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Chapter 1

THE CHARACTER OF WORLD CITIZENS

1. What are the essential qualities of good character?

Altruism – investing all of oneself for others, for the nation and for the world, living a life of sacrifice and service to others – may be considered by today's society to be a most foolish philosophy of life. As I came to understand the deepest truths, however, it became obvious that altruism is the path most beneficial to human society. It is the secret for living in eternal happiness.

Who knows how long he or she will live? Maybe tomorrow you will die, at a mere 25 or 30 years of age. Do you have some guarantee from God how long you will live? No one has such a guarantee.

A wise person thinks like this: "I have only a short time to live. Within this time I must prepare myself for eternity. The way I live in the next two years will be the model for my eternal life." Then explode your sense of love. Love God, and love another person as God would. For an entire day – 24 hours – pour out your entire energy for someone. If you love a person like this, even though you may die early, you will have made the highest accomplishment in all eternity. Then when God gives you more time to live, your response will be immense gratitude. Push yourself to live more fully. The person who expects death and then is given life dwells in the fullest gratitude.

Leave behind something that God can praise. Each moment is so precious; there is no time for worry or frustration. The person who recognizes that earthly life is short compared to eternity and, therefore, condenses his accomplishments is a wise person indeed. Ask yourself how many people, how many clans, how many tribes, how many nations you have loved. Seek to become that master of love. Live your life like that, and you will never be a loser. (11/27/78)

A "good man" is one who has unchanging, eternal, and unique character. Why is gold so precious and expensive? Because gold has an unchanging character – you can melt it, freeze it, and no matter what, it always remains the same. Why are pearls so precious? They have a harmonizing ability; they can beautifully complement any surroundings. Why are diamonds so precious? They are completely hard and will never break down; diamonds can break other things, but nothing can break a diamond. These precious jewels have value to human lives; by the same token, people who are like gold, pearls, and diamonds have great value because of their unchanging character.

When we call someone a man or woman of character, we are not referring to his or her appearance, education, career or position. We call him a man or woman of character based on his living in a principled way. External flamboyance does not create a person of character. A man or woman of character is the one who lives according to God's will, with an unchanging heart.

The key word is respect. Respect all things as holy things. Respect all men as holy men. Respect yourself as a holy person. Respect your mind as holy. Respect your body as holy. Pay deep respect to all people, no matter what kind of person they may be.

You must know how important it is to endure. No matter what your brothers and sisters say, if you endure and endure, your parents and teachers will bless you, saying, "Watch him or her in the future."

Furthermore, human beings are the objects for the realization of God's ideal. God's eternal and absolute will is consummated where He becomes completely one with humanity. Thus, the purpose of human life is also absolute and eternal.

In this sense, how precious is the original human being! Human beings are not on the same level as God. However, God and human beings are supposed to be in relationship and ultimately to become one. In oth-

er words, God and human beings are in Parent-child relationship. Just as God is eternal and absolute, human beings also become beings of absolute and eternal value as the children of God.

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We can recover our "original selves" only when we submit absolutely to the commands of our conscience. God is the Parent of parents, the Teacher of teachers, and the Master of masters. This forms the basis for the "Three-Subject Thought" encompassing on heaven and earth.

It is only through the conscience that these three can form an absolute unity and to fulfill the Three-Subject Thought. Thus, the conscience is more important to us than our parents who gave us birth, more important than any teacher, and more important than the king of any country. Only when elevated to such a position can the conscience become an object of God's love. The conscience needs no education about right and wrong. We must give it absolute honor and obedience, just as we would honor and obey God.

There is nothing I do that my conscience does not know about; it sees everything. The conscience objects whenever the body schemes to do something wrong. Yet, because the power of fallen love was stronger than the power of the conscience at the time of the fall, the body is able to drag the mind around wherever it chooses. This kind of problem would not exist if the human conscience had achieved perfection and had formed a relationship of true love with God in the Garden of Eden.

Everybody is interested in the ideal world or the world of unification. However no one thinks that this world will be easily realized.

In order to unite this world, there must be one nation, a central nation that initiates this world. Also there must be some people who will be the center of this nation. Likewise the central clan will be needed for such people, the central family for such clan, and the central individual for such family.

In this point of view, we come to understand that the first issue to be solved for the ideal world, one unified world, is to make our individuals be qualified as the ideal being.

When we think about each individual, he is fighting centered on the certain direction or the goal. That means, there are two purposes in every being.

If God wants to bring one unified world together with such people, where does God begin this work? This is a problem. God should start first from the stage of each individual. Therefore God had to establish the religion and to educate the people in the history. In this sense the religion has carried out its mission to complete the education of the individual.

Who is a true person? A true person is a very good-natured person. A good-natured person is not one who wishes that others would obey him, but one who wants to live for the sake of the others. Don't all of the family members agree on who is the most promising and best-natured child in the family? From grandparents to cousins, everyone says, "Yes, that one is the best." Undoubtedly that child is not the one who always asks his grandfather to please him. Rather, although he is a little child, he always considers how to act and how to serve in order to make his grandfather happy. Day and night he tries to help all his family members, including his cousins and in-laws... Who can be the central being, like the hub of a wheel? He or she should be the most promising and true person in the family. He or she is the person with whom every member of the family wants to be together. That person can qualify as the central person.

For a person to realize his or her true nature, he must have a relationship with God, the origin of everything. Without a relationship with God, a true pattern cannot be formed within the self. Trueness must be centered upon God. People can realize their true selves only when they establish the basis to treat everything with loving benevolence.

The origin of trueness is God. It cannot be realized without God. When God departs, trueness also departs. There then comes into existence something not true – the origin of evil.

From this perspective also, we can tell that trueness is not something people can comprehend centered on themselves. Trueness cannot be determined by fallen humanity; rather, trueness should determine us. Therefore, we should always be obedient to the truth. We should prize it and follow it.

We are the pitiful prisoners of sin, totally ignorant of the most precious and intimate being and master whom we would never trade for everything in heaven and earth. That master is one's own conscience. How often has this conscience given us advice, and while we were immersed in sinful thinking day and night it tirelessly helped us to cross the river to safety.

Where can we get the standard of the value of our character? Can we point out something visible which appears in the limited time and space like one certain mark as the standard of value? Of course we can point out something, but we do not want that it is surrounded by some certain categories. We expect it is connected to the infinite cosmos and exists in the center. In other words, we expect that this value is not categorized by some certain goodness but connected to the entirety.

When we say, "Oh, that person is good," are we saying that based on his or her knowledge? That person has to have a good heart. In order to be called a good person, that person has to have an innately good framework of life and original nature. Whether that person is knowledgeable or not, he or she has to have a good heart.

Then what is a good person? A good person is one who loves even bad people; a person who sympathizes with those in sorrow as if he himself were in sorrow. If you become sympathetic with others and indemnify their sorrows and give joy to them, you can be a model of a good person in any situation.

Originally man was supposed to possess material things, plus his physical body plus his mind, and all three were supposed to be united harmoniously. Today little emphasis is placed either on man's character or on God, so there is no way man could feel complete or satisfied. Materialism is not wrong in itself, but it deals with only one portion of person's life. At the same time man must pay attention to the human element, but most of all he needs God. He can never hope to be happy without God. (3/1/79)

2. What is the role of mind-body harmony in character formation?

Unification must be achieved from the individual. It is not from the world, nation, clan or family at the beginning. It should start from 'me', because the separation was originated from the conflict of 'myself'.

There has never been a professor who possessed a teaching superior to that of the conscience. The role of the conscience for a man is the same as that of a compass for a ship. If you study yourself, you will notice that your conscience knows everything about you. Your conscience is closer to you than are your own parents.

Every human being, throughout his life, has a most precious teacher within himself. Nevertheless, that teacher has been mistreated, trampled upon, and abused. That teacher is the human conscience. Your conscience always speaks out for your own benefit, trying to connect you to true love. Like a parent, your conscience urges you to be a good, unselfish individual, and guides you to do the will of God.

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conscience always speaks out for your own benefit, trying to connect you to true love. Like a parent, your conscience urges you to be a good, unselfish individual, and guides you to do the will of God. But within each person there is also a rebel who always goes against the conscience. That rebel is the physical body.

Your conscience should be your constant internal teacher and parent, leading you to complete unity with the ultimate parent of mankind, God. The conscience, then, is the agent of God within you. Do you think you should be sympathetic and follow the lead of your body, the enemy of the conscience? Or do you think you should control and direct your body and vindicate your conscience? Your body only goes after carnal desire. It always seeks for comfort, and wants to take advantage of others. To conquer the realm of the body is an awesome responsibility, which every person must undertake.

The human being has the dual structure. One is connected to the way of love which seeks for the vertical character, and the other is connected to the horizontal character. The body runs horizontally and the mind runs vertically. In order to tie these two characters, the structure of human being became like this.

There are two characteristics of the human being. One represents his conscience, the inner being. It is the spirit self according to the terminology of the unification church. The other one is the physical self. When this physical self and spirit self become one, it becomes me. However the problem is how to unite the physical self and the spirit self.

When do the character of body and the character of mind correspond to each other? When do the character representing the horizontal world and the character representing the spirit world and all the ideal world correspond to each other? This is the thing to be done.

How can we make unification within ourselves possible? There are only two ways to do it: one way is to conquer and subjugate your body completely to the will of your mind, so that the body follows the mind absolutely. Another way is to add tremendous, extraordinary power to the mind, so that the body would have absolutely no room for its own will. Religion does these two things; it teaches people how to dominate their physical body. Also, religion gives enormous spiritual strength to the mind, so that the body will have to follow automatically. We can see by studying religious history that no matter how weak or feeble a person might appear, once he receives spiritual inspiration or revelation, he becomes completely ignited and filled with power. So religion works in two ways: to subjugate the body and to strengthen the mind.

3. What is the importance of love in good character?

Our human destiny is to harmonize with the love of God, plunging into His heart to become a part of Him and to enjoy the universe from His point of view as His representative. That is the ideal of creation that God originally intended to fulfill. The love you will receive in heaven will be as much as the love you have felt for this world, humanity and God while on earth. You will not be able to receive even one iota more or less. This is the law of cause and effect and God's justice is absolutely carried out in that respect.

We should live according to the truth and we should love others. Without the fundamental way of living for the sake of others, we cannot prosper. The person who lives the truth will become the subject partner, with more power for life. Also, the subject partner must have the power of love. The responsible leader and central figure must become the embodiment of truth, life and love. All these things can be summed up in one simple phrase: Live for the sake of others. When you practice this way of life, you create harmony.

God's central concern, however, is with human beings' internal character. By experiencing true love, God intended that we would come to reflect His true love and grow to perfection. God created the power of love to be the strongest of all forces. Through the experience of such power of love within the realm of Heaven's love and law, people are to increasingly resemble God, their Parent. To possess unlimited true love, people first must learn to be responsible.

When human beings come into oneness with God through true love, they resemble Him and become the perfect embodiment of true love, with wholesome character. Thus we can say that God's love is the essence of human happiness, life and ideals. (8/31/96)

A great revolution is necessary if we are to unify the world, and it will be a revolution of human character. Knowledge, money, or power cannot bring about that revolution of character. It is only possible through true love.

The perfection of an individual is not realized through knowledge, power, or money. It is realized through love - not earthly love, but original love. Through this love, everything can be perfected.

How much did you love people? Have you ever loved a person at the risk of your life? How much and how many people have you loved? Your heart of love will be formed depending on how much emphasis you put on loving others.

Selfishness ruins everything. Selfishness in the family causes disharmony, which then erupts into bitterness and strife. Everyone wants to be served instead of serving others. Wives tell their husbands what to do and then seek to be served. Husbands want to be served by their wives. Parents expect service from their children and the children take their parents for granted...

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From this point of view we can get one principle with which God created the ideal world. God's true love starts only from the life to exist for the sake of others. God's ideal partner appears only from the people to exist for the sake of others. God's peace is attained only through the relationship to exist for the sake of others.

What is true love? It is not the self-centered love. It is the love that invests for the partner and forgets what it did. It appears from the status of zero. Do you know why it must be zero status? Because it always begins from the zero status, one partner feels only 10 percent if the other partner has 10 percent. If he has 100 percent, the partner feels 100 percent. It is relative. If there is 10,000 percent, the partner feels 10,000 percent. If there is even billion percent, the partner can feel the same billion percent.

If there is a place to invest and forget, such relationship of true love appears. The cosmos exists for the sake of others according to this principle. That means, it exists to invest itself for love and to forget it. This is a great message.

