board, local transportation and fees. Optional Additional Sightseeing-Adventure: following the program a two day sightseeing and fun program will be held. The cost is \$100 for room, board and fees. Participants cover their air travel to and from Guatemala City. (around \$ 500 from NYC) For more information please contact: Mr. Gerhard E. Bessell 13 Avenida “B” 25-25, Zona 13 * Colonia La Libertad Guatemala Ciudad, Guatemala e mail: bessell@pronet.net.gt * tel. 502 333-3077 fax 502 333-2197 *

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by Askia Muhammad—Washington Bureau Chief, Final Call

SEOUL-The true Oneness of God, and the universality of true obedience to the One God, was the recurring theme here in Korea Feb. 10, the 25th country visited by the Honorable Louis Farrakhan and his delegation on the World Friendship Tour III.

Just as the Million Man March attracted strong support from Christian men as well as from Muslims, Min. Farrakhan’s appeal and his interest in Korea, transcended religious boundaries. Befriended by Unification Church founder, the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, the World Tour visited the home base of the Korean evangelist’s work.

“Everywhere we went in Korea,” the Muslim leader told an interviewer, “we felt at home. Our impression of (the) Rev. Moon and those who follow him, is very high.”

The Muslim delegation visited two campuses of Sun Moon University, two of several financially successful industries established and built by the Rev. Moon, and watched a cultural presentation by Unification Church members including a children’s group called “The Little Angels.”

“I said last night that Rev. Moon has become immortal,” Min. Farrakhan said of his host. “But the physical body

cannot sustain life for a long, long time, so God gives man and woman a chance to experience His Mind, His Will, His Spirit.

“If we are filled with God, then we can beat death. Rev. Moon is the manifestation of God’s Spirit and Will in a human being. Because he is building institutions that will live long after he is gone, I believe that Rev. Moon has literally found eternal life,

and what most men seek and never find-immortality-by doing good and building institutions that are in harmony with the universal order of things.”

The Muslim leader explained that his own first impression of the Rev. Moon was similar to the first impression most people have of him-with a jaundiced eye-because it was acquired through misrepresentations in the media.

“But when you come closer to learn of the man, to learn of his philosophy, to see its connection to scripture and the Will of God, then you begin to see Rev. Moon. People say, ‘Farrakhan is a hater. Farrakhan is an anti-Semite. Farrakhan is this. Farrakhan is that.’ And so people that read the daily newspapers in America, many of them have a very negative view of Louis Farrakhan.

“But when they meet me, when they converse with me, when they see the work that I’m doing, then they say: ‘Oh. He’s not what we thought.’ And Rev. Moon is as far away from what America has depicted of him as the Sun is from the Earth.”

With tense relations between Black and Korean communities in America, and with “Black Muslims” and Korean Christians apparently having so little in common, why



would Min. Farrakhan take any time at all to visit Korea, he was asked.

“I have always said as a student of religion: ‘Why would God, Who is the Author of Peace, send men into the world to teach different religions, causing children to fight and kill each other over religious teachings that they probably don’t understand?’” the Muslim leader explained.

“And the more I studied the scriptures, I realized that the division among human beings over religion is not ordained of God, but it is really the work of the enemy of God. In that context then, I see Rev. Moon as a man coming from The Father, who sees the children at odds with each other.

“Everything that I have read of (Rev. Moon), and experience of him, I see him attempting to break down the barriers that divide people religiously, ethnically, racially, and nationally. So I see him as he sees himself, as a true parent of human beings who need better parenting.”

Blacks in America, who are consumers, but are not producers of their own needs, can learn much from the example of thrift and discipline among the Korean people, Min. Farrakhan said. “At the same time, the Koreans don’t understand why we are not as productive and civilized a people as you are, so you don’t have respect for us, because we have not earned that

respect.”

In the Black community, where Korean merchants have made success for themselves by supplying some of the products and services needed by Black consumers, there is friction because of different cultures and ways of life. “Unfortunately it has caused loss of life on both sides,” Min. Farrakhan said.

“How do we end it?

“Well, here I am. I’m here in Korea. I have a relationship with my Korean brothers and sisters. How can we translate that into a behavior that will make Koreans and Blacks work together for the common good?

“There are a lot of Koreans in California who have asked me to come and speak to the business community, and they want to engage in helping me to raise the level of productivity of our people,” Min. Farrakhan continued.

“I believe that some union with the Nation of Islam and Rev. Sun Myung Moon will allow me to put many of our young gang people to work, doing productive things. And when they say: ‘How did you get this fish that you are selling in the Black community?’

“‘Oh, I got it from Rev. Sun Myung Moon and the Korean brothers, and their great fishing trawlers.’ Now we are selling fish throughout the Black community. Then I can teach my people how to save money, how to invest money, and then begin to produce the things that they consume.

“‘Well how did you do this?’ ‘In cooperation with our brothers and sisters in Korea.’ Then the whole atmosphere begins to change. It is a process that is going to take time, but we have already begun that process.” ♦

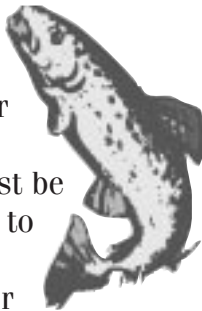
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How Father Gives a Sermon

by Rev. Won Pil Kim—Oslo, Norway

This sermon was given at the Sunday Service, March 1, 1998, at the Norwegian HQ, Oslo. Based on unofficial notes by Pastor Knut Holdhus.

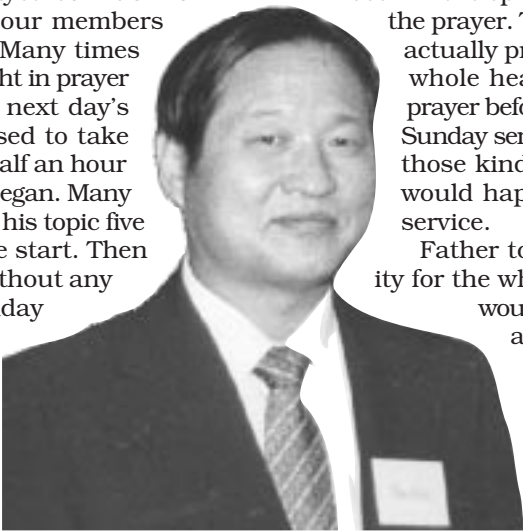
Today there seem to be more children here than adults. In such a case, who should the preacher focus on, the adults or the children? If the message is geared towards the adults, the children won't understand. If you are just focusing on the children, the adults can't receive it. How can we make a good Sunday service? Many adults didn't come today, but the children did. We have to take time to reflect on this. If the children can understand our sermons, it's quite amazing.

The purpose of the service is to understand the message of the sermon. If you can't understand the sermon, you won't have a heart to come here. If you hear a message that can help you in your life, you will automatically come back. A sermon is different from a lecture in school. A sermon is able to reach our heart and because of that we are able to attain a higher spiritual level. A sermon doesn't just convey knowledge. If we can't get liberated or resurrected or are not reborn through the Sunday service, we can't easily attend it. Please, think about this.

When Father used to give sermons

in Korea, he really prepared a long time. The late Rev Hyo Won Eu used to prepare his sermons by writing everything down. He had to prepare the whole week for the sermon. Father told him he should pray for three times as long time as his sermon would last. Christian ministers often prepare three days, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, for the Sunday service. They read the Bible and many books as well. Father is different! He has prayed so much for Heavenly Father, our members and all mankind. Many times Father spent all night in prayer in preparation for next day's sermon. Father used to take his place in front half an hour before the service began. Many times he would get his topic five minutes before the start. Then he would speak without any notes. During Sunday services with Father many would receive revelations from Heaven.

Father speaks according to what kind of audience he has. He adjusts his message when he sees who is present. Father is also able to point out who has prepared with prayer and other conditions for the Sunday service. Father would suddenly point at that person and ask him



to say a representative prayer. During the prayer that person would sometimes go to the spirit world. Suddenly he would become quiet. We waited for five minutes for him to end his prayer, but nothing happened. Then Father would tell the person to stop the prayer. The person would regain his consciousness and would complete his prayer. Only Father would know that the person he had asked to pray had been in the spirit world during the prayer. That person had actually prepared with his whole heart and in deep prayer before attending the Sunday service. That is why those kind of phenomena would happen during the service.

Father took responsibility for the whole service and would himself be MC and give the sermon. Really he showed us how to hold Sunday services. Now he does not organize services any longer. The Church leader (minister) does it. He must therefore prepare in prayer for the whole service, but different persons may take responsibility for the prayers, the MC-role, the collection, music, etc. They should however all

prepare with prayers. If they really prepare in advance, the congregation will change a lot. The atmosphere will change. Don't you think so? If we don't prepare for meeting Heavenly Father, we may get hurt instead of receiving grace. This is like a spiritual hospital. Here spiritual sickness may get cured. When Father would go up on the podium, he thought about curing people who in a sense are like criminals. He felt he was carrying out an operation. If his mind was not clear, he might kill the patients. If the doctor kills the patient, who should indemnify that? The doctor has to take responsibility.

If Father couldn't prepare well for the service, he would straight away start to repent. Father used to teach us that if the minister came late to the service, he should be very serious about his mistake. If 100 persons waited for him, and he was ten minutes late, 1000 minutes would be wasted. If an operation is scheduled to begin at 10 o'clock, and the surgeon is ten minutes late, the patient might already be dead. Please, consider this if you're late. If everyone has the right attitude, the atmosphere will be so different. In the Bible we read that when two are gathered in the name of God, our Heavenly Father will be there with them. If one or two in a congregation has such an attitude, the other members too can inherit that kind of spirit. ❖

by Nina Kirchberger—Frankfurt, Germany

The program "Love as the Opportunity and The Way" was introduced by the German FFWPU Vice President Siegfried Klammersteiner (Frankfurt am Main) and Thomas Schuh (Munich). It was developed to support blessed families in their efforts to reach out to other families in society, as well as to enrich and strengthen their own interpersonal relationships.

"Love As The Opportunity And The Way" is not aimed at people of a specific religion, but it leads participants to realize that the ultimate solution to problems in relationship is within a person's readiness to live and sacrifice for others, which is one of the basic principles of any religion.

This concept is quite different from numerous programs on human relationships, which are offered in Germany. Since the era of the Enlightenment man's emotional sphere has become greatly dominated by the intellect, says Siegfried Klammersteiner. With the coming of the so called New Age Movement, the direction became opposite and now it is the emotional sphere which is paid the most attention. Emotional healing of different kinds became very popular, also among many members of the Unification Movement. However, centering on emotions in solving family problems is an easy step to selfishness, which eventually makes the way to the ultimate solution much longer. On the other side, even many of those on the path of emotional healing (outside of the Unification Church) feel, that there is much more to it and are not satisfied with what they are offered by psychologists. It is the sphere of Heart which they are missing, and it was opened with the coming of the True Parents. It is what the Unification Movement is reach with, but it

FFWPU Germany Starts Program: 'Love as the Opportunity and the Way'

proved to be so difficult to bring people to understand, what Gods Heart is about.

The program is an attempt to teach people about God's Heart through relationships in the family. It helps participants to discover their own original heart, as the first step to healing their personal problems.

There are three main parts to the program, which deal correspondingly with the personal development, partnership in marriage and parenship. Lectures are short and supported by group exercises, guided meditation and role plays (for example, playing a conflict situation in order to find the way out of it). Here some of the topics discussed: "Love as the way to self-realization", "To deepen understanding of your desires and the ones of your partner", "Clarifying your expectations in a relationship", "To fight in a right way, growing together", "Using the healing ability of the partnership", "Realizing dreams of closeness and intimacy", "From stress to joy in dealing with children", "Taking children's feeling seriously", "To stay in love in spite of children".

The program was developed through the joined efforts of Siegfried Klammersteiner, Thomas Schuh, two other UC members—Gerd Schmidinger from Austria and Annemarie Hanisch from Dusseldorf—together with the "outside" professionals Gerhard Pfeffer, a psychotherapist from Heidelberg, and Dagmar Persch from Frankfurt. The latter is known in the city for her courses of "Emotional Clearing".

Siegfried Klammersteiner, 44, is an experienced DP lecturer and former

national leader. He also taught many CARP and HARP members about the Blessing. He and his wife Margaret have three lovely children. Siegfried completed a professional course in family therapy. Though it remains his main sphere of interest, his mission includes PR work and dealing with the finances of the German Church.

Thomas Schuh, 31, was blessed to Mitze from Japan in 1992. They have a son and their second child is about to be born. Thomas recently finished his education in natural healing.

Besides weekend courses and evening programs special one-week seminars are offered for those who would like to

become trainers themselves. The first seminar of that kind took place this February in Schmitten, Germany. The participants arrived not only from Germany, but from other European countries, such as Great Britain, Holland and Austria and even Russia.

The course materials are now being translated from German into English. The next weekend seminar will take place in Frankfurt area March 27-29.. The course for trainers is scheduled for the 6th-12th of July. To register or for additional information contact Siegfried Klammersteiner via e-mail: <Smk-lamm@aol.com> . Nina Kirchberger, Frankfurt am Main, Germany.❖





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What Is a True Leader? 22nd Oratorical Contest at UTS

by Gareth Davies—Barrytown, NY

For the third straight year, and for the fourth time in five years, it was an African student who held the trophy at the conclusion of the Annual David S.C. Kim Oratorical Contest at UTS.

Adin Kachisi of Zimbabwe beat off the strong challenges of Bismarck Banfo of Ghana and Martin Herbst of Denmark by offering a powerful and thoughtful answer to the contest's question "What does it mean to be a true leader?" While presenting a report on the opinion of the judges, Dr. Kathy Winings used Adin's description of the true leader as a risk taker as she congratulated all of the eight finalists and the 15 total contestants for the courage they showed in entering the contest. Dr. Winings, as winner of the 1987 contest, was speaking from personal experience.

Adin, who only arrived at UTS in January, was one of several contestants who argued that we are facing a crisis of leadership. "What do people look for in a leader?" he asked. "Appearance, charisma, eloquence, influence, persuasiveness. But what is a true leader? This is someone who can influence others by their integrity, their attitude and their determination." He then

discussed each of these three qualities in turn. Integrity, he said, does not mean perfection but a commitment to the truth and an honest acknowledgment of mistakes. Thus, he said, "the true leader has nothing to hide." As for attitude, Adin said that this is what determines whether we see the glass as half empty or half full and this, he said with a dramatic flourish, "is what separates Mother Theresa from Al Capone!" The true leader, he said, always assumes a positive attitude and sees opportunity in crisis.

The last of Adin's three qualities of the true leader is determination and this, he said, is what allows the true leader to be a risk-taker. "When Reverend Moon met Kim Il Sung in North Korea," said Adin, "he told him his ideology was wrong! He took a risk!" In one of the evening's more dramatic moments, Adin then raised up a sign from the Seminary's cleaning supplies which read "Caution: Safety First!" and cast it to the floor shouting "No! Forget it!



Adin Kachisi, winner of the Oratorical Contest

Avoiding risks is OK for donkeys and pigs but not for people! When you stop taking risks you die."

The panel of judges viewed Adin's presentation as the one which best fulfilled the criteria by which they were asked to judge each finalist; content, organization, delivery and persuasion.

Dr. Winings thanked all of those who entered for continuing the tradition of oratorical contests which has now continued unbroken for 22 years, making it the oldest of the Seminary's contests. President Shimmyo awarded prizes to the first three contestants. ❖

Mrs. Sarah M. Witt: A Tribute

by Drs. Edwin K. Ang & Therese Stewart—Poughkeepsie, NY

On the occasion of her 79th birthday, members of the Hudson Valley Senior Association offer the following tribute to a dear sister and friend.

Sarah M. Witt: Jewish mother; World War II veteran, Women's Army Corps; musician; free-lance writer; radio evangelist and counselor.