The purpose of existence is to live for the sake of others. Originally people are supposed to eternally live for the sake of others. In order for people to remain forever and to be tied eternally by love, they make the relationship of love as husband and wife, and make their own children.

What is true love? It is the unselfish love. It is the love for the sake of others. Do you understand? The fall was originated by the self-centered mind. Therefore people should create the altruistic life instead of the selfish life this time.

The motivation to exist should come from the unselfishness. We are born for the sake of love.

What is true love? The true love begins only in the place where someone is ready to invest more for the partner after the investment of his life and is able to forget all invested. True love is able to penetrate heaven and earth. It is also able to pierce up the world of death. Anywhere, the world of life or the stubborn mind, it passes. There is no place where the love can not pass.

Love itself can not be the part of character. There are the traits of intelligence, emotion (heart) and justice in people's character. However, love comes only from emotion (heart). When man and woman love for the sake of each other and exchange their emotion, the intelligence and justice appear in this relationship. When they unite each other centered on the heart, the hope appears.

Only love transcends all barriers. When you are united with God in true love, you have dominion over all of God's creation, both physical and spiritual. When you live completely for others, you are reaching the very essence of God's own being. God's vibrations become your vibrations. God's feelings are naturally transmitted to you. Living this way, you become a resonant body of God's heart and love. As much as two tuning forks resonate together, you and God always resonate together.

That is the ultimate, original state of the human being. When you achieve that state, the love of God becomes your love, the life of God becomes your life, and the blood lineage of God becomes your blood lineage. The world which God created becomes your world. We are to share the love of God with all things in heaven and earth. We are to be citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven with the heart of parents. (4/10/90)

If you can love one person, God's love will be there in proportion to the depth and size of that love. If you can love many people like this, God's love will come in proportion to the greatness of that love, to the depth of that love. Good people must be able to win others, not in such a way as to conquer them, but to love them, and to bring them into greater harmony and unity. Unity is the first thing you should desire. And if you love anyone at all, you should want to love him with your whole heart, even at the cost of your life. (*New Hope: Heart*)

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In giving of the love of God to other people, you are sharing your love with them. Then your love, rather than being diminished, will be multiplied. You will be proud of what you have given. Only by giving can we receive. So we want to give of our whole being. We want to give of our family, our clan, our nation, and our whole world to God. In return He will fill our hearts with such love that we can embrace the whole world and the whole cosmos. (*New Hope: Way of Life*)

The key word for a life that can draw spiritual support is respect. Respect all things as holy things. Respect all men as holy men. Respect yourself as a holy person. Respect your mind as holy. Respect your body as holy. Pay deep respect to all people, no matter what kind of person they may be.

Make yourself a tuning fork, resonating with and vibrating along God's frequency. Resonate with God's unselfishness. Always share with others the best you have. Give freely and you will prosper. Unpack the dirty elements inside yourself and cleanse them. Open up the baggage of your mind and check what you find there. Don't harbor selfish feelings. Practice the virtue of meekness. If you push yourself to develop these attitudes, then the spirit world will descend to assist you. (11/27/78)

4. What is the best environment for the development of good character?

As for our individuals, what does the individual need for his life? We need the material. We need also people who can establish the relationship of people with us. We can not exist alone. Then what do the people require to each other in this relation? They want the common things that can be mutually supportive and beneficial for each other.

What is the most precious thing for us to find the true way of life? It is to have the ties of life which will be connected to the life, environment and ideology. Your mind will constantly travel, until you find such ties of life, ties of environment, and ties of ideology.

Then do you expect to solve only the relationship of people with these ties? No, you don't. You must connect these ties of human being to that of heaven. Thus it must be the ties of world and cosmos as well as that of our entire life and living. When it appears centered on our ego and we are able to witness to our new life, we will eventually get the moment of victory.

God wanted Adam and Eve, the first man and woman, to mature in purity, centered on true love. He wanted Adam and Eve to become true people. He created this beautiful and delicate natural world as the environment for their biological growth. Human beings were to grow and develop within this environment.

In the ideal human society, true love that always seeks "to give to others" forms the basis for all relationship. Such true love is motivated by the experience of the true love of parents. The true love of parents, which is in turn rooted in God's true love, is the means to nurture a child's character to its full completed state. A man and a woman nurtured in this way, and each possessing completed character, come together as husband and wife to form a family, where they will convey true love to their children. This is the original order of Creation. The ideal world on earth is built when one individual possessing completed character is able to expand true love in ever-widening concentric circles of family, society, nation and world.

Our world today has a different origin from the ideal world I have just described. Today, we have an expansion of the results of the Human Fall, an event in which human beings departed from the most important of the principles of God's creative act, that is, the discipline of love. Having turned against the order of God's Creation, our world today places value in man-made organizations and structures and in the order of law. These by themselves are incapable of raising up ideal individuals, families and peoples. (8/23/91)

In our world, selfishness ruins everything. Selfishness in the family causes disharmony, which then erupts into bitterness and strife. Everyone wants to be served instead of serving others. Wives tell their husbands what to do and then seek to be served. Husbands want to be served by their wives. Parents expect service from their children and the children take their parents for granted. This is demonstrated in our families, in our societies, and in our nations.

5. What is freedom, and how is it related to responsibility?

There is a freedom in the school when the students keep the school rules. Freedom exists for the benefit of all, not for the benefit of individuals. In this sense, freedom should propagate goodness. Freedom should not be outside the principle. Freedom should always take responsibility and work to propagate goodness.

There are some people in the democratic world today who insist on freedom centered on the concept of individualism. As a result, they deny their nation, their society, their organization, and even their family and the relationship of husband and wife. Consequently they come to deny the center of their mind.

What do they have left? Loneliness. If people's loneliness reaches the extreme and explodes, they no longer trust others or even themselves. In an atmosphere of loneliness and distrust, a cosmic fear comes upon them that eventually leads to self-destruction. Today's trend of society tends toward that direction.

Hence, if we really want freedom, we should not cry out for the freedom of the past, nor for the irresponsible freedom of today, but seek for the true freedom that accompanies the ideal of God's love.

People of the world... without exception, all wish to be free individuals and live in a free society, a free nation, and a free world. Without peace and freedom in our minds, there is no true happiness... Today, although we strongly pursue freedom, we must admit that we still do not enjoy a situation of true freedom, coming from the heart.

Let's consider the meaning of freedom. Does being free mean that you can do anything you want to do? Freedom is a fashionable word, but when you dig down to the bottom of it, people really are talking about selfishness. True freedom comes under the law of love, with responsibility attached to it.

Freedom can only exist within the context of responsibility. Only upon such a public foundation can freedom truly flourish. You might say, "What kind of freedom is that? I don't like it." But if you don't honor that standard, your freedom will only bring you destruction, chaos and confusion. All your efforts to succeed and be happy will be repelled by the force of the universe...

The individual should cherish his family's freedom above his own. His family freedom must serve the nation's freedom. In order for a family to be protected within the country, it must respect and serve that country. If one country pits its own benefit against the world, the entire world will suffer and be forced to change the direction of that country.

Now the people of this world are impatiently waiting for peace. Furthermore, without exception they wish all to be the free individuals and to live in the free society, free nation, and free world.

There is no true happiness without the peace and freedom in our mind. If there is a person who expects the true way of life, he will seek for the true happiness based on the true peace and true freedom.

Today everyone, whether he is excellent or not, says that this world has not peace. Although they strongly pursue the freedom, they admit that they still do not have the environment of freedom based on the people's heart.

Nevertheless you might well feel that your heart to expect happiness, peace and freedom pushes yourself to realize them.

When we look back the history of mankind after the feudal society of the Middle Ages, people have inspired the thought of freedom, equality and fraternity to this world centered on the humanism. As for the original natures of freedom, equality and fraternity, they are all originated from the nature of God.

If the Christianity of the Middle Ages had been free centered on the will of God and united themselves, the words of revolution or reformation would not have been necessary for this world. The Christianity at that time could not establish the foundation for the complete freedom, liberty and unification centered on God. Therefore the movement for the freedom, liberty and unification came to be shifted to the external world. This new movement was so called the Renaissance.

People revolutionized with the ideology of freedom against the regime of the absolute monarch and then strove to inspire it as the anti-imperialism. However they could not completely achieve it. Regardless of their revolution for the freedom against the imperialistic nations, people could not completely overcome the regime of imperialism. Although they have established the alternative ideology and political theory, it has shown its limitation and created many other problems.

Because people have insisted only on the external freedom instead of possessing the complete ideal of freedom, they came to gradually lose the authentic freedom. That is, people have repeatedly lost the true freedom in the history instead of its complete restoration although every individual, family, society, and nation have asserted their rights of freedom.

The freedom that people today insist on is not the original one that they can eternally enjoy. Also those people have fallen into the extreme individualism so that they are more and more isolated. You might not deny this.

Therefore unless they establish the unchanging and complete ideology of freedom which can be identified with the thought of God, and unless this freedom can correspond to the freedom that is expected by Heaven and Earth, the more people move toward the freedom, the more they will move toward the peak of the lack of freedom.

When we really check the intention of us who seek for the freedom, the problem is the matter whether people have the heart of freedom or not which can harmonize with all things. We should first know how God thinks of freedom and exists with it. Nowadays, people do not know about the standard of God's freedom. Although insisting on the freedom, they just build theirs within their limited categories.

As the bible records, "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom" (II Cor:2), God, our Heavenly Father, is the Spirit of freedom, liberty and unification.

What is the true meaning and ideal of freedom? Today many nations such as America think the freedom is the best. Since the people have opposed the arbitrary Christianity after the middle ages, they have thought that freedom is more precious than the life of human being does. Then is such freedom needed only for American in your age? Or was it needed since the age of human ancestor in the Garden of Eden?

Someone might say, "I follow this way according to my freedom, although you follow that way. This is the way of freedom." However they should know that there is no freedom outside the principle.

Can the freedom or the ideal be smoothly realized without any condition? They must be realized through the certain process. Why do we need freedom? For what the freedom is necessary to all of them? It is to facilitate the realization of the ideal.

Then what kind of freedom do we need. First it must be the freedom based on the will of God. Second it must be the freedom based on the love of God. We should know this.

The authentic equality does not appear without love. Happiness does not also come true without love. Freedom exists based on the equality and peace. However people want freedom in the world, they can not get alone. They should find the freedom in the relationship of subject and object centered on someone. On the other hand, the subject and object can not truly be free and happy when they stay in the realm of evil, no matter what they are proud of their freedom. This is the freedom of ruin.

There will be a freedom with the peace and happiness if it exists under the absolute authority that secures the freedom. For example, if there are loving parents and siblings in the family, they protect their family from the negative influences of the environment so that they are able to secure the everlasting freedom. However they can not be secured in the environment surrounded by the enemies. Therefore as for securing the freedom, we must first think of the environment.

Especially young people should keep it in mind that the environment is necessarily needed for their freedom. In the place where people can not secure the freedom and prepare the environment to protect themselves, the freedom becomes a sort of dissoluteness or the reason of ruin. In other words, as the love is eternal and unchanging, the freedom can also be eternal and unchanging when it is realized and secured centered on that love.

The freedom that people today seek for is different from the one that God does in its direction. This world has fought for the freedom among the nations and sovereignties at all risks. However the Heaven has always taken the entire responsibility for the freedom, found the way of solution and extended its scope to this world whenever it has been beaten. This is the secret way of God to restore the freedom.

In our world, selfishness ruins everything. Selfishness in the family causes disharmony, which then erupts into bitterness and strife. Everyone wants to be served instead of serving others. Wives tell their husbands what to do and then seek to be served. Husbands want to be served by their wives. Parents expect service

from their children and the children take their parents for granted. This is demonstrated in our families, in our societies, and in our nations.

As we think of the nature of authentic freedom, first it does not exist outside the principle. Second there is no true freedom without the responsibility. Third is no freedom without the accomplishment. In this sense, any free action should follow the principle, take the responsibility and bring the accomplishment. If people possess the freedom without securing such conditions, they will be laid on the position which is very far away from the way of Heaven.

When people accomplish their portion of responsibility, all freedom would be realized. That is the condition of cosmic freedom for the love would be achieved.

Do you know about the freedom? There is a freedom in the school when the students keep the school rules. Freedom exists for the benefit of all. It is not for the benefit of individuals. In this sense freedom should multiply goodness.

Freedom should not be outside the principle. Freedom should always take the responsibility. Finally freedom should always work to multiply the goodness.

Today all people in the world wish that the freedom, ideal and peace be completely achieved taking the one moment. It is the earnest desire of all people who are living on this earth. Such a world of complete freedom, ideal and peace is the ultimate desire of people.

We should realize such a world first in our minds and bodies. Then we should realize it in the family centered on each individual, and expand it to the extent of society, nation and world. Moreover we should realize a world where the heaven and earth recite the song of the freedom, song of the peace, and song of the ideal. and everyone enjoys the ideal love.

There are some people in the democratic world today who insist on the freedom centered on their thought of individualism. Because of it, they deny the nation, society, organization, and even the family and the relation of husband and wife. Consequently they come to deny the center of their mind.

What then will remain with them? It will be the loneliness. If this loneliness hits the extreme level and bursts out, they become the people who do not trust others as well as themselves. When the people lap the loneliness and distrust around, the cosmic fear comes to them so that they eventually lead to the self-destruction. The history of today tends toward such direction.

However if we really want to cry for the freedom, we should not cry for the freedom in the past, nor for the irresponsible freedom of today, but cry for the true freedom accompanied by the ideal of God's love. By doing so, this world should be handled centered on the unchanging principle of freedom like the absolute principle that maintains the life.

Until today people in the world have struggled with the establishment of a world of freedom. They have striven for the freedom.

Concerning the concept of freedom of today's western societies, it should work on the basis of principle. Freedom moves in one direction like the sun does. If this principle is ignored, the destruction appears. Can the nine planets which turn around the sun change its rule by themselves, saying 'we will be hit to the sun with our own freedom' if they have their own will and mouth? Can they say each other, 'let's try to change the positions of solar system since it's been already for 10 years.' It is impossible to do it. Once they make such action, everything will be exterminated.

When people say the freedom, they might think that the freedom does not take any order. However it is wrong. There must be the order before the freedom and it should exist based on that order. Therefore

there is no freedom outside the principle and order. When you take the freedom in the relation with your parents, there must be the order between parent and children to be followed. That means, you should handle the freedom through keeping the principle and order. If you are out of the principle, you can not get the true freedom.

We have the portion of responsibility. The reason why the human being is able to get something more valuable is because of this portion of responsibility that only human being has among all creatures.

Such portion of responsibility has been given to every individual, nation and world. In case of an individual, the portion of responsibility is required throughout his entire life. When he fulfills the portion of responsibility, his individual life is successfully completed. If he can not fulfill the portion of responsibility, his individual life can not be completed, no matter how he is an excellent being.

What Reverend Moon figured out the question of the portion of responsibility of human being can be a sort of great discovery. Unless you know about this, you can not solve all the questions of history. There have been a lot of mysteries in the history and in the relationship between God and man. Nothing about these questions will be clarified without the understanding of the portion of responsibility. For example, why did so many righteous people sacrifice themselves to the history? Why were the people able to recognize their names just after their age was passed away? No historian or philosopher could solve such issues.

Therefore you should first understand the portion of responsibility. Due to this clear principle of the portion of responsibility, the terminology of indemnity has been applied to the human history. It was a terminology of grief.

Why did God give the portion of responsibility to the mankind? As you learned through the Divine Principle, God intended to give the human being the authority to participate at the work of creation and to make him the object of God by giving the portion of responsibility. This is an amazing fact.

Most people do not realize the importance of human responsibility when trying to understand God and the universe. They only try to figure out why God hasn't done something. However, God and man are in a joint venture on this earth. Without the fulfillment of human responsibility, even God cannot fulfill His plan of creation. All of the suffering in the world is because of the failure of humankind to fulfill its responsibility; this is the source of chaos and confusion in society.

If there had been no fall of man, the responsibility of humanity would have been very easy to fulfill. There would have been no source of distraction to prevent people from achieving their perfection. However, due to the failure of man in the beginning, our responsibility now is very difficult. An adverse power came into being which has the ability to pull people far away from their perfection. The Principle teaches that God has a symbolic 95% responsibility and man has the other 5%. God gives us this portion of responsibility because He wants us to inherit His creative ability. At the center of that inheritance is true love. By fulfilling our 5% portion of responsibility, we become entitled to inherit the entire creation of God. (1/30/1983)

It is right that we should love God as God loves us. It is the law of the Principle. If you respect and attend God as the vertical center, you will receive His love as His sons and daughters. Unless we establish such a tradition of mutual love, we will not establish the starting point for our individual perfection. You all should know that the fulfillment of one's responsibility is the only way to the perfection of one's character. The reason God cannot fully display His love toward fallen man and woman is that they must first perfect their character. God is the subject partner of true love. Therefore, only when an absolute object partner appears does He engages in the give and take action of love. What do you think perfection of character means? It means to become a person who can fulfill his or her responsibility. That is to say, one must first be restored to one's original position before the Fall and then reach perfection, finally capable of fulfilling one's responsibility. This process involves a revolutionary change in character. Individual perfection means the perfection of character. We can say that when a person fulfills his or her responsibility, he or she realizes the perfection of character. As children of God, we must become mature people who can stand before God in a position to praise and love Him. Once you clearly understand that you can obtain true

love only after you have perfected your character, you must bear in mind that there is no other way to go besides the way of perfecting your character. (*Blessing and Ideal Family I*, pp. 20–21)

Three characteristics of freedom stand out. First, free actions are generated by free will, and free will is an expression of the mind. Since the mind of an original, sinless person cannot operate outside of God's Word, that is, the Principle, it will never express free will or generate free action apart from the Principle.

Second, there is no freedom without responsibility. Human beings, created according to the Principle, can reach perfection only by fulfilling their responsibility based on their free will. Accordingly, a person pursuing the purpose of creation as prompted by his free will ceaselessly strives to carry out his portion of responsibility.

Third, there is no freedom without accomplishment. When human beings exercise freedom and carry out their responsibility, they strive to accomplish results which complete the purpose of creation and bring joy to God. Free will ceaselessly pursues concrete results through free actions.

It cannot be that freedom caused the human Fall. As long as Adam and Eve were bound by God's warning not to eat of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, they should have kept this commandment by their free will and without God's intervention. Certainly, the freedom of their original mind, which is inherently responsible and seeks the good, was prompting them to obey it. When Eve was about to deviate from the Principle, the freedom of her original mind aroused fear and foreboding in her in an attempt to prevent her from deviating. Ever since the Fall, this freedom of the original mind has been working to bring people back to God. Working in this way, freedom could not possibly have caused human beings to fall. Rather, the human Fall was caused by the stronger power of unprincipled love, which overwhelmed the freedom of the original mind.

In truth, human beings lost their freedom as a result of the Fall. Yet even fallen people possess intact a seed of their original nature which seeks freedom, and this makes it possible for God to carry on the providence to restore it. With the progress of history, people have been ever more zealously aspiring for freedom, even at the cost of their lives. This is evidence that we are in the process of restoring our freedom, long lost due to Satan. The purpose of our search for freedom is to facilitate the accomplishment of our God-given responsibility, which is essential for fulfilling our purpose of creation.

It is true that human beings were free to relate with angels, who were created to minister to them. However, since Eve's heart and intellect were still immature when she was tempted by the angel, she became confused emotionally and intellectually. Although the freedom of her original mind induced in her a sense of foreboding, because the power of the love between her and the angel was stronger, she crossed the boundary and fell. No matter how freely Eve was relating with the angel, if she had maintained unwavering faith in God's commandment and not responded to the angel's temptation, then the power of unprincipled love would not have been generated and she would not have fallen. Therefore, despite the fact that freedom permitted Eve to relate with the angel and brought her to the brink of the Fall, what pushed her over the brink was not freedom but the power of unprincipled love.

Conversely, since fallen people can also relate with God in freedom, if they follow the words of truth, form a common base and engage in give and take with Him, then the power of principled love can revive their original nature. Indeed, the freedom of the original mind yearns to cultivate fully the original nature. Hence, people in every age have been desperately crying out for freedom. (*Exposition of the Divine Principle*, pages 74–76)

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Chapter 2

IDEAL FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS

1. How does the family teach ethics, love and character?

One cannot claim anything as “mine alone.” When the child, through the love of its parents, grows from an egg in the mother’s womb and is born, 99.999 percent of its existence is from the mother’s bone, blood and flesh, which was combined with the 0.001 percentage from the father’s sperm. There is no concept of “myself alone” in nature. Nobody had a concept of “myself” when they were born. Therefore, there is no basis for self-centered individualism.

How can we define the ideal world to come? Someone might think, 'it is a world where I enjoy my life, my happiness, my material and my children.' However there is no such an ideal world. It is the world where people praise others. Do you understand? Parents praise children in this world. When the people live centered on their original mind, husband wants to praise his beloved wife, and wife wants to praise her beloved husband. Parents want to praise their beloved children no matter how they are still the suckling children.

Within the family, the husband must be the house of love for his wife and the wife must be the house of love for her husband. The parents must be the house of love for their children, and the children must be the house of love for their parents. God’s Kingdom is the place where the ideal of true freedom blossoms, and where humanity’s hopes are fulfilled. It is a place inhabited by true families that are the products of true love, true life and true lineage.

Once an individual achieves the unity of mind and body, true love emanates from that person. Next, a man and a woman, both of whom have perfected mind and body unity, marry and truly love one another as husband and wife. Thus, they become true parents connected with the true love of God. This gives them the ability to truly love their children. The true love of God resides within the mind and body of a true husband and wife. When such a couple becomes one, children are born. That is how a complete ideal family is formed.

Essentially there are four great loves: parents' love, brothers and sisters' love, husband and wife's love, and children's love. True family is the smallest unit where these four great loves can be experienced. This true family is the foundation of true human love and true happiness. It is the place from which true life and true lineage sprout forth. It is the training ground and school of love that prepares people for life in a peaceful, prosperous, and loving society, nation, and world. (The Family and World Peace, 6/11/1998)

Did you have to learn that you must have love in your family? Does a father teach children the way of love? Does a mother push children to desire love? From whom did the parents learn to love children? From whom do a bride and a bridegroom learn how to love? It is mysterious that we do certain things well without learning.

When everyone lives for the sake of others centered on love, equality emerges among their relations.

A young woman should conceal her essence deep inside, like a peony which is wrapped with many layers of petals. Then she can welcome the coming of spring. She can start her new life in tune with its harmony of heaven and earth. This is how she can love well.

Men as well as women should keep their chastity... A man’s philandering will ruin his entire clan.

My tradition and teaching is that you should not meet and love your partner unless you first love your people and nation. You should not obtain and love your partner unless you first love the world. You should not obtain and love your partner unless you first love God. After you love God, love the world and love the nation, then you can love your wife or husband. This is a fundamental law.

The universe welcomes those men and women who consider love the supreme value. Love is almighty; it is greater than life itself. There are no adjectives large enough to describe love. It is absolute, it is unchanging, it is beautiful, it is sweet; yet none of these words encompass love. Throughout the history of literature and poetry, what is more praised – love or life? Or maybe power and money are the focus of poetry? No, love is most praised. The reason is very simple, yet perhaps most poets don't fully understand.

You were not born for your own sake but for the sake of others. As long as your terminology is "we" and "us" the universe supports you, but as soon as you think in terms of "I" and "me" the universe will turn against you.

This is the beauty of marriage – it pushes people to think always of themselves in terms of another. Likewise living in a family requires us to think in terms of "we" – the children think of their parents, the parents think of the children, each child thinks of the other brothers and sisters.

Love is something even God cannot realize alone. Love can always be realized through a reciprocal base. Where does love begin? It does not begin from myself, but grows up from my spouse. Because love comes from an object partner, I must lower my head and live for the sake of the object partner. The heavenly law, "Live for the sake of others," comes from here. The most precious philosophy is "to live for others."

Happiness is also the same. Can we feel happy alone? We can feel true happiness only when we have an equal reciprocal relationship with a partner and when we love each other. Freedom is also the same. True freedom cannot be realized alone. True freedom is what can be gained within love, together with love. Within true love, even if you try to dictate to your beloved..., it would not be felt to be a restriction, but as deep happiness and joy.

When we say that parents' love and husband and wife's love is wonderful, we absolutely are not talking about love centering on oneself. Love is not what starts from myself, but is what starts from my partner in a reciprocal position. Love is what appears from a husband or a wife, and love is what starts from sons and daughters, brothers and sisters. Then, who is the master of love? The partner in the reciprocal position becomes the master of love.

As we grow in love, relating to brothers and sisters, becoming husbands and wives, giving birth and raising children, God is present each step of the way, nurturing and harvesting true love. God observes and guides us as we develop.

In order to develop a loving character, we must serve and honor our parents, our brothers and sisters, and our spouse. By doing so, we will attain mind-body unity as individuals, fraternal unity as brother and sister, and conjugal unity as husband and wife. (Everybody Wants True Love, 11/20/99)

2. What is the significance and value of marriage and the ideal love between husband and wife?

The purpose of marriage is to unify the world of heart and to perfect the love of man and woman. Therefore, to say that you have married is to proclaim that you will prove this. If you have realized the perfection of love and the perfection of heart through married life, then we can say that you have realized the ideal of a family.