Born in Chicago in 1918, Sarah grew up in an Orthodox Jewish family. Nine months after her mother died in 1943, she joined the Women's Army Corps and served for two years during World War II. After being discharged from the Army, Sarah attended college, during which time she met her husband; they married and had two sons. After her divorce in California, Sarah returned to Chicago with the two boys, one four years old and the other only 13 months, and raised them alone. She worked as a typist for the late Earl Nightingale, famed Chicago radio personality for 40 years, and later worked as a proof-

reader for the *Chicago Sun Times*.

Mrs. Witt has the distinction of being the first Jewish member of the Unification Church, having joined the movement in October 1965. She has been active in the Unification Movement for 32 years. In the 1960s she assisted Dr. David S.C. Kim by editing and preparing the copy for the publication of his book, *Individual Preparation for His Coming Kingdom*. During the past two decades Sarah served as Director of Public Relations at the Unification Theological Seminary. "The Unification Hour," a weekly radio program presenting The Divine Principle, inaugurated by her in 1977, continues to the present day. A collection of her letters to local newspapers, in many of which she played the role of apologist for the Unification Church, can be found in *Trumpet in the Wilderness*, published in 1991.



Sarah is a regular piano accompanist for daily worship service at the Seminary and has been a performer on the accordion on many festive occasions. She is affectionately known as "Granny Sarah" by many of the Seminary students whom she counseled over

the years.

Sarah received the Single Blessing on April 7, 1989. She is in the process of arranging for the republication of Edward Bellamy's *Looking Backward* and has written an Introduction and Epilogue for the book relating it to Unification teaching.

We offer her our congratulations, deep love and appreciation. She has enriched our lives and those of countless others. ❖



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The Strange Case of Herr Moon

‘Threat to Public Order,’ or Victim of Discrimination?

by Dan Fefferman—Washington, DC

In Franz Kafka’s novel *The Trial*, the protagonist Josef K. finds himself charged by unknown parties with an unspecified crime. He has no recourse but to accept his unjust fate and search within himself for the meaning of his predicament. So it was with the Rev. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon, founders of the Unification Church, as they sat detained by police in a French airport, forbidden to fulfill plans to visit their European followers.

Just a week previous, in November 1995, Rev. Moon had delivered a sermon to French supporters at a Paris hotel. Not only had his talk on salvation history come off without incident, he and Mrs. Moon had been given a full police escort from the airport to the hotel.

Now, a week later, they received a different sort of escort, not from Paris gendarmes, but from French immigration police. It turns out the Moons, who were not even attempting to enter France but only to change planes and proceed to Spain on another leg of their speaking tour, were now considered “dangerous persons.”

The immigration agents separated the Korean couple, neither of whom speaks French, and kept them in custody for several hours. The Moon’s were forbidden to continue on to Madrid and eventually forced to return to Budapest, where their flight had originated. Moreover, the immigration authorities pressured Rev. Moon several times to sign a document in French, which he declined to after they refused to provide a translation. It turns out the document would have promised that he would never again attempt to enter France.

Rev. Moon and his wife were now “a threat to public order,” having been listed as such by the government of Germany. The Germans carried out the action under provisions of the Schengen Treaty, which was designed to prevent terrorists and drug dealers from abusing liberalized European travel codes. The listing meant that the Moons were now effectively banned from Austria, Belgium, France, Italy, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Portugal, and Spain.

Appealing the Decision

Church members in Europe found it hard to understand the ban. The invitation to their leader had been issued as part of a worldwide speaking tour, and his sermon—on a strictly religious theme—had previously been delivered without incident in sixteen cities of the United States and sixteen other nations. No notice had been given of the impending ban, and no charges specified, despite the fact that there had been no hint of trouble on the tour. The Moons



had entered Germany on several previous occasions with no evident problems or complaints from authorities.

Attempts by church officials to appeal the ban have met with little success. In a particularly Kafkaesque episode, a law firm retained by the church in France filed an appeal and, after several months, was duly informed by a judge that the Schengen file on Rev. Moon was in order. The firm was not allowed to see the file or any of its contents and was thus unable to challenge its contents.

In litigation brought by the church in Germany, the church finally gained the right to examine the file on its spiritual leader, and claims it is full of outdated and inaccurate information, much of it from sources of dubious credibility. The German Federal Criminal Police acknowledge that there has been no prosecution of the church or its officials and affirms that the group is taking “meticulous care” to conduct itself lawfully.

Sources say the government believes that the Moon movement might become a neo-fascist political force. One wonders whether such fears, whether real or imaginary, justifies singling out the aging Korean preacher for shunning—not to mention his wife.

Church members say the ban has caused considerable hardship. They strongly deny the charge of fascism, declaring that the church supports democracy and constitutional guarantees of human rights. “The government is effectively denying members of the Unification Church the right to practice their religion and to associate with their religious leader, who is now quite elderly and may soon be physically unable to visit Germany,” they say.

Holland, an Exception

One bright spot for church members has been the action of the government of The Netherlands, which took the unprecedented step of

granting Rev. and Mrs. Moon permission to visit Holland despite the Schengen ban against them.

The church also won a significant victory against the German government in June 1997, when a court prohibited the government from continuing the distribution of a booklet it had print-

ed to warn German youth against the church. The court ruled that the booklet, 200,000 copies of which had been published by the Ministry of Family, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, contained false allegations that “damage the honor” of the church.

The Unification Church is not the only small religious group to complain of shoddy treatment in Germany. The U.S. State Department has expressed official concern about Germany’s treatment of Scientology, Jehovah’s Witnesses and other non-traditional religious groups. In addition, the UN’s Special Rapporteur on Religious Intolerance has recently expressed concern about Germany’s behavior toward its religious minorities.

Meanwhile, Rev. Moon plans to launch another world speaking tour this year, in conjunction with his announced plan to bless the marriages of 360 million couples worldwide before the year 2,000. Church members say they hope that international pressure on Germany will stimulate the government to open its borders to their leader.

The author serves as executive director of the International Coalition for Religious Freedom. <<www.religiousfreedom.com>> ♦

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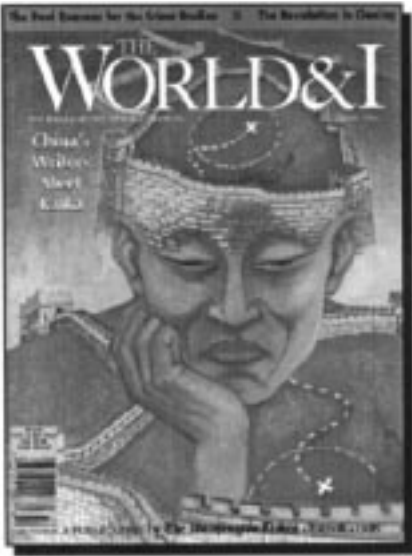
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TRUE PARENTS' HISTORY FOR CHILDREN

THE HOUSE AT THE ROCK OF TEARS

Linna Rapkins

It was time to move into the little stone and cardboard shack by the spring on the hill! There were no closets, no kitchen, no bathroom—just one room large enough for two people to stretch out, with some space at one end for their things.

They found a piece of canvas to put over the dirt floor. This would be their carpet and bed. A flimsy wooden box used for shipping oranges—called an orange crate—was pulled out during the day to serve as the table. There was an old kerosene lamp to light up the nights.

Just a few steps away was a little spring of water. “Tomorrow we will dig the dirt out of that little spring so the water can come up more freely,” said Father to Won Pil Kim. “But tonight we sit down and give thanks and enjoy.”

Father’s friend from his student days, Duk Moon Aum, came, and they had a celebration.

They cooked their dinner of rice over an open fire outside the hut. As before, the only kind of rice they could get was old and was mixed with little stones that stuck in their teeth when they ate it. That kind of rice would be thrown out or given to animals today, but they were grateful to have even that. Father washed it carefully by the spring and got the little stones out. He cooked it over the fire. He had learned how to cook rice so the top part was cooked without burning the bottom part. Ask any woman today if she can cook a perfect pot of rice over a fire, and she will say, “No! I cannot do that. I need a rice cooker.” It is very difficult.

They ate outside overlooking the other hills and the city below. As the sun disappeared for the night, Father turned to Mr. Aum. “Duk Moon-A, please sing a song for us.” Mr. Aum sang a Korean folk song.

As would happen many times in the days and nights to come, Mr. Aum sang for hours—Korean songs, Italian folk songs, opera songs, many kinds of songs. His voice was strong and carried out over the hills of Pusan as a kind of blessing.

Father sat quietly watching the lights flickering on in the city below. His mind seemed to be far away, close by, everywhere all at once. He seemed to be thinking of the past, the present, the future. The music and the night blended together with the thoughts of this special man who would become our True Father.

Sometime after midnight, the three men said one more prayer and went into the little house to sleep. Even though it felt like a palace compared to what they had before, it was actually very small. With three adults, it was crowded. Father and Mr. Aum slept on each side by the walls, and Won Pil Kim, the youngest of the three, slept in the middle with his head down by their feet and his feet up by their heads.

The stars twinkled down on them through the cracks in the roof. The Sep-

tember breezes blew in on them. The little spring bubbled happily, and the trees reached out protectively over this holy ground. The hills sang a new song.

The Rock of Tears

Each morning, Father woke up before the sun. In the darkness, he would climb farther up the Pom Net Kol mountain for meditation and prayer. He had received so much through revelation,



but there was still much more to learn. He had to spend time praying to learn these things and make plans for the months and years ahead. As always, he spent many hours just being with Heavenly Father, comforting Him and loving Him.

Father’s favorite spot was a rocky place that stuck out from the hillside like a little cliff. Behind him was the woodsy area of the mountain as it continued higher. Before him were the valleys and hills of Pusan. He looked out from this point each day, until he knew by heart every curve and dip of the other hills against the sky. He paid no attention to the cold hard rock beneath him.

As he poured out his heart to Heavenly Father, he repented again and again for all the pain that had been brought to Heavenly Father over the years. He repented for the churches, who had not united with him. He repented for those who had left him.

Another person might have said, “Heavenly Father, I have already prayed many hours for the world. I have endured pain in prison. I have cried many hours for the world and for You. I cannot cry for you anymore. It’s time to get a little rest.”

Father didn’t think that way. Again and again, as he prayed for each part of history, he sobbed with grief as he felt the agony and loneliness of God. Just as he had done when he was younger, he cried until it seemed that there could be no tears left in his head; yet they continued to pour like a torrent down his face and onto the rock beneath him. Morning after morning, this was his life.

Later, among his disciples, the big flat rock where Father usually prayed became known as the “Rock of Tears.” It was washed by Father’s tears so many

times, it must be the holiest rock in all the world.

The First “Divine Principle”

When Father climbed down from the mountain each day, he had many things to do. His mind was always far ahead of his body, planning what had to be done and how to do it. He walked quickly wherever he went, as if this was the most important moment in all history.

If others were with him, they could hardly keep up with him.

He felt so impatient—impatient to get things done; impatient to find more people. So many years had passed, and he had only a few people with him in Pusan. He was already over 30 years old.

Now, there was another urgent job to do. He must write down all his revelations. Up to this point, Father had been teaching the people himself. He read the stories directly from his well-worn Bible and explained to each person what the stories meant.

But he knew he couldn’t continue forever teaching each person himself. It was important that he write everything down that had been revealed to him, so that more people could learn about these stories and so that the details would not be forgotten. Soon God would bring him a person who could make it into a book, and many people would come to hear God’s words. Father had to be prepared. Every moment was precious and urgent.

When Father returned from his morning prayers, therefore, he immediately sat down to write. Many times, as Won Pil Kim left for work, Father was already sitting by the orange crate writing furiously, trying to keep up with all the information that came to him from God.

He learned to sharpen many pencils before starting so he could keep up with the words that came into his head. Some days, when Won Pil Kim, Mr. Aum, or someone else was there, their job was to sharpen the pencils with a little knife. Father wrote so fast, the pencils wore down almost immediately, and they could not always keep enough sharpened for him.

Father’s hand always got very tired. From time to time, he gave it a shake and then continued writing, even though it hurt so much.

When Won Pil Kim returned from work in the evening, he would often find Father still writing at his little “desk.” His eyes were red with weariness, his hand cramped into the writing position, his legs stiff from sitting on the floor all day. Often, he had forgotten to eat anything.

As the days went by, the stack of finished pages grew. Sometimes, ideas would come to Father before he could get a sheet of paper, and he would quick-

ly write them on the cardboard walls. Soon the walls and ceiling were covered with writing. Information was coming from heaven day and night, and it had to be written down before it was lost.

One night, Father suddenly sat up and shook Won Pil Kim awake, “Won Pil-A! Won Pil-A! Wake up! Light the lamp—bal-li, bal-li (quickly, quickly).”

Won Pil Kim sat up with a jerk and quickly lit the old kerosene lamp. He looked with sleepy eyes at the pencil and paper Father had set before him.

“Please write what I tell you,” said Father, without further explanation.

Won Pil Kim picked up the pencil and poised his hand over the paper. He gave his head a shake and rubbed his eyes with his other hand to get rid of the scratchiness.

Father began to talk. Won Pil Kim’s pencil moved up and down as fast as he could make it go, as he tried to keep up with everything Father said. Father told all about the Lord of the Second Advent. He explained why such a man must come to earth, what he must do, where he will come, when he will come, everything. Father didn’t have to stop and think what to say next or rewrite any of it so it would sound better. The words came out of his mouth as if they were already written somewhere. They were coming directly from Heavenly Father.

Soon, Won Pil Kim’s hand was throbbing with pain. Father kept sharpening more pencils for him, so he could continue writing without stopping. The words kept coming. Then, it stopped just as suddenly as it had begun.

“Thank you,” said Father. “It is finished.” He added these pages to the rest of the stack.

Won Pil Kim lay gratefully down on the canvas mat and closed his eyes. His hand still felt cramped, as he fell asleep for the few minutes remaining before wake-up time. The first Divine Principle had been written, and the last chapter was in his handwriting.

When morning dawned, Father was already on the mountain praying. Won Pil Kim got up to prepare for work, and as he ate his morning rice and thought over what had happened the night before, the day felt very special.

“I see it now!” he exclaimed to himself as he started down the hill. “Now I understand! Moon Sun Myung is the Lord of the Second Advent! He is the second Messiah. That’s why he told me years ago that there would never be another group like this one. I’ve lived with him and worked with him all this time, and I didn’t really understand.” The events of the night kept going through his head.

“So that’s how he gets his revelations!” he thought in awe. “It comes through him directly from God. He hears it in his head, or sees it in his mind—or something! When he writes so furiously all day, that’s what is happening to him. now I see!”

He reached the bottom of the mountain and picked his way through the bustling streets. But Won Pil Kim hardly noticed the people on their way to work.

“If I hadn’t done that writing for him see **ROCK** on page 13

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DIVINE PRINCIPLE STUDY

THE ORIGIN OF CONFLICT AND SUFFERING

Volume Two: Part Four

What type of entity was Satan? Since Adam and Eve were the only man and woman, Satan had to be another kind of being. As is widely known, the Bible makes references to two kinds of creatures who possess spiritual capacities and who also ultimately fell from God. Besides man, God created angels, who also have sinned (Jude 6-7). If Satan is not a man, he must have been an angel. That Satan comes from the angelic world is consistent with the thought of the Book of Revelation, which indicates that Satan was “thrown down from heaven.”

How could an angel be Satan? It is a long-held assumption within the Christian faith that at one time some residents of the angelic world rebelled against God. The second Letter of Peter, for example, refers to the fact and tells of the consequences of the angels’ sin:

“God did not spare the angels when they sinned but cast them into hell and committed them to pits of nether gloom to be kept until the judgment..” (II Peter 2:4)

Complementing Peter’s reference, the New Testament Letter of Jude describes the content of the angelic transgression:

“And the angels that did not keep their own position but left their proper dwelling have been kept by him in eternal chains... just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which likewise acted immorally and indulged in unnatural lust,

serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire.” (Jude 6-7)

This passage indicates that the sins of the angels and those of the people of Sodom and Gomorrah were similar, both involving immoral behavior and “Unnatural lust.”