The perfection of a man and woman's love is the perfection of the universe. The day this love was broken, the universal order was destroyed and the vertical world was broken. Therefore, from the viewpoint of God's will, you must know how important marriage is. The Blessing centering on God is the place where we can meet the Kingdom of Heaven on earth and Kingdom of Heaven in heaven.¹ It is the place where a man and woman meet in the external, temporal world and, through true love, gradually come closer to the center of the eternal world. The man and woman will unite into one at the center, with God. Centering on God, and giving and receiving love, they become one and give birth to sons and daughters. These sons and

daughters, born as the fruits of love, will grow in the love of their parents, who are one with God, creating the four-position foundation.

Living individualistically, if you say, "Here is my Kingdom of Heaven. Here is my Kingdom of heaven," how much will Heavenly Father feel suffocated? Heavenly Father will say, "Oh dear!" Why do we get married? Very simply, we marry in order to resemble God.

Marriage thus represents the synthesis of the virtues of heaven, earth, and humankind and the perfection of all things vertical and horizontal, left and right, and front and back. Accordingly, Adam and Eve as husband and wife, as God's most beloved substantial objects, were meant to be the second ancestors. From that position they would stand as the second creators and would inherit all of God's feelings. They would feel the joy of God in the positions of children, brother and sister, husband and wife, and parents. Their joy as the second creators would be in the experience of bearing children, by which they could experience the position of the First Creator.

From this perspective, God was the first Creator; Adam and Eve were to be the second creators; and the children of Adam and Eve were to be the third creators. The first, second, and third creators – that is, God, Adam and Eve, and the children of Adam and Eve – would have established a formal pattern, a pattern that would have been the fundamental principle that all humanity would have to follow.

From the perspective of Adam and Eve, there would be connection between upper and lower (the parent-child relationship), left and right (the husband-wife relationship), and front and back (the brother-sister relationship). It would have led them to the perfection of their family. It would have been the unified foundation of God, Adam and Eve, and their children. As people approached God, they would accomplish the unification of mind and body and the unification of man and woman, and they would form a stable foundation where peace, freedom, happiness, and hope would converge to form the basis of fundamental peace.

The Family is the Base of True Love

Through Adam and Eve's having children, God would have enabled Adam and Eve, who were the second creators and who were visible and substantial, to take part in the creation of the third creators.

Through this process, the family becomes the foundation on which the Four Great Realms of Heart can be experienced generation after generation. The family is the base where each form of true love can be brought to perfection. In this way, the family achieves the unity of God and man through love, and it serves as the starting point toward the perfection that enables us to establish true ownership in heaven and earth. This is another way of saying that the family is the origin from which we come to have children, brothers and sisters, husband or wife, and parents.

Only in such families can we find men and women who have accomplished mind-body unity. Only in such families can we find husbands and wives who have achieved the ideal unity between man and woman. Such families are the starting point for ideal parents. Here, too, we can see the creation of a model, centering upon true love, for the perfection of children, brothers and sisters, husband and wife, and parents.

It was God's ideal of creation that this model be expanded not just to the level of country and world but to the entire cosmos. Thus, it is possible for a country to become a family-patterned unit that is larger than the family; the world can become a family-patterned unit that is larger than a country; and the cosmos can become a family-patterned unit larger than the world.

Accordingly, the models for children, brothers and sisters, husbands and wives, and parents – which represent the Four Great Realms of Heart – can be found in the family, in the nation, in the world and in the cosmos. Since a country contains many families and is larger than a family, families should exist for the sake of the country. Since the world contains many countries, countries should exist for the sake of other countries in the world. In similar fashion, the world must exist for the sake of the larger cosmos. Finally, the cosmos must exist for the sake of God, who is the greatest and most central existence.

Thus, when the standard of the perfected Four Great Realms of Heart within the family is projected onto higher and higher levels, the ideal of unity becomes a reality. On that basis, we can enter a cosmos of

peace, happiness, and freedom. This is why we need, and need vitally, the unity of mind and body and family harmony centering on man and woman.

God is also Growing

God, too, you see, has been growing. He created Adam and Eve as substantiation of the inner son and daughter, brother and sister, husband and wife, and father and mother, who are all within His invisible heart. With Adam and Eve, God becomes a growing child, a brother and a sister, a husband and a wife, and finally a parent. By experiencing His second self, God establishes children, brothers and sisters, husbands and wives, and parents. He unites them in true love, and that brings to Him boundless joy.

As well as to God, humans are designed to give joy to other humans. We are all in the position of someone else's child, sibling, spouse, or parent. All human beings are members of families centering on the Four Great Realms of Heart, which make the family an underpinning to experience the ideal realm of heart. We all have a longing to form families, and the reason is that only those persons embodying the Four Great Realms of Heart can become ideal human beings, capable of making heartistic oneness with anyone in the Kingdom of Heaven, on earth or in the spiritual realm. This explains the consummate human desire to achieve mind-body unity and husband-wife unity. Unless we achieve this all-important mind-body unity, we are unqualified in all other aspects and can develop no unity in the family either. We will fall away from our families, from our nation, from the world, from the universe, and from God Himself. Only through an utmost effort to accomplish mind-body unity and family unity can we achieve perfection.

We need to know that we ourselves are God's representatives. We are in the position of a second God. All people, need to be working together to restore the family to a position of goodness and happiness.

We must become aware that the position of husband and wife is the union between a son of God and a daughter of God, the union of a brother and a sister within God's family, and the union of a father and a mother. From the perspective of the Four Great Realms of Heart, the position of husband and wife is the absolute goal of human life, through which we can actually achieve the perfection of our individual selves.

The husband, therefore, stands in the position that enables the wife to receive an ideal son of God, to receive an older brother of heaven, to receive a husband of heaven, and to receive a father of heaven. The corresponding case is true of the wife in relation to her husband. Such husbands and wives bear children in a manner analogous to God's creative act. They feel joy through experiencing their own growth in a substantial manner, through their children.

The Blessing is the ultimate road. It is a great error to think that it is a marriage liable to be swept away mindlessly by an irresponsible storm of life. It is a precious union centered on the heart of the universe. When man and woman perfect their personalities centering on God's love and have a clear view of their purpose, all difficulties and agony disappear. If you maintain that standard, there can be no such thing as another fall on this earth.

From now on, you should be filled with the heart-felt honor of the unfallen ideal of creation, and you should live with a grateful heart, committing your whole life. If you face difficulties, they are not for inflicting pain upon you. God is making you go the way of suffering in order to dispense more of the infinite blessings that heaven has gathered up until now. We can be truly thankful for this.

The husband and wife who have been brought together by the love of God's heart should form a sphere of family life through affection and love. In order to enter the eternal Kingdom of God, you must become a husband and wife who will fulfill the purpose of creation with clear purpose and conviction.

The equality of the sexes originates from the relationship of love. Is a woman a match for her husband in physical strength? Can she equal him in jumping? In spite of these external inequalities, there is equality between the sexes – between woman and man – only through love.

Some have the attitude that children are a burden to the pleasure of the husband and wife. They think that their own enjoyment is the purpose of their lives. But if that way of thinking becomes dominant within a culture, the society will quickly decline. We must return to God's principles. God's way is actually the way that works the best in a practical sense, as well.

The most general way of stating God's principles is, "Live for the sake of others, not for yourself." Love in the family should be public-minded and unselfish. Selfish love says, "You must love me. I'm here to receive love." That kind of love drags you down like an anchor. Some marry because they want their spouse to love them; they are eager to receive love. That is wrong. You should change your mind now and think, "I want to get married because I want an object to give my fervent love to."

Any love that is not public-minded is destructive love. Which should be more important to the couple, their savings account or their love? In some homes there are two savings accounts, one for the husband and one for the wife... When you are truly in love, a husband and wife are one body. Your whole body can become sacrificial, so a bank account is nothing. When the wife needs money, the husband's money is hers. Likewise, the wife's money is her husband's.

People did not recognize that there is a great nobility in the love between man and woman. From now on you must think it is even holy. You must not chat or play on it. With the best attitude you must show your respect to this love.

The love between husband and wife is noble. Your wife is like a princess of the Heavenly Kingdom or the younger sister of the Heavenly family. You must inherit the love with your partner like your father and mother did. You can not inherit God's love alone.

Through this inheritance of God's love, the two perfected individuals becomes completely one and absolutely perfect. In other words, when the perfected man and woman become one with love, they accomplish the ideal of God's creation and establish the completed realm of the object of love.

The conjugal relationship is most beautiful flower of true love. Adam and Eve were such flowers of all ideals of creation.

Man is God's positive form, while woman is God's negative form. Husband and wife are like heaven and earth wrapped by a cloth. Therefore they are able to feel God's heart of ideal love.

From now man also must keep his fidelity. Man must remain the historical tradition of purity keeping his fidelity.

What is our most basic unit to exist? It starts from the husband and wife centered on the ideal love. Therefore the basic unit must be the family centered on the husband and wife. When the family expands centered on the husband and wife, it becomes nation, world and heaven and earth. Husband and wife become one and create a formula, the family. Then the formula of tribe is established based on the unit of family. The formula of nation is established based on the unit of tribe. In this manner, the formula of the state and world will be appeared according to the step. It is like the development of science that does not exist beyond the formula and the unit.

This place where husband and wife make the relationship is the starting point of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth and in heaven which is the place of King's Palace originated from the love, life and lineage of God and mankind.

The son and daughter who are born by true love become the husband and wife and complete the ideal of one body of husband and wife centered on the true love. When they establish the family which serves God in this way, it becomes the starting base for the peace and ideal. When a half, man, and the other half, woman become one, they complete together God's ideal love as the partner of God.

If any of you couples have had a habit of fighting among yourselves, you should stop that. The beginning of happiness is within your own family; the Kingdom of Heaven must be realized there. If the whole world

were dwelling in peace but you and your spouse were in conflict, you would have nothing to do with the world's peace.

In your love relationship as husband and wife, do you want two different kinds of love or one absolute love? One absolute love, with one absolute direction. The direction is one and the purpose is one.

Once you experience such love, you never want anything else. Opium is nothing in comparison with such love. Liquor cannot compete with love. People get intoxicated by drinking, but originally we are supposed to live intoxicated by love. If you know that point clearly, you will not feel it difficult to carry the cross of love. It is a pride and glory to sacrifice again and again for your beloved one.

When a husband and wife live hand in hand, dreaming optimistically of the future and denying the fallen reality, they will be able to go through any difficult environment. The difficult reality will not damage their future but will stimulate in them a new vision for the future. The ordeal of the present reality then will not restrain them. When a man and a woman stand in the position to respect each other, fully aware of and accompanied by the value of the future, the site of happiness will be established right there.

What is marriage? It is to set one's sights upon a common destiny as a couple. It is to pursue the dual destiny, overcoming the individual destiny. Once a man and a woman are bound to one common destiny through marriage, they cannot freely change it by their will.

Until when do you want to love your spouse? How would you feel if the answer came, "Until our youth is over?" We want our spouse to love us until death and even eternally. To love until death is to love sacrificing everything. "Eternally" means "completely," and "until death" means giving everything.

What is true love? It is love which makes you feel, when you meet a person, that you want to be with that person for hundreds and thousands of years. It is the love between husband and wife that makes them want to love each other eternally.

The original model of love itself is perfect, unchangeable, eternal and absolute.

A husband does not desire any revolution of his wife from when he first fell in love. This also is the hope of a wife toward her husband. We must clearly know that it is the hope of all husbands and wives to keep the pure appearance with which they started their first love. They do not want any other color to be added to that purity of love.

Why do problems like divorce occur among people who love each other? When we think that the people who have divorced or are willing to divorce are all people whom once were in a love relationship of life and death, we must say that something has gone wrong. There may be many reasons to get divorced, but in general it means that something changed, that something became different between the two. This is because they could not keep and grow their love. Love itself does not change; it is the person's mind that changes.

When two partners become one in true love, it is impossible to separate them. If for any reason separation occurs, true love is destroyed. Therefore, in true love there is no concept of divorce.

What is marriage? Why is marriage important? Marriage is important because it is the road to finding love. It is the road to creating life. It is the road where the life of a man and a woman unite into one. It is the place where a man's lineage combines with a woman's lineage. History emerges through marriage, and

from marriage nations appear and an ideal world begins. Without marriage there is no meaning to the existence of individuals, nations, and an ideal world. .

Marriage can be said to be a ceremony which allows you to open the door of a place of happiness and enter into it. Therefore, marriage is the biggest event for humankind. Love transcends time and space and is the greatest thing.... Marriage is a ceremony that reveals and confirms this greatest love.

What is the purpose of marriage? Is it simply for men and women to live together? The purpose of marriage is the perfection of their mind and heart, the perfection of their love. When you declare to the world that you are married, you are actually declaring the initiation of your venture to perfect your mind and heart and love. When you die, you are supposed to have accomplished all of that in your married life and be qualified to go to heaven.

What is marriage? It is entering a school where men learn what they don't know about women and women learn what they don't know about men. When the grade is "A+," a husband and wife are happy. [Also], in order to learn to love the world, we give birth to children. Without children, we cannot be connected to the future.

When a man feels love, the feeling is not generated on its own. The feeling awakens in his heart because of a particular woman. Likewise, the fire of love is kindled in the heart of a woman not by herself alone but by the man she loves. In other words, our love belongs to our partner. Thus, we should honor our partner's love as being even more precious than our love. Each person should be grateful to his or her spouse, and should live his life for the sake of the other.

If all men and women admit that their sexual organ belongs to their spouse, we all would bow our heads and become humble when we receive our spouse's love. Love comes to you only from your partner. There is no love other than love for the sake of others.

Even though there are so many men and women in the world, you should be able to think that there exists only you and your spouse. It is the principle that you totally invest yourself in your spouse alone.

A man and a woman are the substantial object-partners of God representing God's masculine and feminine qualities, respectively. God's creation philosophy is to divide God's inner, harmonized qualities of masculinity and femininity into two poles and then re-unite them into one body that resembles God's original oneness. A true husband and a true wife each represents God's extreme poles and both exist to form one harmonious body as the respective representatives of heaven and earth. In other words, men and women are not created to live in self-centeredness for the sake of the self. Each is created to exist for the sake of his or her partner. We should clearly realize that true husbands and true wives exist for their respective partners.

I have already stated that true love cannot be realized alone. Only through a reciprocal base can true love be realized. True love between husband and wife is not only for the sake of that couple. It is also the true love that centers on God's ideal of creation. God is the owner of absolute true love. The absolute true love of God dwells where one finds the desire to unite with one's spouse who embodies God's true love.

A true couple embraces God's true love and moves toward the future with one unified hope. Conception of children and the prosperity of the family take place upon this foundation. It is the ultimate hope that a couple's true love moves beyond the mundane realm of the daily environment so as to form a family that is one with God's ideal of true love.

When God created all things, He said they were good. When He created Adam and Eve, He pronounced them very good, although Adam and Eve never did fulfill all the meaning of "very good" Which attracts God more: something good, or something very good? Very good, of course. Only after the creation of a

man and a woman did God call His handiwork very good. He must have been wide awake and totally thrilled that day. He must have shouted with jubilation, loud enough for the whole universe to hear: "It is very good!"

What inspired such a response? Did God say, "very good!" when He looked at Adam's face? Or was it Eve that excited Him so much? No, it was the unity and harmony of Adam and Eve that God called supreme goodness. The content of harmony and unity is love. So the history of supreme goodness began when love entered the picture. Adam alone was not yet very good. Eve by herself did not meet the standard. But when God brought the two together and the current of love sparked between them, then He pronounced it "very good." (*Original World and Present World, 5/29/1983*)

What is the way of unification? Let us consider the first human family. First of all, there is God. Second, there is Adam and Eve. Adam is masculine, and Eve is feminine. They compete with one another to secure the love of God first. If they are selfishly motivated, there will be no unity. However, if they are unselfishly motivated, Adam will say, "I want to reach God first solely for you, Eve." The woman will be overjoyed. She, in turn, will say, "I only want to reach God for your sake, Adam." Then the husband will be fully satisfied. There is no struggle; there is unity even in their competition. (*True Unification and One World, 4/10/1990*)

Completion comes as men and women grow in love and come closer and closer together. Men and women grow in two ways – first, in their individual love for God. They realize that love comes from God and their desire for loving Him becomes stronger and stronger. In the meantime, as they mature, they also begin to desire love from each other—men from women and women from men. The body structures of men and women change as their capacity for love grows. An amazing thing is that there is a "homing device" within them that always draws them together; it never pushes them in the opposite direction.

Men and women are meant to be the temples of God, so when love grows within them, the dwelling of God comes closer and closer. In other words, the time when the love between men and women can be consummated is the same time when their love for God can be consummated and completed. When God-centered men and women consummate their love, God also feels the fulfillment of His love. (*The Day of All Things, 6/7/1986*)

Since God has both male and female characteristics, when men and women come together in love they are presenting the total image of God. Within that "love container" there is always room for two – man and woman. When men and women come together in total unity, they become a unit of minus to God, who is the big plus. There is give and take between that plus and minus. Should Adam and Eve just look at each other or shouldn't they look together toward God? Yes, together the two of them look up at God. That is the reason why we teach that before you love your spouse, you must love God. (*1/30/83*)

When two people who love each other give and take in a reciprocal relationship, consoling each other when they are sad, sharing joy together when they are happy, helping each other when they have difficulties and going forward together before God, this indeed is married life on the foundation of God's love. (*Blessing and Ideal Family, Vol. I, Part 1, pages 59-60*)

Can you say with confidence, "My husband is the best in the whole world because of his inner nature, and therefore my child is the one whom God can love the most. I too, am completely one with God and His love." How can you become like that? God will look at you with His eyes filled with love if you can be like that. When you are filled inside with love, then nothing looks ugly or hateful. If you are truly in love, then you can handle the soiled sheets or clothes of your spouse and still not feel that they are dirty. When you have absolute love for another then even the dirtiest thing about them actually appears clean. Some married people have experienced this to a certain extent. (*3/1/77*)

Adam and Eve, the first ancestors, disbelieved God's Word and fell. They therefore could not become each other's true ideal counterpart; they lost the true husband-wife relationship.

God's original purpose for Adam and Eve was that they marry as a good bridegroom and a good bride, becoming husband and wife. As husband and wife, they were to become parents. In spite of this purpose, they fell and their relationship was ruined.

Our lives are not supposed to be situated in a history with such a beginning. We cannot help but resent being born into such misfortune, such an unbearable situation. (*Blessing and Ideal Family, Vol. I, Part I, page 32*)

Due to the Fall of Man this entire plan was destroyed. If there is absolute love which God desired, and absolute love which man is seeking, they should become totally one. Without the unity between God's absolute standard, and the absolute standard which man is seeking, there will be no absolute ideal world realized. The Fall can be interpreted as two love pillars. That is why conflict always exists. In your love relationship as husband and wife, do you want two different kinds of love or one absolute love? One absolute love, with one absolute direction. The direction is one and the purpose is one. (1/1/96)

3. What is the role of human sexuality and what is our responsibility in that love?

Today, we face a serious youth problem. There is a worldwide phenomenon of rampant free sex among the youth. The entire world is stripped naked and being pushed in the direction of death by free sex. The path of free sex was laid because of false parents. God cannot intervene. Neither authority nor any military, economic or political power can do it. False parents caused it. Therefore, it takes True Parents to cut it open. That is the only way humanity can be saved.

Only through the experience of two becoming one can we know the highest level of love. At the place where husband and wife become completely one, the ideal couple will be created. In that place, absolute love exists.

Today, many people living in the democratic world don't think about their nation, society or history. As with animals, sex dominates their minds. Like animals, women desire men and men desire women. They are only looking for fun. One-night stands are now usual for them; they wake up in the morning and leave without having any breakfast or even greeting the other. This is one example of how serious the moral problem is. It is a sign of destruction.

The present era is the era of the realm of individualism: the era of free sex, the era of children denying parents, the era of parents denying children, the era of denying the couple.

How many of us have been touched by the cruelty of infidelity and divorce? Where is God in all the one-night stands? What about the nightmares of the children who are sexually abused by a parent? Is free sex worth the price of a broken child? Equally alarming is the policy of giving school children condoms, teaching the illusion of safe sex, and surrendering to the assumption that premarital sex is inevitable.

Man exists for the sake of woman. Woman exists for the sake of man. Each is to be the object partner of love of the other.

Man was not created as a man for the sake of himself. No matter how beautiful a woman is, or even if that woman hates man, look at how woman is created. Woman was not created like that just for herself. We are not born just for our own selves; we are born for the sake of our spouses. This was the way we were born.

Why was man created? It was not for knowledge, money or power. It was for woman. The reason man's bones are made stronger than woman's is not for him to earn money and live by himself. It is to support his wife and children. The physical organs of man are different from those of woman. Who are they for? They are not created for man himself. Man's organs were made for woman, and woman's for man.

What is the symbol of love of man and woman? Where is the last terminal of love? The sexual organs enable man and woman's bodies to unite and provide a path through which mind and body can unite com-

pletely centering on love. The sexual organ of man is not for the sake of man, the sexual organ of woman is not for the sake of woman. You were not born for the sake of yourselves. You should clearly know that you were born for the sake of your reciprocal partner.

We did not know that the sexual organ is owned by the opposite sex. This is a simple truth we cannot deny. Even after thousands of years, this truth will not change.

When a man or woman pass through the period of adolescence, or the period in which they become physically and spiritually mature, and come to the road of love, both body and spirit completely resonate and become perfect. What do you think is the center where all physical cells and all spiritual elements become one hundred percent united? It is man and woman's sexual organs.

In all creation, the most precious entities are human beings – men and women. Furthermore, the most precious part of the human body is not the nose, the eyes, the hands, or even the brain. It is the sexual organs, the main organs of love. Everything in the universe can be recreated through the sexual parts.

Affirm with your spouse that your sexual organ is absolute, unique, unchanging, and eternal. Proclaim that yours is truly your spouse's and what your spouse has protected so well until now is truly yours. And please pledge that you will live your life with gratitude and in eternal service to your spouse.

According to the ideal of love, all love relationships in the mineral and plant kingdoms are for reproduction only. Human beings are the sole exception. Humankind enjoys freedom in the conjugal relationship of love. This is humanity's special privilege as the lord of all Creation. God gave the blessing and infinite joy of love to his sons and daughters. However, the true freedom that God allowed requires human responsibility. If an individual were to insist upon and practice freedom of love without responsibility, how much confusion and destruction would take place! Achieving the highest ideal of human love is possible only when one takes responsibility for love.

The first responsibility is for one to become a master of true love, truly free and thanking God for the freedom of love and knowing how to cultivate and control oneself. This responsibility for a love relationship should not be taken merely because of law or social convention. Instead, a person should establish responsibility through his own self-control and self-determination within the life-committing vertical relationship with God.

Second is one's responsibility toward the object partner of love. By nature, people do not want their spouse's love to be shared with others. Horizontal conjugal love, which differs from the vertical love between parents and children, loses its potential for perfection the moment it is divided. This is because the principle of creation requires husband and wife to become one in absolute love. Each spouse has the responsibility given by love to live absolutely for the sake of the other.

Most living things – whether plants or animals – multiply through sex. The most precious and outstanding family begins with a husband and wife who are one with each other. Our love organs are the main sanctuary of life, occupying a position of incredible value where blood lineage and history are connected. For a man and woman to share absolute love, however, they should have only one partner. We must not have two or more partners, but only one, eternally. There is absolutely only one man for each woman and one woman for each man.

When men and women uphold and preserve chastity, they are protecting the universe. The discipline of love between men and women is the foundation of the universe. We must not abuse our love as if we were animals. Our love can only have one owner. The word "true" in "true love" does not allow for the possibility of more than one partner. There can be only one. This is an absolute law.

Men and women, therefore, stand like a tuning fork. A man's sound bar can only resound in response to the woman's love, and vice versa. Each should initiate the vibration of the other. Thus we say that love doesn't really belong to you; it doesn't even come from you. It comes from the other side, your object.

The man has male sexual organs and the woman has female sexual organs and even those do not belong to themselves alone. You are the custodian of those organs and they exist for the sake of your mate, who has the true ownership. This is a rather new realization. So you have no freedom to abuse those parts. This is a major problem with American society today, particularly with the young people. They think their love instrument is theirs to use or abuse, according to their whims. All kinds of moral degradation have come about because of such thinking. (*The Day of All Things, 6/7/1986*)

One's first love is very, very important. Your first contact with love should be done with great care because that meeting is like 100% gold wires connecting with each other. A person's first love is one of 100% conductivity – it doesn't matter whether the beloved is black, white or yellow – once you contact with each other, you make a spark of great power. Therefore, first love should be experienced very carefully.