Satan’s crime must, therefore, have had to do with “unnatural lust.”

The Forbidden Fruit

Let us examine the actual nature of Adam’s and Eve’s sin. We are told that

originally: “the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.” (Gen 2:25)

After eating the forbidden fruit, however, they felt and acted differently:

“Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves aprons.” (Gen. 3:7)

one hand over his mouth and the cookie behind his back. In so doing he wants to cover up his wrong. Likewise, a thief or murderer will conceal any evidence which might lead to his detection.

If the sin of Adam and Eve involved eating fruit, they would have covered their mouths or their hands, the two parts of their bodies directly involved

critics underline that fact that the sin has a sexual character.”

Nor should we ignore the unusual merit attributed to the practice of religious celibacy. Not only did the apostle Paul encourage chastity but Jesus pointed out that there are some who are eunuchs for the sake of the Kingdom of Heaven. Indeed a commitment to chastity, along with commitments to poverty and obedience, is an essential part of one’s becoming a monk, nun or priest within the Roman Catholic Church.

Similarly, some branches of Hinduism and Buddhism have taught that for the true seeker the highest path involved sexual abstinence. Such practices imply that marriage as we know it does not have the complete sanction of God but is a compromise for those who are unable to realize such a path. Such religions hint that there is something fundamentally problematic with sexual desire as commonly experienced.

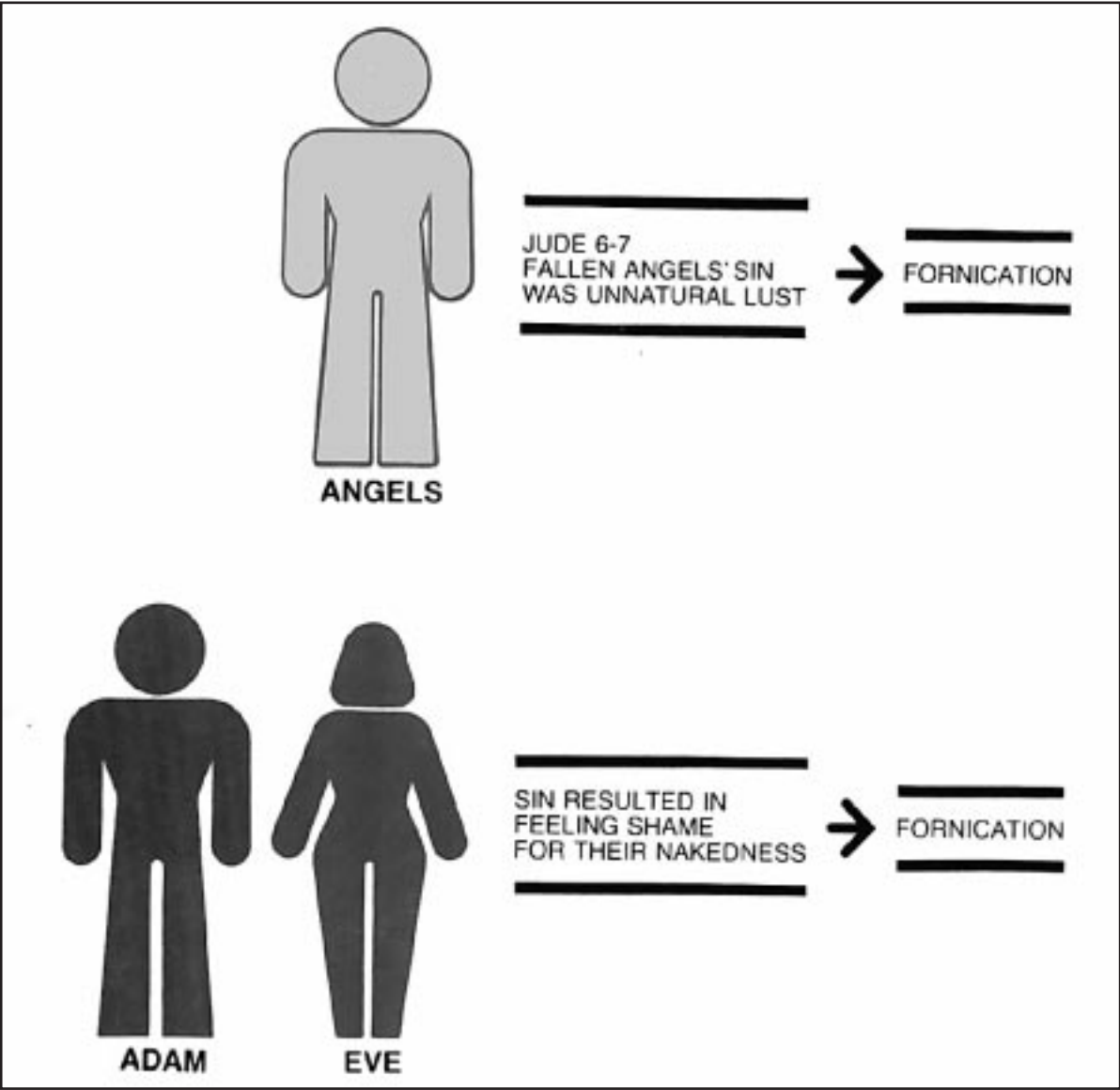
Even the rite of circumcision can be related to the Fall of Man if one sees its deepest meaning. According to Genesis, Abraham instituted this ceremonial act as a visible sign of the covenant binding the children of Israel to their God. The most obvious significance of the act is to distinguish Hebrews from others. Furthermore, however, something about sex is felt to alienate man from God. Cutting of the male child’s foreskin indicates the Hebrew’s determination to cut off many attachments he has which separate him from God. For Divine Principle, circumcision represents symbolic restitution for the original sin of Adam and Eve.

Marital Love

It should be made clear that there is nothing inherently wrong with sex. After all, Adam and Eve were originally to “be fruitful and multiply.” In the view of the Divine Principle, they were to grow as brother and sister, and after reaching maturity were to marry, have children and create a God-centered family. Marital love was thus intended to be sacred, and in fact, the highest blessing given by God. When a man and woman unite in perfection, they are in a sense a new higher being even closer to God. If Adam and Eve had reached this state, they would have been the son and daughter of God and true husband and wife to each other.

In some way, however, the first parents forsook God. The sexual relationship they ultimately engaged in was somehow in violation of themselves and God’s principles. It is obvious that their sexual action must have taken place outside of marriage and this action constituted the Fall. Let us see how this occurred.

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Enter the Serpent ❖



Obviously during the period between these two verses, something happened. After committing sin, our ancestors suddenly felt shame for their nakedness. This shame was not related indiscriminately to all areas of their bodies, but specifically to their genital areas. They didn’t cover their faces or feet; they covered their sexual parts.

One’s natural impulse is to hide evidence of wrongdoing. For example if a little child is caught in the act of stealing a cookie, his first reaction is to put

in the crime. This was not the case, however; Adam and Eve covered only the lower parts of their bodies.

“...and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves aprons.” (Gen. 3:17)

This indicates their transgression involved the concealed portion of their bodies—their sexual parts. From this we may conclude the crime of our first parents was one of fornication.

Evidence of a Sexual Sin

That the Fall was sexual in nature is suggested by other evidence also. For example, in referring to their sexual actions, the Hebrews (as well as men of other cultures) commonly spoke of eating or picking a fruit. In the Bible and elsewhere “To know” a woman means to have sexual relations with her. In the fourth chapter of Genesis, for example, it is said of Cain that he knew his wife, and she conceived and bore Enoch” (Gen. 4:17) and of Adam that he “knew his wife again, and she bore a son.” (Gen 4:25)

Of course such an interpretation is not without support among other Jewish and Christian scholars. Cardinal Jean Danielou, an expert on early Christian literature and member of the French Academy, asserts that “a majority of

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last night, no one—no one—would ever have known how he receives his revelations. He had to let me learn it, so I could explain to others!” He shook his head incredulously.

As he reached his place of work, he noticed for the first time the crowds of people around him.

“They have no idea,” he thought, as he watched them scurrying about. “They think there’s nothing more to life than work and food. A bowl of rice and a warm floor is all they ask. They don’t know the Lord of the Second

Advent is here—now—in Pusan!”

He felt like shouting the news to them, but just then he reached the door of his place of work. He paused.

“How can I do such meaningless work at a time like this? The Messiah is here. I would rather be doing his work, God’s work.” Should he go back up the hill? He thought it over a moment.

“No!” he answered himself. “I, out of all the people in the world, can earn money today for the Lord of the Second Advent!”

Won Pil Kim slid the door open and stepped in. He would earn the money with love today. ❖

Festival of the Heart

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27 The twelve gates were twelve pearls: each individual gate was of one pearl. — Revelation 21: 21

42 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. 43 When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it. Matthew 13:45-46

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The Second Generation Committee Inauguration Held at Belvedere

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Choi, Joni (Ang) Choi, Jonathan Kirst and Dohi Ang.

Over one hundred second genera-

take up the task of building the foundation that they invested their whole lives into.

The support however, was not limited to the surrounding communities. Church and CARP leaders from across

son of Northern California, Rev. Hun Suk Lee of Region Seven and Rev. Won Jeon Kim of the Northwestern Region.

In his Inaugural address, Matthew Jones reflected upon the past accomplishments of Yoon Sun Park and the Second Generation Office. He mentioned the great success and spiritual turnaround of many as a result of the 40-day pioneering that had taken place two summers ago, and he appraised the positive impact of the Pure Love '97 Tour, quoting his brother saying, "I couldn't have spent my summer in a better way." But most importantly, he personally testified to the importance of the community in which he was able to grow up. One surrounded by loving parents, elder and



tion brothers and sisters, parents, and church leaders from the area attended. Among the guest were the parents of Matthew Jones, Joni Choi and Dohi Ang. Their faces beamed with pride and joy as they watch their children

the nation sent in their words of inspiration, support and encouragement for the newly appointed committee. Some supporters were, Rev, Jun Hyun Pak, continental director, who sent Rev. Eric Holt in his stead, Rev. Kevin Thomp-

younger brothers and sisters, friends, all interwoven by God centered, Principled love and heart.

He pledged his and the committee's determination to transmit to their younger brothers the tradition and ideals of True Parents by working together with the families and church to foster such a community through education, guidance and support.

Toward the end, Jin Hun Nim gave his own words of guidance. He expressed True Father's deep concern for the second generation and his equal desire to teach not only Principle, but its practice in daily life. Programs such as the Special Task Force and the Pure Love Alliance are vehicles he created to help the Second



Generation understand what it means to live a Principled lifestyle. Afterward, praises of such programs were echoed by the MC, Hoon Hwi Joo, an STF graduate himself, whose brother is currently enrolled in the program, and by Matthew Jones.

In this spirit, the newly inaugurated Second Generation committee will seek to continue a high standard of leadership and initiative to serve their younger brothers and sisters. ♦



The Death and Resurrection of Church Members

by Rev. John W. Gehring—NYC

This sermon was given at the University of Bridgeport on March 22, 1998.

We are entering the Easter season, a season that has the most profound meaning for Christians. It is a celebration of life and the victory of love over the power of death.

There are many lessons that we can learn from the life of Jesus—especially for the many of us that do not come from a Christian background. What we can learn from Jesus can help us in our life of faith, as it has helped millions of people for nearly 2000 years.

Many of us have had the opportunity to know and work with Reverend and Mrs. Moon and in some part, we have tried to model our lives on the pattern of sacrifice that they have set. Through our efforts at trying to life for the sake of others, opportunities arise that allow us to better grasp the meaning of the life of Jesus. Additionally, through Rev. Moon’s explanation of Jesus difficult life we can more closely understand his heart.

God, Jesus and the World

One of the most quoted bible passages states: “for God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son.” There is a clarity and a certainty in this statement. God loved this world, and the world means all those who live in it, the good, the bad and even the ugly!

Yet when we think more deeply about this, we need to realize who did God love more; the fallen world or His own precious son. God must have loved his son more then the anyone or anything in the world because the world, centered on fallen man, had a relationship with Satan, whereas, His son was created in His image. God could have an intimate direct relationship with Jesus.

God could not give His direct love to the fallen world and yet he believed in the world so much that he allowed His son to live in that world. God even allowed his son to Die for those that belonged to that world.

So if can agree that God Loved his son more then the world, let’s think of the direction he gave to His precious son. He told him, “Jesus, You must go the way of the cross.” Now, you may have been given some difficult direction by a leader or a boss. They may have told you to go to another country, or get another job, or pray for a week...but think of what God directed His son to do.

The Way of the Cross? That was opposite of all that Jesus was trying to accomplish with his life. Think of the man, Jesus. What were his dreams and hopes? He must have wished to be loved by his family, by a woman, by the people he loved. Surely it was his wish to be received by his people. He clearly and desperately wanted to share his relationship with God, the heavenly father, with all those that would listen.

At 33 years of age, Jesus had not yet found a single person who could understand even the “earthly things” so he was not

able to share the deep teachings that lay in his heart. He must have longed to liberate his people from the ignorance that the bondage of Satan had placed on them spiritually and physically.

How much Jesus had hoped and prayed for the day he could hold his loving children and pour the deep love that lay within him, on to his children—the flesh of his flesh, the bone of his bone. How he must have longed to champion the birthright of the Israelites and bring them as a victorious people to the world, showing the whole world the reality of the living God. How much Jesus longed to be God’s champion.

Jesus had all these dreams and hopes. Yet, how could he accomplish this if he were to be crucified? Jesus vision of life was stimulated by God. Yet God was giving him a direction that went totally against the very things that he and God were hoping to accomplish. God was asking Jesus to be willing to be a miserable failure—a loser of all losers. A mocked and crucified Lord. The “God of Love” was asking His son to become the “Lord of Suffering.”

Jesus had to make up his own mind. He had to make his own decision. Will I drink this bitter cup? Will I? How can I? Why should I? Why die when their is so much to live for? What was the man going to do? No one knew for sure. Jesus wept at the Garden of Gethsemane. He cried out “Father let this cup pass from me” out of his anguished. Yet Jesus heart was not moved away from God. So Jesus added, “But Thy Will Be Done.” Jesus continued to show his willingness to do the impossible for his loving father.

God was the only one who knew Jesus and Jesus was the only one who knew God. The secret of this love and their relationship seemed to be doomed. Jesus was going to Die...die on a cross, the death of a criminal.

This struggle of Jesus, is the universal pattern set for anyone that wants to go the way of Jesus. So if you feel in some way that I am in a situation that is far from the ideal, we should understand that this is part of the restoration process, we are called in our life of faith to go the way of the cross.

Jesus had to die to his dreams, die to ambitions, die to his hopes— he had to volunteer to drink the bitter cup. Jesus was a man with a strong sense of duty. Duty to God was in part what drove him to give and give without looking back. It was out of a deep sense of duty that Jesus was willing to go to the cross.

Duty got Jesus to the cross and the cross seemed to be the greatest defeat of God and God’s hope for True Love, True Life and True Lineage. Even when Jesus struggled on the cross and shouted out “Father why have you forsaken me” he displayed his frustration, and disappointment but he never turned his back on God at this time of great-

est trail.

Jesus, body smashed, debased and mocked by the world faced a point where he knew his life would soon be over and he could plead to God for his own life. Yet what did Jesus do.

Jesus did something that went beyond duty...Jesus did something that went beyond even death....Jesus pleaded out of love, he begged God, not for his own life but for the sake of the fallen world.

Father forgive them

“Father forgive them for they know not what they do” Father forgive them... give them another chance. Don’t give up on them...please, please.

How deeply Jesus wanted to liberate this fallen world, he loved the world more then anyone did. He loved it and wanted to save it more then the archangel who worked so hard to control and dominate it..

Jesus lived up to his own words, “No greater love should a man have then to lie down his life for the sake of his brother.” Jesus love went beyond his duty to go to the cross. Jesus love went beyond death, Jesus love was God’s love manifested on the earth. Jesus act of total selfless giving manifested itself fully in a concrete moment in human history. This moment changed all history for eternity.

It was through this love that God could bring Jesus back to life. This love was the victory over death. The misery of the crucified Jesus was turned into something beyond the grasp of his imagination for it opened up the incredible victory of love.

After Jesus murder, he did not go to heaven—he instead went to hell and continued to struggle and wrestle in a hell that was filled with his own self-doubts, accusations, resentments and disappointments. After three days he could be raised to “sit on the right hand of the Father.”

Jesus love was beyond the imagination of the archangel, beyond his capacity, it was something completely new in the universe. It was the love of God manifest in Man—in a True Adam.

A new history had begun, Satan had thought he could gain everything through taking the one person that God truly loved most. The plan and strategy to control and destroy the “world” was broken—not simply by duty—but because of Love.

Duty moved Jesus to the cross but LOVE brought him to the throne of God—and it was only love that could melt the barriers of resentment, fear, doubt, self-hatred. Only love had the power over the sting of death.

This is a sharing of my limited understanding of the victory of Jesus life. Duty got Jesus through many difficulties but only Love could bring him home.

Our own lives

Let us look at our own lives. Many of us have spent years and years in a position of the offering, we have tried to make our lives a living sacrifice. As members of the Unification movement we have often been in positions where we gave up careers, delayed marriage and child

bearing, we often worked without pay, recognition or acclaim, even not receiving a vote of thanks from our fellow members.

Many of us have tried to unite with people that were from a foreign culture or had really strange and difficult personalities. Yet you have tried time and time again—mostly out of duty to unite.

Duty got us through many difficult times but rarely will it gain one access into the deeper parts of the heart of God. Like Jesus, each of us had a vision of what our life should be about. Part of that vision included the hope that we would be part of a great victory for God and True Parents. Yet, when we look around, after all that sacrifice, what do we see in our society? Is our community and society really a reflection of God or is it laden with Satan’s influence? Have we been raising the true love families that we dreamt about? Are we each in positions to make a great impact on society? In one sense it looks as if we are failing. It looks as if Satan is laughing at us as individuals, families and a movement. It looks like we are hanging on our own cross.

If we fill yourself will resentment, self-doubt and anger on the cross we will not be able to get the long awaited victory that God has wanted us to gain. In order to separate from Satan’s lineage we must Love as Satan could not. We must go out and embrace the unlovable as Jesus did. We must say, “Father forgive me and forgive them—I will love them as you love them.”

I will practice that love in my home, in my classes, in my dorm, in all parts of my life. Our hearts should ring out: “Oh God even if I die, I will die with thought of loving your children.”

Let us think of 360 million couples as a way to practice this love. Let us love people one by one. Don’t worry about 360 million. Concern ourselves with the way we are loving and caring for others. Only through this can we show we are truly God children, the children of True Parents and can we separate from satanic lineage.

Our united response of love will become the condition to give the world its historic resurrection and in that resurrection we will all find the True Life, True Love and the beginnings of True Lineage that our deepest hearts have eternally longed for. This year is the year to clearly help the world to connect to a new lineage and to do that we are being asked to follow the path of love.

True Parent’s have loved us as their own children. They willingly offered their own son, Heung-Jin Nim. We know that Heung-Jin went to his death as a loving son, a sacrifice for others. He won through his life and offering a victory on a worldwide level. He showed us the spirit of true love that we all need to gain the victory of love.

When Heung-Jin Nim went to the spirit world he was given a new mission based on his “Victory of Love” to lead young people in both the spiritual realm and the physical realm. He is working with the younger generation trying to cleanse them by the power of true love.

Practical love

It is now our turn to follow the examples of our brothers Jesus and Heung-see **CHURCH** on page **18**

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ABSTINENCE AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

by Matthew Jones—Albany, NY

Adapted from his paper Abstinence: Creating a New Family Culture for the 21st Century *submitted to the Hyundai World Student Essay Contest.*

Sexual Abstinence before marriage is crucial for personal maturation. The following character traits are basic in the make up of any individual. The degree to which we can create high levels of these positive traits in ourselves will determine our likelihood of success in marriage. In my view, it is indispensable to practice abstinence in order to develop these character traits.

Developing a high self-esteem is one of the most vital traits for a developing human being. It is important not only for personal development, but also for developing relationships with others. The reason is that, as Brian Tracy says, "it is impossible to like or love anybody else if we do not like ourselves." The importance of developing a high self-esteem before marriage is obvious; it will allow one to love one's spouse more and create a deeper relationship.

Many young people who are sexually experienced, however, suffer a loss of self-esteem, particularly when they contract a sexually transmitted disease. According to the Medical Institute for Sexual Health, more than 80% of people with herpes say they feel "less confident" and "less desirable sexually."

Even if one escapes a sexually transmitted disease, casual sex alone can lower self-esteem. A twenty year old college male who had a one night stand with a girl he met at a party, writes "You feel pretty crummy when you get drunk at a party and have sex with some girl, and then the next morning you can't even remember who she was."

Teenagers who become absorbed in an intense sexual relationship are turning inward at the very time in their lives when they should be reaching out, forming new friendships, joining clubs and teams, developing their interests and skills, and taking on bigger social responsibilities. All of these are important nutrients for a teenager's self-esteem. Along these lines, the psychiatrist Samuel Kaufman writes:

"A girl who enters into a serious relationship with a boy very early in life may find out later that her individuality was thwarted. She became part of him and failed to develop her own interests, her sense of independent identity. Such an occurrence leads to lower self-esteem and can be avoided by abstaining from sex until marriage."

From my early teenage years, I decided that I would save sex until marriage. Looking back on my time as a teenager, I have to say that this time was precious, knowing that it did give me a sense of accomplishment and thus built my self-esteem.

Self-Control

Learning to discipline one's self is vital to personal development. In order to be successful in anything, we need to practice self-control and self-discipline. In fact, discipline is so impor-

tant because we derive self-esteem from it. An example of this is the feeling I receive when I get my homework done instead of watching television. I feel good about myself. This feeling comes from what Tracy calls the "law of control":

"The law of control says that we feel good about ourselves to the exact degree to which we feel we are in control of our own lives... We feel bad about ourselves or out of harmony with ourselves to the degree to which we are controlled by outer circumstances."

Sexual abstinence before marriage is a form of control over our bodies and lives. The human body naturally desires sexual fulfillment.

The discipline is

learning to control or channel that sexual energy into something productive.

Casual sex, on the other hand, breeds lack of discipline. It encourages one to follow bodily instincts, rather than controlling them. The attitude that promotes this lifestyle perhaps comes from what social scientist James Q. Wilson posits as a prevailing characteristic of American life: "American people have embraced an ethos that values self-expression over self-control."

We know the importance of self-control by looking at the effects of a lack of it. As Thomas Lickona writes:

"The breakdown of self-control is a big factor in many of the sex-related problems that plague American society: rape, promiscuity, pornography, addiction to sex, sexual harassment, sexual abuse of children and sexual infidelity in marriage. Knowing the power of sex, it is no wonder that Freud once said sexual self-control is essential for civilization."

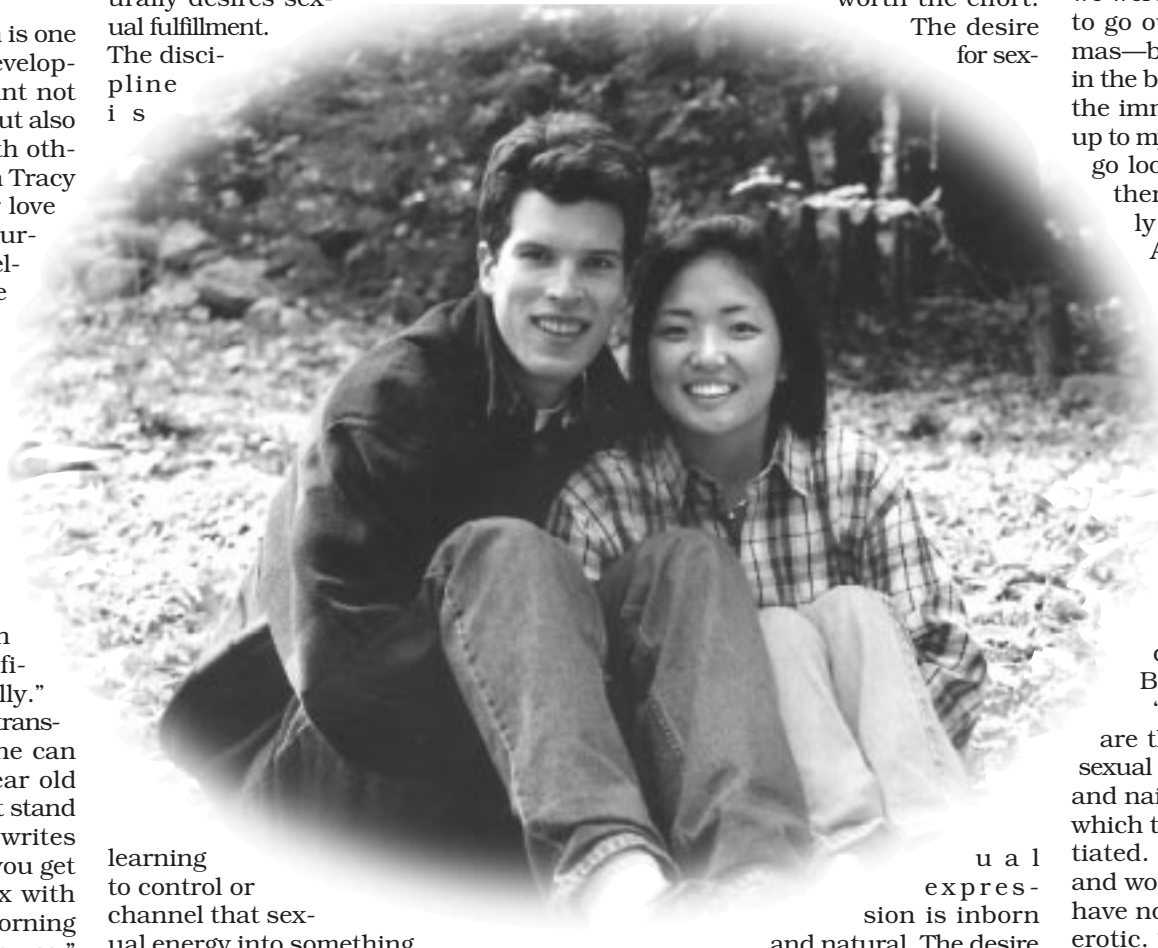
While trying to control one's sexual desire is important, I do not think the sexual desire can be completely controlled (as to simply overcoming it). Rather, the key is to have enough self-control to channel one's sexual energy into other areas. The notion of channeling one's sexual energy is written about by Napoleon Hill in his book Think and Grow Rich. Hill says that

"sexual transmutation", as he calls it, is practiced by all highly successful people whether they are aware of it or not.

"Sex transmutation is...the switching of the mind from thoughts of physical expression, to thoughts of some other nature."

Sexual desire is the most powerful of human desires. When driven by this desire, men develop keenness of imagination, courage, will power, persistence and creative ability unknown to them at other times.

The transmutation of sex energy calls for the exercise of will-power, to be sure, but the reward is worth the effort. The desire for sex-



ual expression is inborn and natural. The desire cannot, and should not be submerged or eliminated. But it should be given an outlet through forms of expression which enrich the body, mind and spirit of man. If not given this form of outlet, through transmutation, it will seek outlets through purely physical channels.

This philosophy is consistent with my experience. Growing up, I believe I channeled my energy and desire into sports.

Goal-Oriented Way of Thinking

Learning to set goals is crucial to personal development. As Tracy explains:

"The human being is built as a goal-seeking mechanism. Unless we have goals we go around in circles and drift with the tide and end up no where. When we set goals, we go straight and true, we develop direction, we develop focused and channeled energy."

Sexual abstinence before marriage, if one has a clear purpose for it, develops a goal-oriented frame of mind. My purpose of abstinence from sex until marriage was ultimately to achieve a lasting and loving marriage with my wife, and together with her create a beautiful family. Having this goal gave me clarity and direction in my teenage years. An abstinent life style has helped me to develop the habit I have now of

being a constant goal-setter and developing the ability to envision my ideal outcome.

Delaying Gratification

One hallmark of good character is the ability to delay gratification, making short term sacrifices for long-term, greater gain. Many teenagers have sex so early because they do not see the value of delaying gratification. This ability is closely related to self-control and having goals, still it is a distinct positive character trait in itself. When one delays gratification, one can appreciate life so much more.

Let me offer a simple example. When we were growing up, my parents used to go out a few weeks before Christmas—buy us toys, and then put them in the basement until Christmas. Being the immature boy I was, I used to go up to my brothers and whisper, "Wanna go look at the presents?" We would then tip-toe downstairs and quietly go through all the presents. Although we had a blast discovering what new presents we would get, when Christmas came, we had nothing to look forward to. The excitement was gone and Christmas was dull. If I could have controlled myself and waited till Christmas day, I would have appreciated the presents so much more.

This phenomenon of delaying gratification, as it is related to premarital sex, is also discussed by educator Allen Bloom:

"The most interesting students are those who have not settled the sexual problem and who are still...fresh and naive, excited by the mysteries to which they have not yet been fully initiated. There are some who are men and women at the age of sixteen, who have nothing more to learn about the erotic. They may become competent specialists, but they are flat-souled...unadorned by imagination and devoid of ideals."

All successful people in some way make sacrifices in the present for greater gain in the long run. Waiting for sex until marriage is one of the ultimate forms of this discipline.

Peace of Mind

Having peace of mind is one of the key ingredients to personal happiness and development. One thing that disrupts one's peace of mind is fear and worry, which often comes about from being sexually active. Every year, one of every ten teenage girls in the United States becomes pregnant and twelve million people are infected with a sexually transmitted disease with 63% being under the age of twenty-five. Knowing these statistics, it is no wonder that one high school girl told a nurse, "I see some of my friends buying home pregnancy tests, and they are so worried and so distracted every month, afraid that they might be pregnant." Another health education coordinator says, "I see kids going to the nurse, crying a day after their first sexual experience, and wanting to be tested for AIDS."