Intense first love, done in a rightful and honorable way, comes together and creates a beautiful and powerful spark. The love of God will spark with that love and it becomes the best, most extraordinary spark in Heaven. The impact of that spark is so strong that it flattens you to the ground. Yet still you feel joyful, even knocked out on the ground, because of the impact of love.

The most intense age for a man and woman for love to spark between them is in their teens. At the peak of the teen years, a boy and girl can meet and find their fulfillment by matching with their “other half.”

During their teen years, men and women are supposed to meet with true love at their center. Thus by meeting with each other at that center, you are also meeting with God. This is the reason why teenagers are such poets, artists, and musicians—they are attached to that true love center of their lives. They are in an “activated” state, with their antennae being wide open to the world. Their perceptions are very sharp. A young man in his teen years will feel that he cannot experience the world fully by himself; he is inevitably drawn to a young woman, and vice-versa. When the two people come together in the clash of love, they become like a new antenna together, with new perceptions. This is Why teenagers have to be so careful with their love; it is very easy for boys and girls to make a mistake at that time, with such strong emotional urges.

Love should be consummated only with the approval of the parents, the nation, the universe and the approval of God. No one's love is just a private experience. It is always a public thing, coming from the very center of the universe—God. It is passed on through the world, nation, society and then to the family and individual. It comes to the individual as a public item, so you should know how to be a proper custodian of this love. Love has to be publicly and righteously handled.

The first spark of true love is so important and it should not be misused. Once that intense first spark is misused, it is very difficult to completely unwind that mistake. Each person has the duty to preserve his pure first love until the time when it can spark for the sake of the universe and for God. Therefore you should not behave in a casual way toward your love. Love is noble and sacred; it is not vulgar or dirty, although the sacredness of love can be defiled if is abused. (*1/30/83*)

4. What are the responsibility and ideal relationship between parents and children?

Adam's family in the Garden of Eden was to be a family of true love, in accordance with God's ideal. God created them so they would give visible expression to every kind of invisible existence. God and man were in a subject-object relationship centering on true love. He created the two ancestral human beings, Adam and Eve, with the expectation that they would become the substantial perfection of the invisible children, invisible brother and sister, invisible husband and wife, and invisible parents that exists within God's heart. God wanted the true love of children to be perfected in substantial form; he wanted to see His objects of true love perfected as actual brothers and sisters in a family, as actual husband and wife, and then as actual parents.

True love in a father-son relationship is vertical; in a husband-wife relationship it is horizontal; in a brother-sister relationship it is on the front-and-back axis. God wanted such a spherical ideal of true love.

Unification, then, is accomplished at one central point, where there is a convergence of the upper and lower hemispheres on the vertical axis, the right and left hemispheres on the horizontal axis, and the front and back hemispheres on the third axis. This point becomes the focus of centripetal force. The Four Great Realms of the Heart – that is, the realms of love of the child, brother-sister, husband-and-wife, and parents

– reach their perfection when human beings who are centered on God are married and enter their first relationships of love. This is the central place where all perfection bears fruit.

Human beings are to be married in the bosom of God's love. They are to have children whom God loves and grandchildren whom God feels joy to be with. The Kingdom of Heaven is a place where your family goes all together. Is going somewhere alone, where your son cannot go with you, really going to the Kingdom of Heaven? The world where all family members can share centered upon God is the Kingdom of Heaven. While a son is floundering in hell, can his parents be happy in heaven? Is such a place the Kingdom of Heaven?

Originally, True Love was to be gained through life experience and understood through internal realization. True Love is not something that can be learned through words, a written text or schooling. It is experienced completely only in life. Created as newborn infants, Adam and Eve were to grow and perfect themselves gradually through experiences of the heart of True Children, True Brother and Sister, True Husband and Wife, and True Parents encompassing their whole lives. Only after experiencing the True Love of God in its entirety can one perfect the Purpose of Creation and become an ideal human being. (*True Family and True Love, page 2*)

Professors have a great deal of influence on young people. However, students are influenced even more by their parents. It is the family that exerts the most influence on the formation of an individual's character.

In life, the family is the most important school of love. Through education in love and sensibility, which only parents can accomplish, a child develops his capacity of heart. This is the cornerstone of the formation of the child's personality. Moreover, the family is the school for the education of children in virtue and norm. The heavenly way is for people to receive academic education, physical education, and technical education on the foundation of having received education in heart and norm.

While becoming true parents who give true love to their children, parents should become true teachers and properly educate their children in heart and norm. Even though parents may not be aware that they are true teachers, children naturally learn from and resemble their parents. The role of parents is that important. Children's loving personalities and spirituality develop as they emulate the true love and loving lifestyle of their parents.

Why do husband and wife need to become one? It is to invite God to the center of husband and wife. Why should the children love the parents? It is to have the will of Heaven stay between these two relationships. Why should the parents love their children, and why should the children be dutiful for the parents? It is to connect the heavenly love to the center of the relationship between parents and children. The reason why man and woman should become one body centered on the conjugal love is because of the love from the heaven.

What the children practice filial piety toward their parents is for the sake of the center to return. It is a spherical center. When this center is settled, God dwells inside and the original love of God in the center interrelate to each direction.

Today all married couples expect to have their own children. Why do they have such mind? It is because the power of the principle influences them. Don't you think it is little strange? Why does the woman want to make the baby after her marriage, in spite of its difficult process? She did not know why she should make the children, love her sons and daughters, and love her husband. She did not know why she has to do at the risk of even her life.

It is to tie with God's love which is the center of the cosmos. They can bring all the victories and everything can go well when they are connected to God's love. Because of that love, they get unconsciously this mind. You must know it is not originated from you. Whether you want or not, it was originated from the original principle of God's creation that was programmed like that. Once one computer program is programmed, its structure never changes by itself no matter how people copy it tens of hundreds times. Although hun-

dreds of thousands years have passed, this project from the creation has always influenced your mind this time and made you behave according to the original power.

Why do you like your parents, your husband or wife and your children? It is because the love is involved into these relationships. The parental love is necessarily needed for the children.

How can we explain the relationship of parents and children. How does it move centered on the love? What is the relationship of parents and children? If the love of the parents corresponds to the cause, the children can be the fruitful effect of love. The fruit and cause did not start separately. It started in one place. Because of the love of the parents, we appeared as the fruit of that love.

The most influential things for the individual character and its formation are the family.

Family is the school of love in the life of human being. The children raise and deepen their heart through the education of love and emotion in the family that only parents can do. This education takes the role as the cornerstone to bring up the children's character. Family is also the school of the ethics to teach the virtue and norms to the children. The original way of the education for the people should first start from the education of love and the education of norm. Then the children should receive the additional education such as the intellectual, technical and physical education.

When I was searching after the Principle I spent many agonized nights in prayer. The central theme of those prayers was to understand what the central axis and core principle of the universe was. Ultimately the answer came that the central axis was the parent-child relationship. When we live up to that principle then we are going to bring a world of peace and unity. Since the universe is organized this way, when you look at other people you are seeing no one else but your brothers and sisters. You are linked together because you have common parents.

In order to become a true child to your parents, you should inherit their high ideals. Between the two of you, there should be a common desire for goodness. Parents give their heart and soul to the children, and the children must do likewise. When you are in one union, even though you are two separate parties, you share common goals and purposes. Then the fulfillment of each becomes the joy of the other. Fulfilling a task becomes the common joy of parent and child. When you continue that way of life for one year, ten years, a whole lifetime, there is total unity and love between parents and children.

If the younger children serve and love their elder brother and sister more than their parents, would the parents be jealous? No, they would smile ear to ear to see such an exchange of love between their children. In order to become true sons and daughters you must first love each other more than your parents; that is the most beautiful gift you can give your parents. If brothers and sisters love each other in that way, then they are positioning themselves closest to the parents.

We are created to live for each other. This is the very reason for our existence; we exist for others, for an object partner, for a counterpart. This is the principle for all human relationships in our society. Parents exist for their children, and children exist for their parents.

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The love of parents is the basis for children's pride and happiness. They would wish to be born through the total and harmonious unity of their parents in true love, and they would wish to be raised in that kind of love. The most precious responsibility of parents is not only to rear their children externally, but also to offer them life elements of true love that can perfect their spirituality.

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From whom do you begin to receive love? From your spouse. Until you receive love from your spouse, you cannot conceive your children. You all know the preciousness and intensity of love between husband and wife. However, together you should have an even greater degree of love that you can pour into your children. That is the way that you can raise your children properly. They will become the children who can dwell with God. Such children will be empowered by their parents' love and show evidence of that love throughout their lives. How wonderful such children are! (*Following the Cosmic True Love Way, 5/5/96*)

Sometimes parents really push their children or on occasion spank them, but it is not out of a selfish motive. They want to see their children succeed and be independent and righteous people, bringing honor to their family and glory from society. When parents really pray for the sake of their children and cannot sleep at night when something happens to them, it is an expression of true love. (*Let Us Restore Our Homeland and Fatherland, 1/14/79*)

What are the responsibilities of parents to society to raise responsible and ethical children? It is normal and necessary for a loving father and mother to discipline their child. They have the responsibility to direct his or her vertical growth; so if they see their child going off the track, they can set them straight. Most children will complain against their parents' discipline, but without it, they would have no way of achieving a healthy, vertical line of growth. There may be many answers to the question of why parents should guide and discipline their children, but this is the simplest one. The parents are responsible for their child's successfully achieving his or her proper connection between mind and body. Even the worst criminals sense this and will strive to make their children good, happy people. It is human nature to seek the ideal for our children. (*2/28/82*)

True parents do not tell their children, "Once you become children of true filial piety, do not become loyal citizens." True parents should teach children of filial piety to sacrifice their family by following the way of a loyal citizen in service to the nation, and to sacrifice the nation to

fulfill the way of saints in service to the world. Then parents should teach their children to sacrifice the world in service to Heaven and Earth, and to sacrifice Heaven and Earth to come to God. (*True Family and True Universe Centering on True Love, 6/16/97*)

If parents, motivated by true love, invest in and sacrifice themselves infinitely for their children, then the children will feel infinite gratitude for having received this true love. And parents will experience great joy in place of their sacrifice. In this way, the power of sacrificial true love initiates give and take action that establishes an eternal relationship of love and peace in the true family, true nation and the true world.

On the other hand, the family, nation or world that lacks such true love is nothing more than an empty shell, and will degenerate into a breeding place for all types of distrust, animosity, and immorality. Just as we cannot expect infertile land to bear bountiful fruit, we cannot expect a family that has been destroyed to produce a person that will function appropriately in society and the world.

God is in a parental relationship to His children. As a parent, He invests and forgets. If you want to secure a love relationship between God, yourself, and your spouse, you can offer true love to God. There is only one way to reach God - through the practice of true love. The practice of true love means investing yourselves over and over again, whole-heartedly. (*39th True Children's Day Address, 11/19/98*)

5. What is the significance of the three generations in the family and the true family's structure?

As children, you are destined to inherit the fortune of your grandparents and parents. Why do you need grandparents? They represent the past – they embody the real history of the past. Parents represent the present age and children represent the future: that is how everything is connected. The center of all three, grandparents, parents and children, moves toward true love. You had better remember this when you think of your family. To love and respect your grandfather is to inherit and learn from the past. You learn about the present from your father and mother. To love and cherish your children is to learn about the future.

The greatest inheritance from your grandparents and parents is true love, the lineage of true love. As much as your grandfather and grandmother have become one with each other, and as your mother and father have become one, so centering on true love you should become one and inherit the future. You can't inherit the future without forming a true family.

The family is a textbook showing us how to learn the love of the universe. If there isn't a grandfather or a grandmother in your family, you may feel something lacking.

What is the four great hearts? They are the heart of children, the heart of brothers and sisters, the heart of husband and wife, and the heart of parents. It is our family that is the foundation to inherit the three great Kingdoms of past, present and future.

In the family the grandfather stands on the position of God. In this sense, the grandfather is like a King in the family. The children are like the prince and princess who will succeed the future Kingdom of Heaven.

We should perfect the four great realms of heart; the perfection of the children's heart, the perfection of the heart of brothers and sisters, the perfection of the heart of husband and wife, and the perfection of parental heart.

In the family the grandfather is like the one who created the Kingdom of Heaven. We should know the fact that our grandfather and grandmother are the king and the queen in our family. In this sense family is the foundation to realize the vertical four great realms of heart.

The ancestor of human being ruined these four great hearts. They ruined the heart of brother, children, husband and wife, parents. Because they were ruined through one man, they must be again restored also through one man.