Remaining sexually abstinent before marriage gave me complete freedom

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RYS Project to be Held July in Slovenia

by John Gehring—NYC

The nation of Slovenia, located in Central Europe, bordering Austria and Croatia is hosting a two part international project. The first part (July 7-10) will consist of RYS Education Training and Staff Orientation; the second part(July 11-19) will be a service project and training with the theme: “Building the Community through Youth Service”. This project will host approximately 30-40 young people from all backgrounds and cultural traditions. The RYS format of education, service,

reflection, cultural visits, and outdoor activities will fill the program. Most participants will be coming from all throughout Europe but participants from other regions of the world are welcome. The project will be hosted by the International Relief Friendship Foundation (IRFF), the Women’s Federation for World Peace(WFWP) and the International Religious Foundation (IRF) Project details are still being worked out but as of this time participants will meet for orientation in the capital of Ljubljana and will then travel to the southern part of the nation

where they will have the service activities. Projects that are under consideration include; various environmental projects, work that will improve local sanitary conditions, restoring an ancient Roman wall, and creating a park for disadvantaged children. Young adults from 18-30 from all religious and cultural backgrounds are asked to apply. Participants need to make their own way to the project (Ljubljana) and a fee of \$ 150 is expected to help in part cover food, board, local transportation and programs. For applications and/or further information please contact:

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LETTER

Titanic

Dear Editor,
I just read Dr. Hendricks' recent article in the Unification News (Jan. 98) about the movie Titanic. I found it interesting. I'm enclosing a review of the movie which was printed in The Washington Times that I thought you would like to read, if you haven't already.
Personally, I haven't seen the movie yet. I rarely watch movies, but, of course, most of my kids have already seen it and are gushing about it just like their friends' mothers who took them. I almost considered going to see it but now after reading yours and this other commentary, I probably won't waste my time.
Anyway, I wanted to say that I enjoy reading your insights and opinions in the Unification News. I wish the rest of the paper could connect us a little more to real life, as well, but...that's a whole other matter, isn't it?
The one thing I felt I should comment on regarding your interpretation of The Titanic, though, was your reference to the story of Romeo & Juliet. I am not a scholar and I only read that play in high school and then later saw the movie. However, I do clearly recol-

lect that Romeo and Juliet were quite intentionally married before they had a relationship. You mentioned that they “abandoned parents, tradition and morality.” I don't see it that way at all. They were quite moral and the reason that their union would be opposed was because of the resentment and false pride which existed between their families. I know that in our church when couples marry cross-culturally or cross-racially, there is often opposition from their families, and yet in this instance there is a need to transcend the current “tradition” for a more universal one.
In Romeo & Juliet, as a result of their deaths, the parents were repentant and humbled. They vowed never to let hostilities cause such a tragedy again.
Your article brought up some good points but you lost me when you compared Jack and Rose to Romeo & Juliet. In fact, that was probably the original intention of the producers but they lacked a higher purpose and so, have led the gushing public down the road of sexual justification once again.
ITPN, Cathi Close, Arlington, VA ❖

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from these worries. Sexually abstinent people can enjoy relatively much higher levels of peace of mind because they do not have to worry about pregnancy or STD's.
Being Loved
The single most important factor in my personal growth was receiving love from my parents. Children need love like roses need rain. Without love, children do not grow as human beings. Who wants to give that love and support more than a parent? It is a sad reality of today that so many relationships between parents and children are distant, especially in the teenage years.
One reason this distance develops is that children begin to develop different values from their parents. For example, a child knows that his parents would not approve of his smoking, experimenting with drugs, or having sex before marriage. Therefore, if a child does any of these, he naturally would want to distance himself from fear of punishment or disapproval.
In my case, the first impetus to practice abstinence before marriage came from my parents. Through their love and encouragement, I adopted this value as my own. I knew my parents were proud of me for that. Further, I did not feel I had any-

thing to be ashamed of in front of them. As a result, I became very close to my parents.
Although parents may be too afraid to say it (perhaps because they were sexually active before marriage), it is likely that many fully support sexual abstinence before marriage, particularly in this age of AIDS and other STD's. If young people live by this ethic, I believe their relationship with their parents can only be enhanced. This will allow them more fully to receive the love they need to grow.
In sum, sexual abstinence helps to promote desirable character traits in the individual. By developing self-esteem, self-control, peace of mind, a goal-oriented way of thinking, the ability to delay gratification and by building good relationships with our parents, we are on the road to becoming fully developed human beings. The more our personalities and characters are developed before marriage, the higher chance we have of succeeding in marriage. ❖

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Jin Nim. We can say the same for Daimo-Nim. This is a time to go beyond duty and gain the victory of love.
This is a natural place to conclude this sermon but my missions include directing the Religious Youth Service or RYS. You may have heard about the

upcoming projects in Guatemala and Slovenia.
The RYS helps participants learn how to practice love through selfless service to others. Love is a relationship. To have a relationship their needs to be trust. The RYS helps young people of all faiths and cultures to come together to build trust. Through that trust unity can grow. Through that

unity the seeds of True Love and lasting peace are planted.
Each of us tries to unite with what God is asking from us and we try to help others to carry out what the providential mandate of the specific time requires. True Parents have explained that God is asking that Roman Catholics and Protestants to unite in cooperation in the America's. RYS is trying to respond to this need to bring Christianity in the America's together by sponsoring projects in the America's that promote religious and cultural cooperation and friendship.
The 4th America's Friendship project is being held in Guatemala on May 14-23 is being co-sponsored by the WFWP. This service project will include working on a number of schools that serve poor rural communities in Guatemala. The RYS is designed to pull together young people of faith and pro-

vide a substantial model of a community living in cooperation for the sake of the larger community. It is a powerful testimony of the power of religious cooperation.
In a substantial way the RYS is the Principle in action. It is a great teacher and trainer. RYS is great for training youth spiritual for it provides a way to learn how to serve. Service can help build character. As Rev. Martin Luther King said, “We all can be great because we all can serve.” As you know, the key to the kingdom of God is given to those who give loving service unconditionally.
Many eternal friendships have formed as a result of these RYS projects that the True Parents created. We have had projects in nearly thirty nations involving people from ninety nations. We hope you or your children can join the RYS in the near future and have an experience of their lifetime. ❖

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Forbidden Love

by Peter Hayling—Birmingham, UK

Galya—the very sound of her name filled him with a turmoil of emotions. He was a schoolboy again, allowing himself to be tortured by her face and her young, vivacious innocence. Feeling guilt-ridden and impure, he remembered the trail the students were making through the woods above the seminary. St. John’s Ecumenical Seminary nestled in the New York’s Hudson valley near Poughkeepsie. The warm family atmosphere here attracted students of both sexes from all over the world. There was much freedom, but three rules were strictly enforced: no smoking, no alcohol or drugs, and no dating. Paul Heighway had come over from England last autumn, and now it was a crisp, clear winter’s day. Paul felt drawn to the motherly comfort of the lonely land.

The singing winter air hit him as he left the sandstone walls, his breath clouding behind him. He made his way across the crannied mud of the soccer pitch, now thankfully set solid, and crunched down to the frozen pond on light, powdered snow. In this pure air he felt as if he were leaving a trail of pollution behind him.

Paul was 38, lean, athletic, darkly handsome, with the slight stoop inherited from his father. As he walked, he wrestled with the forbidden love which had tempted and tormented him these past few months. Years ago he thought he had put such “romantic” hormone-led attractions behind him. He had finally walked away from an empty marriage, into which he had been swept before he knew who he was or where he was going. He had found faith, a direction for his life, and had been working hard to cleanse himself of the eternal consequences of lost innocence.

He crunched on, skirting around the pond towards the moss-covered rocks which led up to the woods. Brazen birds busily foraged amongst the rocks. Brittle twigs snapped as he made his way up.

Those years of marriage had left their scars, but he thought he understood now; such passionate, overpowering love was forbidden fruit, until he learned another kind of love. This love had passed him by in the angst-ridden trials of adolescence—the benevolent friendship, even brother-sister love, between a man and a woman. The parental love of God had, after all, touched him and opened his eyes to this new and “right” way to look at women, freed from all the anxieties of the mating game. He had faith that, when the time was right, God would bless him with the joy of marriage. Meanwhile, he had a lot of growing up to do in a spiritual sense.

Then along came Galya with her achingly lovely, vulnerable face, her tumbling dark brown hair and her cute Bulgarian accent. In his loneliness he was flattered that this beautiful girl seemed to really enjoy his company.

He saw her sitting in the canteen with fellow

students, that first day. The old patterns learned as a schoolboy came back to reassert themselves. At that time, in his shyness, he would “fall in love” with a girl who appealed to him, and adore her image from a distance, never daring to get to know the real girl.

Paul kept stealing glances at her, feeling the butterflies in his stomach when he thought she noticed. Her hair was tied back in a pony-tail, exposing her high cheeks and delicate ears. As she chattered, her dark, vulnerable eyes darted about. Her boyish figure was hidden under a baggy jumper, and her jeans suggested slim, long legs. She was about 22, he guessed.

The next day, in New Testament Studies, she came and sat next to him. They introduced themselves, and now he had a name to savor: Galya Petrova Ivanova, from Bulgaria.

“You’re English,” she stated with a girlish wriggle. “Perhaps you can help me with my accent and grammar. I learned my English in American school and being here will only make it worse.”

Paul’s heart was thumping, despite the efforts of his conscience to make him see her as a kid sister.

“I’d be glad to help,” Paul managed, not really believing it would happen. “And maybe you can teach me some Bulgarian.”

He reviewed, with a mixture of guilt and pleasure, the memories of those first conversations when they had grown to enjoy each other’s company. One late September afternoon he had been sitting alone in the canteen, reading, over a precious cup of real tea. His mother, with her usual generous foresight, had sent him a large box of his favorite brew.

“Hi, Paul. What are you reading?” Galya asked, cheerily.

“*The Art of Loving* by Erich Fromm. I’m reviewing it for the Theories of Personality class,” he explained. “Sit down, Galya. May I get you a drink?” he asked, hiding his shy nervousness. Being sociable did not come naturally to Paul, but amid the backslapping camaraderie of the Americans, his English reserve was already cracking.

He went over to make the strong black coffee she had asked for. Then the conversation flowed freely as they sat.

“I’ve always wanted to meet an English gentleman,” she teased.

Paul confessed his ignorance of Bulgaria, and she began to explain about the recent changes there, and about her life. Their voices echoed in the large canteen, where a few other students sat in

groups, studying or chatting.

“My dad works in the Ministry of Information,” she continued. “He’s an old-fashioned Communist Party member, not happy about the moves towards democracy. At one time he was posted to Iraq, and that’s where I learned my English, at the American school there. My mom always spoke out against Communism, even in public. She didn’t care what anybody thought. You can imagine my dad was really upset when I met the missionaries in Sofia.” Her eyes started to blink back the tears as she recalled her father’s efforts to prevent her attending the church’s meetings.

“You can’t imagine how thirsty the young people are for spiritual understanding—any kind. Some go for astrology, or the Bahais, Hare Krishnas, Jehovah’s Witnesses, evangelicals. It’s a real free market now.”

The sounds of the pots and pans clattering in the kitchen punctuated her words.

“I began to work with the missionaries full-time, helping with translation, doing the office work, acting as an interpreter.”

Paul was fascinated, not just by what she said, but by the unspoiled innocence with which she spoke.

“When I got the chance to come to the seminary, I—what’s the expression?—jumped at the chance. I want to do missionary work of some kind, maybe back home.”

Paul’s knowledge of Bulgaria was restricted to the impressions gained from spy stories and newspaper articles. As she talked, he learned of a country which, beyond the drab inefficiencies and restrictions of the Communist legacy, held many treasures. She described with passion the monasteries, the folk music and dance, the Roman amphitheater at Plovdiv, and the old capital of Veliko Turnova, built into the side of a hill. She was obviously in love with her country, and he loved her with a strange mixture of protectiveness and desire which frightened him.

Other times together flashed across Paul’s mind as he climbed, breathing hard in the cold air. One evening they were sitting in the recreation room drinking cola, to the sounds of a boisterous table tennis game.

“How about teaching me some Bulgarian?” Paul had asked.

She began with the Cyrillic alphabet and a few simple words and expressions. Paul drew closer as she wrote in his exercise book. Her hair, rather wild and down to her shoulders, brushed his face as he leaned over, making his heart leap. Part of him longed to “accidentally” brush her long slim hand with his.

After a while, they began sharing about their lives again. She dug out some old photographs from her bag.

“I don’t know whether I should show you this one,” she said, screwing up her face.

“That’s you?” Paul laughed. “What hap-

pened?” He was looking at a shot of a young girl in a swimming costume, broad-shouldered, full-faced, with well-developed limbs.

“Yes, I used to be in the State swimming team. I had many privileges, including travel to other countries, which was otherwise impossible. We trained hard and were fed well. When the changes came in 1989, there was no money to continue the team. I soon lost weight when the training stopped.”

He recalled games of volleyball which they both enjoyed, and how surprised he was by her athleticism and determination. One dinner time, as they ate, she was talking about the culture of her country and mentioned that she had written some poetry. Paul insisted that she show it to him. Later that evening, he was studying in the library when she came in for a book.

“I haven’t forgotten about that poetry,” Paul whispered.

“Yes, I’ve got one of the poems in my bag,” she replied shyly.

“Good. I feel like a break. Do you fancy a coffee?”

So they tramped off to the canteen and sat down over their drinks.

“I haven’t shown it to anyone before,” she said, nervously doodling with her spoon.

Paul could just about read the words now and get some sense of the sound and rhythm of the lines. She tried to translate for him.

“It’s very difficult. Some expressions just don’t translate into English.

“Why don’t you just write a literal translation for me,” Paul suggested. “I could have a go at making it into poetry in English.”

His translation came back to him now, as he scrambled through the trees.

*In the beauty of nature,
In the blue sky,
In the joyful trembling of stars,
We feel the warmth of one heart.
How can we return to that lonely heart,
Whose warmth our souls fail to touch?
How can we sense the longing
Of those distant stars,
Whose light we see,
But whose shining our minds fail to grasp?*

*Give me your hand, reluctant man,
And take off the curtains from your eyes.
Go forward and be closer to the joyful light;
Let your heart be filled with light.
Rejoice in the warmth of the rays;
The song from your heart will be heard
In the eternal morning.*

Paul treasured the intimate glimpse into Galya’s heart, into the mystical awakening of her faith. But his battle was to distinguish this from another intimacy, awakened prematurely, now clouding his love for her.

The sound of a chain-saw and crashing timber brought him abruptly into the present. Down below he saw Bob Stringer working on the trail.

“Hi! Wanna help?” he shouted up at Paul. Paul followed, child-like, taking in the awe-inspiring winter beauty, his agonizing for the moment forgotten. They harnessed themselves to the fallen

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THE FOUR GREAT REALMS OF HEART:

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The life of the family is, beyond doubt, the thing which suffers most from the great poverty of our times, whether in material or in spiritual things, and from the countless errors which are its miserable consequence.” (Summi Pontificatus, 52). Thus Pius XII in the 1950s highlighted the need for taking care of the material as well as the spiritual needs of the family, both of which are seriously neglected today. Without an infusion of absolute values and a proper economic structure that takes into consideration the need to empower and protect the family unit against the unwarranted intrusion of outside forces, many of which are inimical to traditional family life, the family as the basic unit of society faces utter dissolution.

Therefore the importance of our gathering here to promulgate the formulation of a new paradigm that will allow individuals and families, as we move towards the 21st century, to address in a fundamental way the causes of poverty, the absence of real economic participation, and spiritual stagnation on the part of the majority, not only in a America, but around the world.

As the basis of my presentation, I refer to the “Universal Declaration on the Sovereignty of the Person Under God” that is being presented for your consideration and signatures. I have been asked to contribute to the draft of the document’s section on the family and its importance in the context of universal values upon which the declaration is based. I’d like to quote from the proposed declaration and share with you some thoughts regarding this important subject.

Let me also say for the record that the ideas introduced here on the family have been taken from the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, a global organization working actively in 185 countries and territories, and whose role is to uplift and restore the family to its original ideal. We recognize, however, that parallel with this, a movement for economic empowerment must be advanced to harness the goodwill of the families and to create a better world of justice for all.

The family, as the cornerstone of society, should be the school of true love. In this basic institution, created by God, individuals should be able to learn about and develop the ‘Four Great Realms of Heart’. The Four Great Realms of Heart expresses a new understanding of the totality of God’s love and therefore human potential to reflect this love as the image and likeness of God.

Man is the *imago dei*, made in the image of God. Our responsibility in life, in fact, is to perfect the image of God in us, to perfect our “response-ability,” our ability to respond to God, especially to the love of God through a loving process that enables our bodies to align themselves totally with the purpose and intent of our original mind. God is the almighty creator, we are created beings. The difference is vast. Yet we are the image of God and are meant to become one with God (God said, “let’s make man in our image and our likeness.”) “Be ye perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect.” The only way this can happen is through true

love. To become one with God, to become perfect as God is perfect we must not just be loved by God, but learn to love as God loves. We must experience the love of God in all its intended forms. Where can this be done? In the family, which is the original institution established by our creator.

The development of the Four Great Realms of Heart enables individuals—male and female—to become mature in heart, mature in their capacity to give and receive love, mature in the resemblance of invisible God in creating and giving as true sons and daughters—wholesome and complete. As a child, being loved unconditionally by the parents, as brothers and sisters loving each other and living for each other, through the union of man and woman in conjugal love and through the procreation and raising of children. These different forms of intended love are the Four Great Realms of Heart.

True Children’s Realm of Heart

True Child’s Love: Beyond the natural love of children for their parents, every child should be taught filial piety and reverence for each of his or her parents and God, the source of all true love. Within true child’s love, the child’s conduct is guided, not by fear, coercion or the desire for personal reward, but by the deep love and empathy the child feels toward each parent and toward God and to avoid the unbearable pain of knowing that he has hurt or betrayed his parent’s love.