The original ideal of creation was to bloom the four great realms of heart and the three great kingdoms in the family and to multiply them in the original homeland without any condition. The true father and mother, true grandfather and grandmother, true husband and wife, and true children exist in this family. They are not in the heavenly world. First of all they should pass such steps in this world and go there.

We must teach these four great hearts and three great kingdoms to our children in the family. No matter how you forget all other things, you should not forget this standard and complete it in the family. The perfection of children's love, perfection of sibling's love, perfection of conjugal love and perfection of parental love start from the marriage.

Children are the fruit of the love of the mother and father. Children embody their parents' love, life, and lineage. Little children often say "This is mine," but parents are the origin of everything that children refer to as their own. Parents are the root and the trunk.

In this way, we come to perfect the model of true love. That is, we establish an eternal unchanging tradition of true love by going through life in the womb, infancy, life as brothers and sisters, as adolescents-which is the engagement period, - as newlyweds enjoying conjugal love, as parents, as true parents and finally as true kings and true queens of love.

Centering on true love, we can reach oneness between parent and child, between husband and wife, and between brothers and sisters. A parent becomes the owner or master of love through his child. A husband becomes the owner of love through his wife. An elder child becomes the owner of love through his younger brothers and sisters.

All love is united and achieves a peaceful dynamic harmony in the central point of this sphere of love relationships. This center, where all these relationships intersect, is where God resides. If we picture this three-dimensionally, we see that God is the ultimate origin of love, life, lineage, and conscience.

Human beings, who are at the center of the universe, live in the context of a series of relationships, that is, the parent-child, husband-wife, and sibling relationships. The parent-child relationship can be described in terms of a vertical axis between "above" and "below." Since a husband and wife are on an equal level, their relationship can be described in terms of a horizontal axis between "left" and "right." We can say that the sibling relationship is on a third axis between "front" and "back." Every individual exists within the sphere created by these three axes.

A good person, then, is someone who adds to whatever he or she is given and passes it on to others. This is why no parent wants his or her child to grow up to be something less than the parent. We all want our children to be better than ourselves. Also, a husband would like for his wife to be better than himself, and a wife wants her husband to be better than herself. Further, an elder brother and younger brother would each want the other to become better than themselves.

In the East, there is a saying that parents and children form one body. Further, they see husband and wife, and brother and sister, forming one body. What is the basis for that traditional wisdom? It all is made possible when the three relationships form a sphere, extending in all directions centering on true love. Those relationships must form a sphere with one center. With unity centering on true love, the husband will respond to his wife's beckoning, the elder will follow the younger's call, and the younger will follow the elder's call. None of them will ever want to separate from the other.

These days, many American families do not live together with their grandfathers and grandmothers. I was wondering if elderly people in America like to go to nursing homes. One spring day, I went to Central Park. I found that all the benches had been filled with old people. I approached them and asked if they like to live together with their children or to live separately? They answered that they don't like living alone but would rather be together with their sons and daughters and grandchildren. They said that they always had missed their family. Many senior citizens in America have lived so much alone, missing their sons, daughters, and grandchildren.

Originally all people were destined to be born, live, and die within love and with love. But such lonely old people often don't have any partner to give love to or be given love. It may be their happiness and wish that they love and live together with their sons and daughters and grandchildren.

Isn't it best to live together with our grandfather, grandmother, mother-in-law, sister-in-law, and grandchildren? Three generations living together in harmony provides a stable environment of love. You can love God when you love not only your father and mother but also grandparents.

True love blossoms when three generations live together, share with one another, and learn from each other. To love and respect grandparents is to inherit and learn the past. You can learn the present from your father and mother. To love and cherish children is to learn the future. From grandparents and parents you inherit the lineage of true love. If the grandfather and grandmother become one with each other, then the mother and father will become one also. Centering on true love, we should become one and inherit the future. We can't inherit the future without forming a true family.

You are destined to inherit the fortune of your grandparents and parents. Why do you need grandparents? It's because they represent the past. They represent the real history of the past. Next, what do parents stand for? They stand for the present age. Consequently, the children stand for the future.

Essentially there are Four Great Loves, and Four Great Hearts; parents' true love, brothers and sisters' true love, husband and wife's true love, and children's true love. True family is the smallest unit where the Four Great Loves are perfected and the Four Great Hearts can be experienced. This true family is the foundation of true human love and true happiness. It is the place from which true life and true lineage sprout forth. It is the training ground and school.

Parents are the primary source of love for children. The parent-child relationship is vertical, and the husband-wife relationship is horizontal. The lines of these two relationships should cross at right angles. The relationship among siblings forms a third dimension, a front-to-back axis. In the God-centered family, vertical and horizontal loves are united as one. (Everybody Wants True Love, 11/20/99)

Please pray, "Oh, Heavenly Father, these three generations must become absolutely one family in heart and love, so please God, be with us." You should pray like that, then you surely will be destined for the Kingdom of Heaven.

CHAPTER 3

THE BASIS OF A PEACEFUL SOCIETY

1. How do family relationships extend to the level of society?

When you get on a bus, the young should yield their seats to the elderly, even though they have to stand – just as they attend their grandparents, parents and elder brothers and sisters in their family. Such a life-style should be generalized and expanded to the world.

We go to the Kingdom of Heaven as a family: as a couple and as parents with the children we give birth to. We go there as a clan with sons and daughters and grandchildren. We will one day go there as an entire nation. Then this land will become a heavenly country. The Kingdom of Heaven is forming in this way today.

When people who experience their grandparents' deep love in their family come out into society – for example, the streets of New York – they will feel very warm toward the elderly people there, and the elderly people will treat them as their grandchildren. Feeling close to each other, they will communicate with each other using any method. Young people who have served their grandparents will help old people right away whenever they are in need of aid.

When children who have received love from their parents go outside and meet people their parents' age, they will feel very close and will try to talk with them and help them. When people who have a beautiful relationship with their brothers and sisters in their family go into society, they will easily get along with people and have close relationships with their neighbors. They will feel natural even in relating with the opposite sex, regarding them as brothers and sisters without any sexual desire or unsound ideas. The Kingdom of Heaven is built of families where you are able to experience such loving relationships, centered upon God.

The first great principle teaches that God is a living God, and that He is the Parent of humankind. In other words, the relationship between God and humanity is that of Father and children. This was the first truth that God revealed to me.

Secondly, God's original personality is true love, and He created all things and humankind to fulfill His true love. The human race is therefore the object-being of God. God wants to pour unlimited true love into the hearts of His children unconditionally. Thirdly, as His substantial entity on the earth, God the invisible Parent established True Parents to save the world. People, all people, can be eternally restored by regaining true love, true life and true lineage. They do this by achieving perfect unity with the ideals of the True Parents.

Amazingly, we are now living in the longed-for era of True Parents. There has never been and will never be again a time of this magnitude of blessing in human history. We are thus the generation born with the greatest fortune.

Human will power alone is not enough in today's decadent world to return to the original order of true love as desired by God. We may only return through the power of our Heavenly Father, and His power is manifested by the True Parents on earth.

A new order based on true love cannot be established without a revolutionary process. The True Parents of mankind have come to ignite the peaceful revolution of true love. The International Holy Wedding is fanning the flames of the revolution of True Love and providing the opportunity for the re-creation or restoration of the world.

People can not expect the happiness of mankind or the world of peace without the fundamental reformation of this world that is the most urgent things to be done for the mankind.

In order to bring world peace the peaceful nation should appear first. And the peace of nation should be based on the peace of family.

What God mostly want to have is love. What kind of love does God want to have? It is the ideal love that can be settled. We must know about this. The basis to achieve such ideal love is the family. Unless passing through the basis of family, no one can realize the perfection of the family, the perfection of the tribe, the perfection of the nation, the perfection of the world and the perfection of the cosmos. No one can be united with the start, process and goal for God's ideal world without this foundation of family.

Although you strongly want peace, your mind and body constantly fight each other. No matter how you are great, the struggle inside you does not disappear. Furthermore it does not stay on the individual level, but expands to the extent to the relationship between husband and wife, and between two societies. They are very much distorted from the original status and do not know where to go. They do not know the process because their start was wrong.

The family, society, nation and world, consisting of human beings characterized by such contradiction, have conflicts and troubles that are nothing but the multi-dimensional amplification of the disunity and struggle that exists within the individual.

The confusion between mind and body extends to the confusion between religion and science, between idealism and materialism, and between value-seeking and fact-seeking pursuits. Religion and philosophy represent the internal world of the mind; politics and economics represent the bodily world. Just as mind is in the subject and leading position, while the body is in the object position to harmonize with the mind, religion and politics also should achieve harmony and unity in a subject-object relationship. Otherwise, the ideal society cannot be created.

People with inner conflict establish families, which cannot set up a proper standard of ethics and morality. They cannot experience the world of heart based on true love. Can such families establish complete harmony and unity? Since the family unit has abandoned its responsibility to practice true love, it is now being shaken and destroyed. In light of the breakdown of the family, is peace in the society, nation and world a realistic possibility?

In the ideal human society, true love that always seeks "to give to others" forms the basis for all relationship. Such true love is motivated by the experience of the true love of parents. The true love of parents, which is in turn rooted in God's true love, is the means to nurture a child's character to its full-completed state. A man and a woman nurtured in this way, and each possessing completed character, come together as husband and wife to form a family, where they will convey true love to their children. This is the original order of Creation. The ideal world on earth is built when one individual possessing completed character is able to expand true love in ever-widening concentric circles of family, society, nation and world.

In order to become the owner of true love, we must serve and honor our parents. By doing so, we will attain mind-body unity as individuals, conjugal unity as husband and wife, fraternal unity as brother and sister, and world peace as nations. Again, the ideal family and ideal nation are the places where all of us – as parents, children, couples, brothers and sisters, and nations – want to establish ownership centering on true love. From there, eternal world peace will emerge.

The family sets the cornerstone on the road to world peace. The family also can destroy that road.

The family of true love becomes the foundation for creating a society, nation and world. That society, nation and world shall be true-love centered, and shall become ideal and peaceful. There you will find understanding instead of misunderstanding. You will find unity instead of division. You will find unselfishness instead of selfishness. This is the society, nation and world where sacrifice and good service become the dominant virtues.

The Dream of a World of Peace

The twentieth century has seen tremendous improvement in the conditions for human life, made possible through remarkable advances in science. However, it has also been the century of worldwide conflict and moral confusion. The development of scientific knowledge and of civilization has, on the one hand, allowed people to enjoy an abundant life. On the other hand, it has resulted in such global problems as the destruction of nature and the environment, global warming, and the diminishing of the ozone layer. Serious problems have also arisen in relation to the human condition. In the process of industrialization and modernization, the family is being destroyed, and serious problems such as drugs and AIDS, violence and crime, warn us that humankind is facing a crisis.

People have continued to pursue peace and happiness in many ways. However, they have not found satisfaction.

World peace has not come even through the worldwide efforts of the League of Nations and the United Nations, established to prevent further conflict following the First and Second World Wars. Nor through the efforts of religious organizations has a world of happiness been realized. The ideals of international communism and the dreams of fascism have likewise failed to bring about an ideal world. Even the highest levels of technical skill and political effort have not been able to bring peace and happiness to humankind.

Even now, tragic conflicts rage in many areas of the globe....

Peace and human happiness depend on the moral and spiritual development of people. This is because world peace, or a peaceful nation, is composed of individuals and families. Science and technical skill can be used for good – for the improvement of human life – when they are utilized by good people.

Throughout history, the saints and great teachers have devoted themselves to guiding families, societies, and nations towards a peaceful and happy world. In order to take on the challenges of the twenty-first century, we need true parents of humankind, true teachers, and true owners, who can raise impeccable leaders on the basis of morality and spirituality.

As you are no doubt already aware, the more chaotic the world becomes as days go by, the more mankind thirsts for peace.

Then, how can peace be achieved? In today's world, orderliness has been destroyed. Therefore, to establish peace means to restore that order. To restore order, subjects and objects must find their positions and establish mutual, unified relations. Peace is not desired on the world level alone, but also on the level of nations, societies, and families as well. Even individuals yearn for peace between their minds and bodies.

Of these various levels of peace, which level should be established first? It is easy to think that if world peace were established first, then on that basis the peace of nations, societies, families, and eventually individuals would also be established. But this is a wrong viewpoint. It is actually the reverse of the sequence necessary to establish peace. Individual peace must first be realized. Then family peace can soon follow, and only on that foundation can the peace of societies, nations, and the world be expected. This is because individuals are the basic units of families, and families are the basic units of societies and nations.