We relate to God as children relate to their parents and grandparents. The first experience of God’s invisible love for the individual is through his parents’ unconditional love. This is also our first experience with authority, discipline, laws, and regulations. Through unconditional parental love, and countless giving by the parents, the child is prepared to deal with restrictions imposed upon him or her by the parents. Because of love the child yields to parental authority.

All religions exalt filial piety. (Ten Commandments: Honor your father and mother) Individuals function in society through a process—brake and acceleration tendencies in their behavior, and a series of do’s and don’ts. In order for the child to shape his character and accept norms from parents on what to do and not to do—true love, true giving—an unconditional care has to be present otherwise this balance is broken. Lack of parental loves damages a child’s heart.

Parents who have not developed good character cannot give true love to their children. Their children’s personalities become crippled, unable to relate evenly with all types of people. When children’s love is lost later in life they distrust and disobey their elders and all forms of social authority, including teachers, law enforcement officials, etc. Children with damaged hearts often become dysfunctional and live a life of violence and disorder:

In the 1990s, more than one-third of all murders were committed by someone under the age of 21. Since 1960, the juvenile crime rate is up 600%. 135,000 teenagers bring a gun to school daily. Many schools are scenes of senseless violence, one child beats another who accidentally bumps him in the hallway. Such random violence scars children for a lifetime. They also turn to sexual promiscuity, as they seek to fill the void in their

hearts from lack of true parental love. The child’s conscience is shaped through relationship with parents, the heart of filial piety.

Father’s Love: Prov. 3:11-12, 4:3-4. “...as a man disciplines his son, so the Lord your God disciplines you.” Deut. 8-5

Mother’s Love: Hasidic saying: God could not be everywhere at once, so He gave each child a mother.” Isa. 66:13, “As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you.”

“If the proper bonding and subsequent attachment does not occur—usually between the child and the mother—the child will develop mistrust and a deep-seated rage. He becomes a child without a conscience.” Dr. Ken Magid and Carole A. McKelvey, *High Risk: Children without a Conscience* (New York: Bantam, 1987), p.3

We receive life and unconditional love from parents which are the image of invisible parents, God. Therefore, we have a debt of life and unconditional love to parents and God.

The child should be taught to create a virtuous circle of receiving love and then giving back love. In this virtuous circle, joy is created. As children grow to adulthood they understand their parents’ and grandparents’ deepest ideals and longings.

Children of filial piety fulfill their parents’ dreams to be and to develop as good as they can be. Children should pay the debt of life and love to God and their parents through learning to live through serving others.

One of the greatest forms of filial piety is sexual purity on the part of the child. All parents dream that children will find true joy in marriage and family. Sexual purity is the best foundation for true brother and sister love.

Filial maturity brings spiritual authority. The goal and purpose of children’s realm of heart is to learn the way of true love, through practicing filial piety. Children learn to go beyond themselves and become aware of and sensitive to others. Thus children develop the capacity to give of themselves and be responsible for others and grow to become true patriots for the nation, saints for the world and eventually true sons and daughters of God which is our highest possible value and position.

True Brother / Sister Realm of Heart

True Sibling Love: All children should share their love with their brothers and sisters and other family members, and, by extension, with all members of the community. To express this love, every child should be taught to live for others. In the family, as we grow from infancy, we are challenged to master a different level of love from the passive love of the newborn infant to the greater sharing between brothers and sisters, the individual becomes aware that not only does he or she have parents, but also has brothers and sisters or other relatives in the horizontal plane.

With the help of the parents the relationships between siblings do not need to develop in the Cain-Abel type of relationship. But rather, the understanding comes that all siblings are equally loved by their parents and because of my par-

ents’ love I have to give myself to my brother and sister. For this to take place, the role of the mother is essential as a peacemaker, unifier and harmonizer of the natural tendencies of competition and rivalries between the siblings. Any negative feelings between the siblings can be resolved in the realm of the love of God under parents. Children should learn to relate to individuals of every sort of personality, becoming big-hearted, generous and caring, learn not to be insecure or grasping in love within the extended family of brothers and sisters, cousins, uncles and aunts and beyond that to neighbors, communities, cities, nation, and the world. These qualities of love cultivated through many mutual relationships make for harmonious individuals and later successful marriages.

Sexual purity is a precondition to mature true sibling love. Children should be allowed to be children and to relate to each other in brotherly and sisterly love devoid of erotic content or spirit. Brotherly and sisterly love should never be confused with the sexual love that should develop at a later stage in preparation for marriage. The tragedy today is that children are misguided through peer pressure either by personal relations or by cultural influence of TV, music, movies, etc. to experience adult situations which damage the children’s realms of heart. The tragedy of pre-teens and teenagers to not only lose their sexual purity but prematurely become parents themselves creates an epidemic of children having children with all the consequences of pain, dislocation and broken lives.

In preparation for marriage children should learn to respect and have reverence for their sexual organs and sexual energy as the most supreme and sacred since its through this part of the body and energy that life, love, lineage and conscience are multiplied. No other organ of the body—heart, lung, eyes, stomach—and no other energy has this important function. The girl and the boy should be taught early not to fear or feel dirty about their sexuality, but rather to have a profound respect for it since it is through the capacity of multiplication and continuity of life, love, lineage, and conscience that we truly inherit the attributes of God who is the origin of life, love, lineage, and conscience. Therefore these tools and this energy should be handled after proper training, education, and maturity. The individuals who spread their sexual love cheaply are also spending or wasting the potentiality of true conjugal and parental love.

True conjugal and parental love has two elements: physical and spiritual. Both can be crippled by the experience of cheap, false sexual love. The child should be taught in preparation for true marriage, that within him or her, there is a prototype of a true family. They should be challenged to dream, dream big to see themselves as a happy person, loved and being loved by a partner, children and grandchildren for eternity, since their encounter of the first love always has the ideal element of eternity.

True brother and sister love should eventually mature into a perfect empathy for the extended family from every race and nationality. This love should allow the individual to develop true solidarity with all humanity and the creation, to feel the pain and anguish of those in need of shelter, food, clothing, or health, to fight for justice and freedom for the weak and the voiceless, to restore the



The Family As The School Of True Love

beauty and health of the natural environment, and to truly see and feel everyone as one human family under the invisible Fatherhood and Motherhood of God.

True Husband—Wife Realm of Heart

True Conjugal Love: Every child should be taught the responsibilities of true marriage, where both spouses subordinate themselves voluntarily to the sovereignty and dignity of the other, and both give total loyalty and commitment to the well-being, development and happiness of the other. Conjugal life between husband and wife is meant to follow on the maturity of the children's and sibling's realms of heart. Sexual fulfillment is an essential dimension of happiness. Its proper expression occurs in the conjugal love between husband and wife. God created human beings in two kinds and ordained that they become one in sexual love. Genesis suggests that the image of God is not totally to be found in individuals, but in man and women together (God said: "Let us make man in our image and after our likeness....male and female He created them.") Jesus said, "Have you not heard that he who made them from the beginning made them male and female and said, 'for this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and become one in flesh?'" So they are no longer two but one flesh. What God has brought together let no one put asunder." Matthew 19:6. Sexual love is not just for procreation, the Bible counsels husband and wife to enjoy each other. "Rejoice in the wife of your youth, a lovely hind, a graceful doe. Let her affection fill you at all times with delight, be infatuated always in her love." Proverbs 5:18.

All mating behavior in the animal kingdom is for reproduction only but human beings were created to enjoy conjugal love throughout their adult lives. This is because human conjugal love sustains a relationship, both physical and spiritual, soul to soul, as well as body to body. God has given humanity this special privilege as the lord of all creation that we have the blessing of love's unlimited joy. Although sexuality begins with infancy it remains latent through childhood developing deep within in preparation for love's expression; each boy and girl should cultivate his or her love through the child's and fraternal realm of heart. Each develops his or her conscience, the higher manifestation of God within.

Conjugal love is also meant to occur after cultivating and maturing true fraternal love. For couples who have not experienced true fraternal love, marriage has a way of exposing every flaw in each partner's character leading to quarrels and strife. If our love is immature and impartial, sooner or later we will discuss incompatibilities with our partner. Couples will then be tested and may want to divorce and look for that ideal mate with whom they will be completely happy. This is an illusory dream leading couples nowhere.

Couples should better utilize the challenges of marriage to work on themselves and smooth those sharp edges. When rough rocks are put in a tumbler and ground together eventually they become smooth and lustrous stones. Marriage is a tumbler where we can work to perfect ourselves by surrendering to the sovereignty of each other. The psychologist M. Scott Peck appreciates this aspect of marriage as a arena for spiritual growth, "Marriage is generally the best vehicle for whitening away at our narcissism The ten-

tacles for narcissism are subtle and penetrating and must be hacked at one by one, week after week, month after month, year after year."

Ownership of the Sexual Organs.

St. Paul says, "The husband should give to his wife his conjugal rights, and likewise the wife to her husband. For the wife does not rule over her own body, but the husband does; likewise the husband does not rule over his own body, but the wife does. Do not refuse one another except perhaps by agreement for a season, that you may devote yourselves to prayer; but then come together again, lest Satan tempt you through lack of self control." 1 Cor. 7:3-5

True conjugal love creates such a unity that the partners belong to each other. The husband is the owner of the wife's sexual organ and the wife is the owner of the husband's sexual organ. Each no longer owns this part since they have surrendered to each other. As was mentioned earlier, the most important organ of the human body—male/female—is the sexual parts and the most important and sacred energy that humans can exchange is the sexual energy due to the fact that through this we can give and multiply life, love, lineage and conscience. If husband and wife have been educated as children to have this kind of respect for their sexuality, then the idea of being unfaithful would be unthinkable. Also, since every embryo in the mother's womb is the carrier and continuity of life, love, lineage, and conscience, the idea of abortion would also be unthinkable.

The highest experience of God's divine love, happens through husband and wife. Just as the bodies of men and women are constructed differently, hard and soft, convex and concave, wide shoulders and wide hips, the marriage relationship requires different roles. The husband gives his seed to his wife; she receives it and allows it to fertilize her womb. The husband is like heaven; the wife is like the earth. Heaven sends rain and scatters its seed on the earth; the seeds sprout and grow within her rich soil. It is the nature of a man to be forthright and initiate love. It is the nature of a woman to be modest and wait for love, to be filled with love which she stores to later give to her children.

The complementary roles of husband and wife in a relationship make for a strong and delightful attraction. In their love, they honor each other's distinctive roles and contribute their different abilities to the welfare of the whole. Moreover, as they become one in love, they revolve about each other in circular motion, moving in and out of each other's roles. In true love, therefore, husband and wife are equal.

Contemporary feminists have advocated absolute equality based on rights not on love. The focus on rights and the neglect of love has a done a disservice to family life. It is paradoxical but true that spurning the natural differences between men and women, feminism has impoverished and weakened the family. Families centered on true love start by honoring the natural diversity of roles out of which loves grows and end by achieving true equality.

Divine conjugal love has two elements

of male and female love that comes from the origin, the cosmic mind that exists as the essence and source of male and female love; therefore husband and wife should bring God into their union in sexual love making a conscientious effort to be a vehicle for God's love, male and female, to attend and bless each other.

Each man represents cosmic masculinity and as such, masculine divine love. Every woman represents cosmic femininity and as such is the vehicle for divine female love. When their relationship brings God to the center, each partner fills the other to the fullest extent.

This experience of true conjugal marriage manifested by God's expression in the love relationship will help them deal with the roughness of character and differences of personality, taste, views, etc., which are sources of conflict, and later, divorce. Love should increase and transform the couple as they grow older in grace to become parents, grandparents, and even great grandparents in love, and after, to continue their eternal union in the realm of the spirit.

True Father and Mother's Realm of Heart

True Parental Love: Just as God offers absolute love to each human as a child of God, every parent should provide unconditional love to each child and raise each one to become a responsible and loving citizen, with a true parental heart beyond the family toward all others

and all of creation. The first three stages of the realm of heart allow us to share and experience the heart and love of God, and prepare us for the most significant of the four which is the true father and mother realm of heart. How can we become one with God, share the heart of God, unless in some way we have shared God's experience? But how can we, as creatures, ever share the experience of God as creator, of creating new life out of His love and relating to that new life with unconditional love, a love that does not count the cost?

The answer is that in marriage we can share what it is like to create new life out of love. And as parents we have the opportunity to love our children unconditionally, as God loves us. This more than anything is why marriage and the family is not just a social institution, culturally conditioned, but is the school of love in which we can meet God to a depth not possible in any other way. In resembling God, men and women share His creative nature. They can bear children, just as God created human beings to resemble himself the parents can produce another entity—their child—who can fully resemble themselves. Just as God pours His love into the married couple, they pour their love into the child. When God sees the smile of an exhausted new mother on her hospital bed cradling her new born baby, He recalls His own difficult labor at bringing the creation into birth. There is incredible joy and peace in that moment of communion between the two, the creator and the co-creator, the parents. Here is the starting point of parental love.

In the parental realm of heart, parents share God's creative nature as they invest their love to raise and educate their children. Parental love should be as true and faithful as God's love. In raising their chil-

dren, parents must be sacrificial, generous, patient and forgiving. In creating the world and conducting his saving work, God gives and gives and forgets what He has given. The parental heart bequeathed to children and grandchildren sees all people, regardless of their nationality, religion, or socio-economic status, as God's sons and daughters. The voice of the weak and the poor is heard, as well as the oppressed, the handicapped, the elderly, and the enfeebled.

Individuals with a mature parental heart experience a deep love and respect towards the creation and the environment. They develop a protective and loving attitude that recognizes our planet's natural resources and the sanctity of this larger home, we call earth and the surrounding cosmos. They will care and leave behind a legacy of a much gentler, caring world for future generations.

Parents want their children to grow up to be successful in life. (Prov. 23:24) Should their child surpass them, they are not jealous. Even Jesus looked to the time when his followers would surpass him, saying, "he who believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, for I go to the Father."

Parents also share the pain of God as they discipline their children and strive to bring a wayward child back to the right path. God has suffered over the millennia trying to reach out to His people who stubbornly turned their backs to the truth and sank ever more deeply into the mire of fallen life. When a father disciplines a delinquent he feels his child's pain, but his heart aches even more over the fact his offspring's wounds will continue should they remain on the path to ruin. How much more painful it is for the parent when their grown child no longer takes discipline or instruction. What then can do to bring a prodigal son or daughter to their senses? Until they decide to change of their own free will their parents can only endure in silence, just like God has endured for thousands of years.

Our Hope

In these diverse ways, the parental realm of heart affords us opportunity to fully embody the love of God. Parents share God's nature. They embody God. When their child sees them, he sees God. This is the perfection of the Four Great Realms of heart when human beings and God become inseparably one. By cultivating the parental realm of heart we complete the purpose for which God created which is the purpose of our life. We call such complete human beings true parents.

Upon becoming true parents, people then initiate a new cycle of the Four Great Realms of heart in their families. Their parental love for their child induces in him a loving response which flowers as children's love. As they bear more children, their love for each child unites them in bonds of fraternal love. Furthermore, by inculcating the ethic of sexual purity in their children they are preparing them for the day when they can stand before the altar as brides and bridegrooms and enter the realm of conjugal love. Through their constant love and guidance, the parents help the next generation to fulfill the Four Great Realms of Heart and grow into the new generation of true parents. Generation after generation, the parents use their authority and wisdom to bring their family to its fruition.

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**KIM KORMAN
BROWN**

I Dreamed I was Flying in My Maidenform Bra

Who can forget an ad like this one: I have a misty childhood memory of a Life magazine on my parents' coffee table. In the back page is an airbrushed ad of a goofy lady, ala Peter Pan, flying in her underwear. She is murmuring with ecstasy, "I dreamed I was flying in my Maidenform Bra". As a Brownie and a Catechism class attendee, I thought to myself, "How gross!" The underworld of underwear was strange and yucky. Last night our family went to the mall for a bit of shopping. Somewhere between the 1898 German Carousel Replica in the entrance and the chocolate chip cookie kiosk, we passed a Victoria's Secret store. There was a ten foot high poster of a woman wearing

underwear and sunglasses in the window. My four year old boy, Ranin saw it and said in disbelief, "I saw a picture of a lady in her underwear! Yuck!" "Yeah, yucky," I said. "Yeah, yucky," the others agreed. What is this society that shamelessly posts photographs of women wearing their skivvies in public places? But then I thought about it. What is our perspective? What about National Geographic and the Discovery Channel? Think of all the times you've seen documentaries on TV about Papua New Guinea or the Amazon. What about the movie, "The Gods Must Be Crazy!"? Those places are full of topless women. Maybe they're being exploited. Why hasn't anyone spoken up for them? I think the sisters of the world could

unite over this. We could appeal to Sting or Paul McCartney to do some benefit concerts for a cause we could call Bras for Africa. Or perhaps Bras for the Third World? Think of all those women who have never even seen a bra, never mind dreamt of flying in one. At this point, I have to say that, not like Dave Barry, I am making this up. It was just an amusing thought I had that made me laugh harder and harder the more I thought about it. I imagined fundraising tables set up in front of Departments of Motor Vehicles and Post Offices. Tables and big posters with mounted photographs showing saggy examples from around the world. Maybe spokespersons like Dolly Parton or Jane Russell could appeal to the public for support (no pun intended.) It could start a new kind of solidarity

among women! Let's march together for the right to wear itchy elastic and wire torture chambers! The really funny part of this whole thing is that it is the one article of clothing that most women can't wait to get away from when they go home. Nothing makes a statement quite like snaking the thing out of one sleeve and hanging it from a nearby lamp, or even from the ear of one's husband. Maybe the bra burning protesters of the 1960's had the right idea after all. I Dreamed I was Burning My Maidenform Bra. I'm going to have to call Dolly and tell her to cancel her appearance at the DMV next week. Kim can be found at web site: "http://futurerealm.com" and has email address: kimbrown@futurerealm.com. ❖

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The Stranger

A few months before I was born, my dad met a stranger who was new to our small Tennessee town. From the beginning, Dad was fascinated with this enchanting newcomer and soon invited him to live with our family. The stranger was quickly accepted and was around to welcome me into the world a few months later. As I grew up I never questioned his place in our family. In my young mind,

each member had a special niche. My brother, Bill, five years my senior, was my example. Fran, my younger sister, gave me an opportunity to play big brother and develop the art of teasing. My parents were complementary instructors—Moms taught me to love the word of God, and Dad taught me to obey it. But the stranger was our storyteller. He could weave the most fascinating tales. Adventures, mysteries and comedies were daily conversations. He could

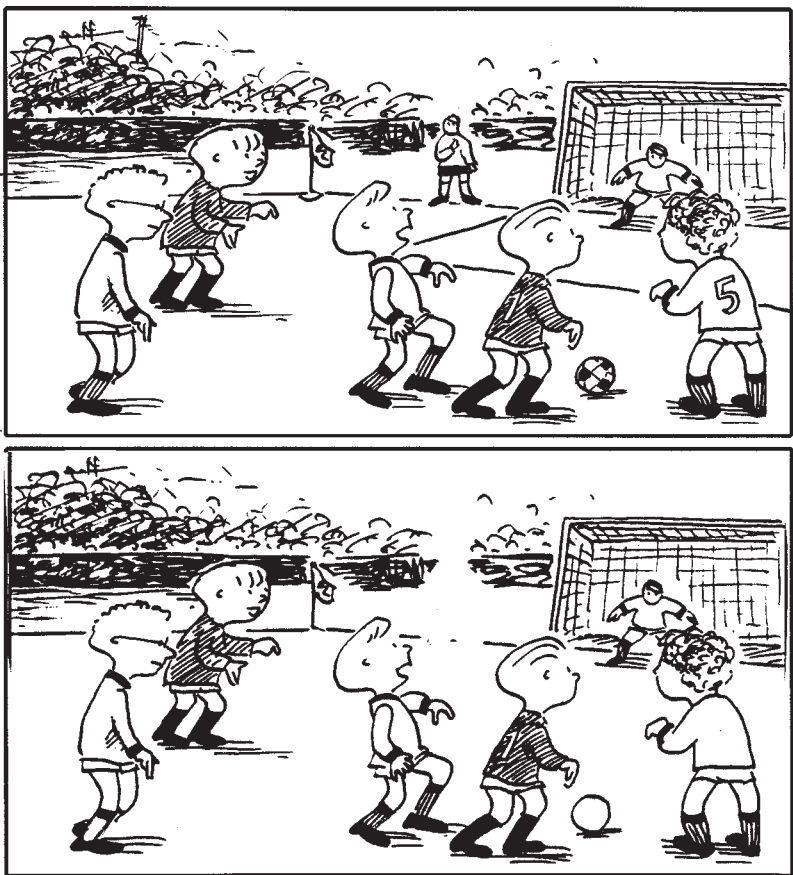
hold our whole family spellbound for hours each evening. If I wanted to know about politics, history, or science, he knew it all. He knew about the past, understood the present, and seemingly could predict the future. The pictures he could draw were so life like that I would often laugh or cry as I watched. He was like a friend to the whole family. He took Dad, Bill and me to our first major league baseball game. He

was always encouraging us to see the movies and he even made arrangements to introduce us to several movie stars. My brother and I were deeply impressed by John Wayne in particular. The stranger was an incessant talker. Dad didn't seem to mind—but sometimes Mom would quietly get up—while the rest of us were enthralled with one of his stories of faraway places—go to her room, read her Bible and pray. I wonder now if she ever prayed that the stranger would leave. You see, my dad ruled our household with certain moral convictions. But this stranger never felt obligation to honor them. Profanity, for example, was not allowed in our house—not from us, from our friends, or adults. Our longtime visitor, however, used occasional four letter words that burned my ears and made Dad squirm. To my knowledge the stranger was never confronted. My dad was a teetotaler who didn't permit alcohol in his home—not even for cooking. But the stranger felt like we needed exposure and enlightened us to other ways of life. He offered us beer and other alcoholic beverages often. He made cigarettes look tasty, cigars manly, and pipes distinguished. He talked freely (too much, too freely) about sex. His comments were sometimes blatant, sometimes suggestive, and generally embarrassing. I know now that my early concepts of the man-woman relationship were influenced by the stranger.

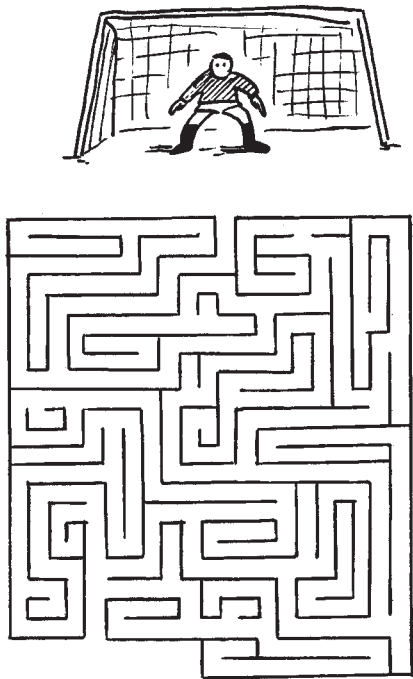
As I look back I believe it was the grace of God that the stranger did not influence us more. Time after time he opposed the values of my parents. Yet he was seldom rebuked and never asked to leave. More than thirty years have passed since the stranger moved in with the young family on Morningside Drive. He is not nearly so intriguing to my Dad as he was in those early years. But if I were to walk into my parent's den today, you would still see him sitting over in a corner, waiting for someone to listen to him talk and watch him draw his pictures. His name? We always just called him TV. ❖

FOR KIDS

by Françoise



Find the seven differences between these two drawings of the soccer match



Help them find the goal

by Jim Stephens—Bloomington, IN

To create the Heavenly Kingdom in your home, the children must become aware of the presence of God and good spirits all the time.

Younger ones cannot understand so much, but the older ones need to have discussions about God, dreams, spiritual communication. They need to look for their own spiritual gifts and the ways they can communicate, receive messages and get revelations and inspirations from heaven.

Try to initiate open ended discus-

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saplings and dragged them back to the frozen pond. Sliding in silent communication across the glistening, groaning ice, they brought them safely to the road. With glowing body and mind at peace, Paul went up to his room.

He lay on the bed to cool off, and the conflict came flooding back. He knew he should talk to someone older and wiser about his wrong feelings for Galya. To bring it out into the open, to know that someone else knew, would surely bring him to his senses. Yet part of him did not want it to end. By now it had become an obsession. Often, when she was busy or with other students, he would hang around on some pretext, waiting for the chance to be alone with her. He would feel the blood rising as he sat next to her, imaging her hand in his. When she watched him play soccer, he played to impress her. Surely she knew the effect she was having on him, yet she seemed so innocent. Surely others noticed how they were together so much. Despite his playing the wise elder brother, they must suspect his motives.

Paul had prayed with tears of repentance; he had punished his body with icy cold showers. The process of the Fall of Man became so real to him now. Wise,

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aborts because she views (and the culture of individualism tells her) that becoming a mother before one was planning to do so is tantamount to death. Your life is over, your options are closed, you are trapped. The pregnant woman is thinking first about herself, not the unborn child. It is a question of her own life versus the unborn child's life. It is a terrible choice to make. A decision to abort is made at great cost, but it is seen as a sacrifice necessary to preserve one's own life.

The pro-life people now are working to reshape the way an unmarried woman might look at bearing a child. They try to show that the act of courage and dignity is to keep the child. They argue that this is what can open one's life to authentic growth and freedom through responsibility. In markets where such advertising is carried on, numbers of abortions have fallen dramatically.

Now, how do we apply this lesson to achieve the goal of sexual purity and faithful marriage? I'm not ready to present a full-blown ad campaign, but would just like to sort out a few lessons.

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sions. Use questions centered around the things they like. For example, say "Do you think there will still be superhero cartoons in the Kingdom of Heaven?". "What kind of person do you think you will be matched to?" "How do you know when a spirit is sending you a message and whether it's a high spirit or low spirit?" "What will it be like when

lonely, jealous Lucifer must have lived the same secret lie with innocent young Eve. Responsible for protecting her during her immaturity, he took advantage of her naive, sympathetic interest in him. He fed on her love, and dared to defile her.

It was not enough; all the prayers, self-mortification and intellectual understanding could not rid him of the conflict. He decided he must tell the Dean. He trusted her, that she would help him to break the spell of this forbidden love.

It was Paul's turn to help set up for dinner. He mentally rehearsed what he would say to the Dean, as he put out the condiments on the tables. Then, feeling the need to pray, he went off to the chapel.

As he entered the tall, simply furnished place of worship, his footsteps echoing on the tiled floor, he saw Galya sitting near the back, head bowed. He walked past her and knelt in front of the stone cross and the great stained glass window showing St. John receiving his revelation. Paul offered up his struggle and his decision in prayer. Afterwards he already felt a great relief.

As he walked back along the aisle in the dim light, Galya looked up. He could see the tears glistening on her cheeks. He felt the turmoil of mixed emotions welling up: his desire to comfort her, his

One, we must put ourselves into the shoes of the person suffering through a difficult marriage. This person does not need to be told that "divorce is bad," or "divorce will hurt your children." The fact is that remaining in the marriage is looming as a worse evil, as hurting the children more. What must be communicated, then, is that overcoming the blockages of the marital relationship is the best way to find personal freedom, spiritual growth and true eternal love. That is, the challenge must be recast as an opportunity.

In one way, this is an argument easier to make by the pro-marriage position than by the pro-life position. A woman with an unplanned pregnancy has to shift her life plan and priorities. A couple in a difficult marriage simply has to be convinced to stay the course, that is, to NOT shift their life plan and priorities. They must be convinced that their original hope for the marriage CAN be fulfilled, if they just work at it more.

Two, effective advertising presents a role model, a person with whom one would like to identify, who is facing the same challenge and is opting to do the right thing. This is a rich vein to mine

we get old?"

Rather than making it a "formal" occasion (i.e. morning service) which they might rebel against, look for and pray for natural opportunities to start up spiritual sharing.

As your older children begin to grow into their own unique personalities and become responsible for their own por-

tion of responsibility, they will hunger naturally more and more for spiritual sharing and knowledge. You can help by opening the doorway all the time. If they are curious in that moment, share with them. If they are not, just let the discussion pass. Only when they are interested will they take it in. Give them a perspective and grounding in the Principle. Keep them realizing that you are way ahead of them in life experience or else they will rebel thinking that they are smarter and wiser at dealing with their own problems than you are. ❖

the hopes you had when you came here, if you got carried away with this love."

Paul heard himself saying the words as from a distance, and heard the mocking accusations in his mind.

She was crying now silently, sniffing back the tears. She took the handkerchief he offered.

"It's not that anything has happened between us," she managed between sniffs. "In fact, we've never spoken alone together. But the dream I had of our wedding day was so real."

"Yes...it may seem that you're meant for each other, but it's best not to let this distract you. If it's for your eternal happiness, surely it's worth waiting till after your studies. God will indicate his blessing on your marriage to whoever is right for you, in a way you can't mistake, when the time is right. Just trust Him."

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To reemphasize, as previously stated, in marriage and as parents we can share what it is like to create new life out of love and have the opportunity to love our children unconditionally as God loves us. This more than anything is why the family is not just a social institution, culturally conditioned, but it is the school of true love, in which we can meet God to a depth not possible in any other way. And the road to achieve this is the development of the Four Great Realms of Heart.

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Nothing But The Truth

Before we launch into this month's article, this writer would like take a moment to thank those Unificationists who recently took on a tremendous challenge. They assembled for a "western member's conference" and discussed many serious, long-term issues involving our American families and movement. I've been writing these articles for several years now, and have used this forum to broach some related issues. We can only wish that the answers will be as readily apparent . . .

We will never solve anything without knowing the truth. In America's courts of law, people are sworn in by asking them to tell "the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth." This is the product of centuries of carefully thought-out legal tradition.

In 1997 an unusual lawsuit moved through the courts, one which sought to establish the right of government employees to lie, when done in order to deflect investigations of their own conduct. In this age of "moral relativism," the very need for truth itself can be called into question, even in such a sober forum.

Experience

What is truth? Ask a hundred people—or a hundred scholars—and they will undoubtedly give you some widely varying definitions. Let us be bold, and tackle that age-old question right here.

Some people grasp the truth through simple experience. Others attempt to understand it through careful study. Let's use the example of a very rare animal. A jungle tribesman might see that animal every day, and observe its basic habits, yet know almost nothing about it. On the other hand, a zoologist might know all about its physiology, ecological niche and evolutionary history, without ever having seen a live one.

The same applies to human affairs, both good and evil. Billions suffered under communism. Anyone who wasn't there could never fully grasp the horror of that experience. Yet, few of its

victims could explain Marxism, much less recount its worldwide history and application. As Dr. Fred Schwartz put it: "Being run over by a truck does not make one an expert mechanic."

There were western scholars who knew all these details, without ever setting foot on communist soil. Those few people who grasped *both* opposed communism most effectively.

The Divine Principle chronicles a philosophical debate about "passive experience" versus "pure reason." Just as Kant combined the two philosophies, we Unificationists intend to know the truth, physical and spiritual, through both methods.

Falsehoods

In this age of material sophistication, falsehoods spread fast and easily. Bizarre rumors go almost unchallenged. Radio shows such as Art Bell's showcase many of these weird—even irrational- ideas, while Hollywood makes them glamorous. Fortunately, scientists and writers (such as Michio Kaku and Greg Bear) have appeared on Bell's show, and offered truth and logic to his millions of listeners—some of whom may not have been able to tell the difference.

We're talking about people who think the main difference between *60 Minutes* and *The X Files* is that *60 Minutes* is too "establishment" to be trusted!

Truth has many definitions. Mathematics has its own strict principles. Logic itself has a set of ground rules. For example, "Ockham's Razor" posits that, for any unknown phenomenon, the simplest explanation is the one to be preferred.

Science has its universal path of hypothesis, experiment and theory. In science, one cannot pin down the truth by means of testimony or personal impressions. It requires strict precision—unlike many areas of life.

As the Divine Principle states, in the human experience, goodness (based in truth) and evil (involving falsehood) can appear the same at first, and can grow, reverse or blend as time and action progress.

Sometimes scientific truth is difficult to accept, even for fellow scientists, especially if difficult to corroborate. (As illustrated in Carl Sagan's *Contact*.) Sometimes it's way outside the familiar ballpark!

Truth is eternal and unchanging—but. Old truths are superseded by new ones, yet they are not invalidated. The Principle speak poetically of ancient lights dimming before new religious truths. In science, Newton's work was subsumed by Einstein's, and now Einstein by Penrose and Hawking. Newton's famous statement, "-because I stand upon the shoulders of giants" remains true.

Ironically, Newton accomplished most of his great work at an early point in his life. You see, he also believed in Astrology and other "mysteries." He spent the rest of his life poring over ancient texts, and prowling around places like the Pyramids, attempting

to ferret out alleged secrets now ridiculed, or long forgotten.

Circles

From Newton we learn that, within the human mind, truth and falsehood can easily blend—and not even (in certain cases) cancel each other out.

One might picture "circles" of knowledge. The primary circle would represent the actual truth, while overlaid circles would represent various people's (or theory's) range of understanding. A "flat earther" would grasp only a narrow slice of geographic truth (along with a huge swath of falsehood), while a National Geographic Society member's "circle" might lie almost wholly within the reality.

Areas like auto mechanics, science and religion are vastly different, in learning and in application. Still, all have their absolutes. Put sand in an engine, incorrectly calculate sums, or commit mortal sins—and you will *always* end up in a rather large mess!

A top specialist in any of these areas might know nothing of the others, and still be justly honored. A scientist

might be completely wrong about religion, or auto mechanics—and even make a fool of himself by making declarations on those subjects. (Ditto for various other combinations.) Even so, this does not usually cloud their actual expertise. Rare indeed are those who can tackle all three!

People can and do get by with what they know, until a newer and clearer understanding comes forth. In medicine, good doctors *welcome* the news that they were wrong, like when it was discovered that a bacteria (and not stress) causes ulcers—and that killing those bugs will cure the ulcer.

People's overlaid "circles of truth" are not static; they shift "inwards," and expand, as falsehoods are cast out, and more of reality comes within their grasp. Romans engineers knew plenty about mechanics, but today, your average guy in overalls knows a lot more.

The rapid growth of scientific understanding is almost a given, while the growth of religious knowledge is slow and arduous. The Principle honors science, even while emphasizing the need for religious truth.

Cultures

It may not be politically correct to say so, but some cultures value truth more than others. There are subcultures in which a "well-pulled snow job" is a time honored art form.

Sometimes a "white lie" is preferred by all. There are popular (even humorous) stories about people who were somehow *compelled* to tell the truth, even when they thought a stranger was poorly dressed, or risqué, or ugly.

I won't say which one, but one culture I'm intimately familiar with strongly prefers a "sugar coated lie" to any truth that might disturb personal or social harmony. Thus, its doctors can—

and have- allowed patients to die untreated, rather than upset them with an unpleasant diagnosis.

In America, some people fear an absolute truth—for it will cause something else to be known as certainly false. Advocates of political correctness misapply "relativity" to truth itself. Two plus two does *not* equal five, even within the most precious minority culture. (However, the new "rain forest math" textbooks come very, very close to crossing this line . . .)

Japan's traditional culture honors its elders, but to the point where questioning them on *anything* is simply unthinkable. Thus, America has a twenty-to-one lead in Nobel Prize winners. Japan had actually instituted a government program to "foster original thinking."

Doubts

Expressing doubt is not the same thing as showing disbelief. Pointing out unpleasant realities doesn't automatically equal disrespect for those who may preside over those realities. Checking things for one's self is not sinful. Doubt is not faithlessness; in fact, hard questioning can ultimately strengthen one's belief and understanding. (Especially when we're talking about the Principle, where more deep answers await us than we could ever grasp.)

In this arena, the genders differ greatly. God gave us a Brain as well as a Heart. Men tend to rely on the former, women the latter. Men are "problem solvers," calculating logically, while women intuit, seeking harmony. With "teamwork" both may be employed—another reason why traditional marriages are so successful!

Science (from the mind) has been for learning about things, while Faith (from the heart) is for internal matters. Science could not correct our personal relationships, and our emotions cannot posit theories or invent technology. Even so, Science and Art can both improve our surroundings.

There is a common but false dichotomy: "blind acceptance/belief" vs. "evidence/hypothesis." As a science fiction fan, I've noted that most SF writers accept science as primary, and so marginalize—even denigrate—heir book's religious characters.

Today's "Creationists" display the weaknesses of both areas. Old-fashioned beliefs are bent around to match an equally distorted science. (Fortunately, they're really good at shooting holes in Darwinism!)

These days, "circles of truth" are expanding faster than ever. No single human could possibly keep up; that's why we need thriving Universities, and ways to convey accurate knowledge to the larger public.

The Providence of Restoration is revealing the most important truths, while exposing falsehood and evil. Opposing this process opposes God. And God is the ultimate source of truth, in every area.

By the way, that lawsuit I mentioned at the beginning failed. Lying remains unacceptable, even in modern America. ❖



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LOVE, TRUTH & VIDEOTAPE

How are we to understand what is going on these days? School kids are shooting other school kids. The actions of children indict the society. Children do not think logically. Robert Woodson is the founder of the National Center for Neighborhood Enterprise. His organization is networking with thousands of just plain folks around the country, who are taking initiative to do something about their local problems. He brings results by working with the local people. Children stop shooting.

Woodson is a prophet of sorts, and a lover of humanity. The solution, he says, does not come from the official experts. The official experts, and the government bureaus which patronize them, send in trained personnel to solve neighborhood problems. These personnel do not live in the neighborhood. They have an office there, which is open from 9 to 5, Monday through Friday. This is not working, says Woodson, and we have a 5 trillion dollar invoice from the architects of the Great Society to prove it.

The problems, says Woodson, are irrational in nature. People who are doing evil to themselves and others are doing irrational things; they are not thinking or acting logically. It's not a logical thing to do to get oneself addicted to drugs, to become pregnant at 13, to shoot little children in a school yard. These are irrational acts; they verge on madness.

We cannot apply rational solutions to irrational problems. What we need, in the words of Peter Kreeft, is an exorcism. Woodson calls for local, faith-based work—what boils down to traditional evangelism, mixed with a strong dose of tough love.

Woodson points out that in case after case, tens of thousands of dollars worth of health-care expertise cannot get one person off drugs, but rebirth in Christ can do it.

I would like to apply a slightly different perspective: what Woodson calls "irrational," I would like to call "spiritual." Rebirth in Christ is not best viewed an irrational act; it is most rightly viewed an act of the spirit.

In other words, children shooting other children have a spiritual problem. Teenage girls getting pregnant have a spiritual problem. To put it bluntly, they are possessed by an evil spirit (or many evil spirits). Before you turn the page as any good secularized rational person would do, please consider some excerpts from an article about Bill Clinton. You will see that the line between secular and sacred is becoming blurred. As you read it, guess who wrote it and where it was published.

Sympathy for you know who

It had occurred to me that Bill Clinton's swelling popularity could be explained by America's love of bad boys and anti-heroes....

It had even occurred to me that Bill Clinton was so preternaturally lucky he seemed to have cut a deal with the Devil. Given the carnage that always surrounds Mr. Clinton, and given the fact that he

always smilingly walks away stronger than ever, I could easily see him as Faust or Dorian Gray or Joe Hardy in "Damn Yankees."

Perhaps Bill Clinton is the Devil. It would explain a lot. Certainly, Hillary Clinton is condemned to her own little hell. Certainly, the voters have closed their eyes and made their pact with the Devil: Keep us prosperous and we won't hold you to any special moral or ethical standards.

The Mephistophelean scenario has a wonderful logic. It would explain the

extraordinary level of human sacrifice around Bill Clinton — why so many people around him end up dead, jailed, betrayed, shackled, exiled, subpoenaed, depressed, humiliated, broke, ruined and smeared. James McDougal dies abruptly, a broken, crazy man, in solitary confinement in Federal prison while his ex-business partner has more political lives than a black cat.

It explains why our moral universe has turned upside down. It's fine if Mr. Clinton preaches against tobacco one day, and the next goes to a fund-raiser given by a lawyer trying to reap a tobacco windfall.

Even the angelic seem possessed. Billy Graham telling Katie Couric that the President should be forgiven all because "the ladies just go wild over him"? Why should Mr. Clinton have to show any responsibility when he is deemed an innocent victim of his own sex appeal by the nation's most respected preacher?

You expect the feminists' heads to start rotating on their necks any moment



now. They've abandoned everything they've fought for all these years to join the let-devils-be-devils chorus — as long as the sex is consensual or the President at some point, sooner or later, eventually takes no for an answer.

Okay, who wrote that? Pat Buchanan in the *Washington Times*? Emmet Tyrrel in the *American Spectator*? Perhaps an angry friend of the Branch Davidians? No, nothing like that. It was written by a traditional liberal columnist named Maureen Dowd and published on the op-ed page of the *New York Times* (March 11, 1998).

The point is that it is becoming increasingly clear that what is going on in this society can best be explained spiritually. Physical and spiritual realities are converging. Private lives, the most private aspects of our lives,

become public discourse. Everything is in the open. I am sure that this is the first time in history that the details of a man's effort to seduce a woman, to persuade her to touch his sexual organ, or another man's fetish for toes, or another man's to wear women's lingerie, are public knowledge of great interest to a vast audience. I repeat my opening sentence: how are we to understand this?

First of all, it is not just circumstance. It is not just that people are becoming degraded all of a sudden. Men and women have had sordid relations from time immemorial; that is not new. What is new is the extent to which it is being discussed and scrutinized. Second, it is not something planned into being. Mr. Clinton did not have this on the agenda of his second term. The media did not expect it; nor did the American public. The *Washington Times*' headline on the day of Clinton's re-election was "They're Back-To Face the Music?" But I am sure that the editor was thinking of whitewater gate, not zippergate.

Third, the phenomenon has historical meaning. The Divine Principle provides help here. As Reverend Moon often preaches, the seed planted by the sin of Adam and Eve has borne its fruit and will be harvested in the Last Days. The world, he says, will be stripped naked; it is as if Satan has the right to lay bare all the sexual sin of the human race, and stick it right into our face. The origin of sin, the misuse of love, takes over the human race. What was hidden is in the open. Everywhere we look, we see it. We are forced to decide: is sex outside the realm of God's Blessing of marriage right or wrong? In other words, it is the time of judgment.

At this moment, a standard of sexual purity and marital fidelity must

arise. That is what the Family Federation is attempting to do and to support others in doing. Beyond politics, beyond race, nation and religion, the judgment is based upon the original standard of righteousness given by God to Adam and Eve. "Do not eat the fruit; for the day you eat of it, you will die." In other words, love God before you love each other. Then your love for each other has God inside of it. Then it is the knowledge of good. Otherwise, it is the knowledge of evil.

Challenge of Communication

Any fool, if given the choice between life and death, will choose life. If people know that free sex leads to death, and absolute sex leads to life, they will choose absolute sex. The problem is that people do not know this.

But wait a minute. Almost all Americans agree that adultery is wrong, that pre-marital sex is wrong and divorce is wrong. Why do we continue to carry out these wrong behaviors? Obviously the matter is not as simple as we would like to think.

We can learn something here from the pro-life movement. There is a valuable article in the current issue of *First Things*, entitled "Abortion: A Failure to Communicate." The author, Paul Swope of the Caring Foundation, points out that while the pro-life movement engages more people than the civil rights movement did, it has made little impact on the mainstream culture. The reason for this, he suggests, is that the message of the pro-life movement has had only themselves in the audience. Thus it has been logical and reasonable from the perspective of the pro-lifers. But the motive to have an abortion does not turn on logic, and the perspective of a pregnant woman is different from that of pro-life organizers.

Thus, the pro-life movement sought for years to convince women that abortion is murder, and to appall legislators with photos of dead fetuses. But research shows that women are already aware that abortion is murder, and harping on that just makes them feel more miserable, isolated and terrified—which feeds into the decision to abort.

Now the pro-life movement is taking a new approach. The new approach is based upon the perception that a woman

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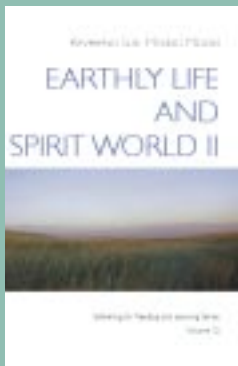
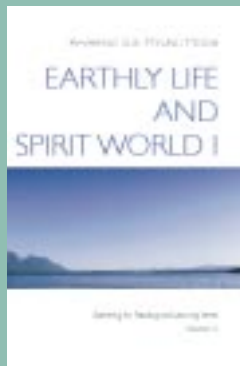
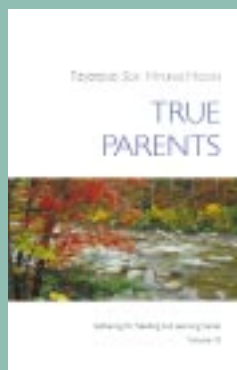
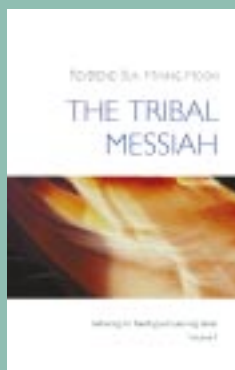
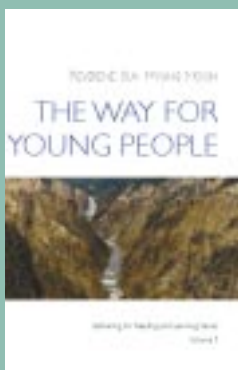
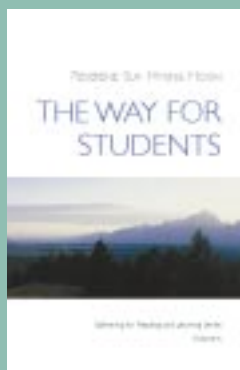
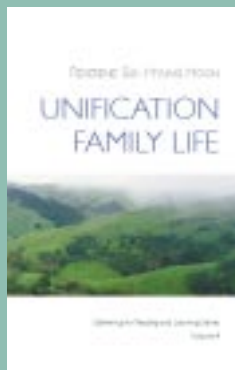
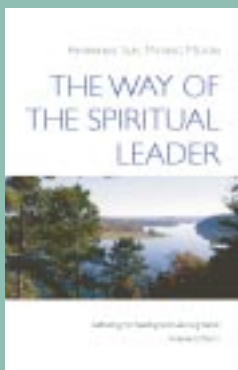
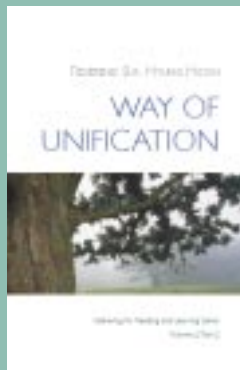
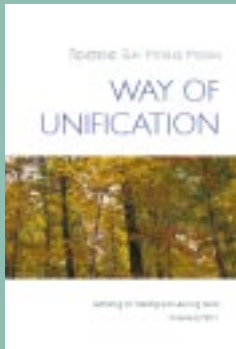
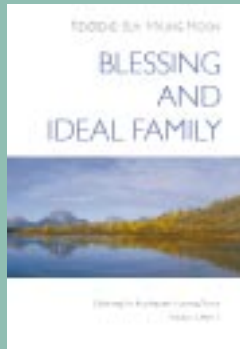
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