Frequently, leaders believe that through outstanding organization and superior thought they could restore both the order of society and world peace. In reality, however, the peace of mankind can never be realized through these two means alone. International organizations such as the United Nations and thought systems such as communism and democracy have all tried to realize world peace in their own ways, but peace is still far from our grasp, and the world is experiencing more confusion as days go by.

Unless the quest for peace starts from the peace of the individual, it is bound to fail again and again. Then how can the peace of the individual be achieved? An individual having absolute love and practicing it can achieve it. This is true because love is the precondition for all unity. Unity can be established on the basis of love, and peace on the basis of unity.

Both relative love and absolute love exist. Relative love changes according to the given time and place, but absolute love is unchanging and eternal. Because the former is self-centered, it changes according to present interests. On the other hand, because the latter always exists for the benefit of others and serves the whole, it is unchanging. Absolute love is none other than the love of the absolute Being. Therefore that love must be God's love. Through relative love, unity can never be achieved; it is only through absolute love that unity becomes possible. The mind and body of an individual can come into unity only by absolute love. Then, such emotions as calmness, joy, satisfaction, and a sense of worth can be experienced. Only from such an individual can a standard for peace be drawn.

When the parents and children, husband and wife, and brothers and sisters of a family all practice absolute love from their own positions, the unity of that family will be achieved. That family will be full of happiness and harmony, and above all, peace. Accordingly, the society formed by such families of peace will be a society of peace. If the families within a society become harmonious and help each other, the society will no doubt be bright and peaceful, because order will be established and unity attained.

The nation formed by such societies of peace will also surely become a nation of peace.

Moreover, a nation is not merely an assembly of many societies. It is an organic organization comprised of and based on individuals and families of love. Within it, perfect order and unity must be established and then the true peace of the nation can be realized.

To express it in other words, even a nation needs God's love in order to realize and maintain peace. Even though the families which are the basis of the nation may be centered around absolute love, the nation as an organic body must be able to practice absolute love as a nation on the national level. The government and people of the nation should attain unity internally, and externally the nation should unify with neighboring nations, thereby realizing true peace.

Needless to say, the peace of the world comes into being only on the foundation of the peace of all nations. When each nation ceases to place all its emphasis on trade and other ways to secure its so-called national interests, when each nation begins to serve other nations and the world with absolute love, and when each nation maintains such an international atmosphere consistently, the eternal peace of mankind will have been secured.

Thus, it becomes apparent that world peace begins with individual peace and expands through families, societies, and nations to ultimately become world peace.

At this point I would like to mention absolute love and absolute values. It is on the foundation of love that the values of truth, goodness, and beauty are formed. For example, the practice of love is evaluated as goodness. That is, when love is practiced, it appears as goodness. Therefore, it follows that when absolute love, which is God's love, is practiced, absolute goodness appears. The actions of an individual practicing absolute love for the sake of peace are goodness (absolute goodness). Likewise, the actions of a family practicing love for the sake of peace are also goodness. The same is true for societies, nations, and the world. In other words, in order to realize true peace, the individual, family, society, nation, and world must all realize the absolute values which are absolute truth, absolute goodness, and absolute beauty. The practice of absolute goodness is most urgently required because then no element of evil can intervene and destroy order.

Since the spiritual values of truth, goodness, and beauty are formed on the basis of love, without knowledge of absolute love, which is God's love, absolute truth, absolute goodness, and absolute beauty cannot be realized. And where these absolute values are not realized, there cannot be true peace.

Thus, for the true peace of mankind, absolute love must be practiced. But before it can be practiced, absolute love must first be understood.

I have already stated that absolute love is love which acts for the benefit of others, which serves others, and which is unchanging and eternal. Then, why does absolute love serve the whole and remain unchanging? And why can peace be realized only through love? These questions require answers. In order for these questions to be completely answered, the absolute Being and His motive and purpose for creating the universe and humanity must first be fully clarified. The motive and purpose for creation particularly serve as indispensable standards for the practice of love and the establishment of peace. Before any plans can be put into action, there must first be a definite purpose. Any action without purpose is meaningless.

If human beings were created by the absolute Being and meant to practice the absolute Being's love, then it is certain that there is a motive and purpose for the creation of man. In order for that motive and purpose to be clarified, an explanation of the absolute Being, that is, a correct concept of God, must first be established. By establishing the correct concept of God, His motive and purpose of creation will be clarified, and accordingly, the reason why the absolute Being's love must be practiced in order to realize peace will also be clarified.

Thus I submit that for the true peace of mankind, it is necessary to understand the absolute Being correctly so that we can practice His love and finally realize His absolute values. (*"How World Peace Can Be Achieved" November 27, 1980 Miami Beach, Florida*)

Sometime, American people asked, 'Why does a religious leader, Rev. Moon do politics?' I said, 'Rev. Moon has a different thought from yours. What is politics? I believe politics is like a body while religion is like a mind. I would like to educate both religious leaders and political leaders.'

Religion makes its efforts to unite the world of mind. Politics makes its efforts to unite the world of body. The world of body which represents material world has country forms, and they should be united centered on religious world and world of heart. In this way, the center of mental world should guide the center of physical world.

Originally, religious leaders should guide political leaders, and political leaders should guide economic leaders. It was a principle. Originally, religious leaders do not have to touch economic problems. Now, religion, politics and economy are split from each other. Therefore, even though I am a religious leader, I would still seek to educate political leaders and economic leaders.

The principle that mind and body must be united should be applied and practiced not only by individuals, but it should be applied on the worldwide level. For this purpose, I founded a number of organizations to achieve world peace. For example, I established a number of interreligious initiatives, such as the Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace, to promote cooperation among religions, which represent the internal world of the mind. Also, to address the external management of human affairs, representing the body, I have worked to promote harmony among nations through the activities of the Federation for World Peace, the Federation of Island Nations for World Peace, the Federation of Peninsula Nations for World Peace, and the Federation of Continental Nations for World Peace. Most recently, signifying the emergence of an era when mind and body, or religion and rational governance, can work together cooperatively, I founded the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace.

At their root, human problems are not entirely social or political, and so social and political approaches will always be of limited effective. Although secular authorities rule most human societies, religion lies at the heart of most national and cultural identities. In fact, religious faith and devotion have far greater importance in most peoples' hearts than do political loyalties.

The two chambers, working together in mutual respect and cooperation, will be able to make great advances in ushering in a world of peace. The wisdom and vision of great religious leaders will substantially supplement the political insight, experience and skill of the world's political leaders.

Even at this moment, more and more conflicts are breaking out across the world over disputed borders. As a result, the world is sustaining substantial loss of human life. In addition, the money poured into war-making and peacekeeping runs into the billions of dollars. So many resources and efforts are being wasted. Yet, comprehensive solutions have not been fully achieved with respect to any given conflict.

To solve this problem, I would like to make some proposals for your consideration:

Peace Zones

I propose today that the United Nations and religious leaders join their hearts and work to create peace zones in areas of conflict. Whether the disputed borders pass through rivers, mountains, fields, or the sea, we can create buffer zones or peace zones along these borders.

These zones would be governed directly by the United Nations. People from around the world dedicated to the establishment of peace would be allowed to settle in these zones. The United Nations would be responsible to provide guidance to those living in these areas so that they come to embody the founding ideals of the United Nations and comply with its declarations for peace. These peace zones would be havens that exist for the sake of peace, prosperity, and reconciliation. They would be free of racial and sexual discrimination, human rights violations, and war. These areas would also be ecological and environmental havens for the entire natural world.

To create such zones of peace, freedom, and ecological harmony, the concerned nations would have to be willing to provide the necessary land. This is not a simple matter, for there will be resistance to the surrender of land, even for a peace zone. I have dedicated much effort toward finding solutions to this problem, particularly as it applies to my native land, Korea.

I have taught that there is a providential significance to Korea's having been a victim of the Cold War. As you know, both the division of Korea and the war that followed are outgrowths of the Cold War. The Ko-

rean War, in which the youth of sixteen countries shed their blood under the United Nations flag to protect freedom, was a righteous war unprecedented in history. I remain ever grateful to the United Nations and those sixteen nations. And yet, the peaceful unification of Korea still remains to be accomplished. For this reason I have continually pondered about the United Nations' solemn mission for building a world of peace and how this relates to God's providence.

I sincerely hope that the current mood of reconciliation and cooperation between South and North Korea, which began last June, will continue. I hope the entire demilitarized zone along the 155-mile military demarcation line that crosses the Korean Peninsula can be turned into a peace zone under U.N. jurisdiction. I believe the United Nations will take the lead in this effort and build exhibition halls, museums, educational sites, and peace parks in this zone in order to teach visitors important lessons regarding peace.

I am purchasing almost 1.2 million hectares of fertile land in South America's MERCOSUR countries to help compensate countries for any land they may lose as a result of the establishment of U.N. peace zones. I have already notified leaders of North and South Korea that I am prepared to turn over to them portions of that land in South America for their use.

As I make this proposal public, it is my fervent hope that world leaders of good will can understand this purpose and join with me. In particular, I hope that they will join me in willingly donating their land and money for use in creating U.N. supervised peace zones. These zones, under U.N. leadership, will give rise to ideal moral societies where nature and people live in harmony.

Already in December 1998, I proposed the founding of an International Peace Fund in an address I gave to religious leaders gathered for an international conference that had as its theme, "Realizing the Inter-faith Ideal: Beyond Dialogue into Practice." All the leaders who participated in that conference resolved to initiate a movement in which the world's religious people would lead the way in making donations for world peace. I proposed that donations be given in amounts related to the number seven. Because various individuals and countries face differing economic realities, one person might find it difficult to give even seven dollars, whereas someone else might be able to give even \$7 million. I believe that if all religious people on earth become one in heart, they will actively participate in this fundraising effort. The funds thus created would be used to establish peace zones and to teach the ideals of peace and the methods to achieve it. In addition to religious people, the United Nations too could encourage all nations and their peoples to make annual contributions to this fund. These funds might be donated under the name of the "White Cross Fund."

Wealthy philanthropists, business leaders, and industrialists, leaders in other fields, along with individuals, and organizations, would be encouraged to actively participate in the construction of U.N. peace zones. In this way, they could lead the way in creating an atmosphere of peace and in raising the necessary funds.

Therefore, the solution to our complex global difficulties lies in creating unity between mind and body and in harmonizing the relationship between man and woman. If we accomplish these two goals, we will have found the solution to the problems of the entire world.

Why have mind and body come into conflict with each other? Why have man and woman not been able to establish harmony and unity? The reason is that something in our history went wrong. It is my firm conviction that the original fall took place at the dawn of human history. It was then that the mind and body of individual people became divided, and strife emerged between man and woman. The human world became evil, centered upon Satan.

The Solution to the World's Problems

The first step in solving the world's problems, then, is to find God. The second is expelling the evil Satan from this world. The third would be to establish men and women who have accomplished the unity of mind and body.

God expelled fallen Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden. They had become husband and wife centering on Satan instead of God, and because they bore children while in that state, all the ancestors of humankind came to inherit the lineage of Satan. Their blood lineage was corrupted.

Through adultery, the archangel who became Satan stole the intended bride of Heaven. It is a principle of Heaven that whenever a relationship of love is established (whether false love or true love), ownership becomes established from that point. According to this principle, the human ancestors came under the ownership of Satan.

Originally, the mind and body were to become one, centering on God's true love. As it turned out, however, before God's true love had a chance to be perfected within the human mind, the mind became bound by false love from Satan. That enabled Satan to take root in the body.

Originally the mind was to exert a positive polarity over the body, but due to the Fall the body formed another positive pole, repelling the original mind and finally coming to dominate it.

For that reason, God has been working to project the power of true love into the human mind in order to bring about the absolute subjugation of the body now engulfed in false love. Only when unified through true love can mind and body return to the state where God dwells within them.

The fallen ancestors became false ancestors. This is what created the need for religion and for a Messiah. The tasks of religion and the purpose of the coming of the Messiah are to break down the hell of false love, false life, and false lineage, which have given rise to false individuals, false families, false societies, false states, and a false world. Religion and the Messiah must guide us back to the original world of true love, true life, and true lineage. It is the world of the true parents centering on God.

God, too, feels loneliness when He is alone. He created the heavens and the earth centering on a relational ideal, and his reason was to find true love. Look at the created world. You will see that it is structured in pairs: The mineral world, the plant world, and the animal world are all arranged in subject-object relationships as a way of providing ideal models for true love between human beings. True love is the reason why women are born for the sake of men, and men for the sake of women. Solutions to global problems become possible only when our minds and bodies – and when men and women – come to live for the very purpose of becoming one centering upon true love. True love can be found only in a situation where a person exists for the sake of his or her relational complement. Satan's love is centered on the self, whereas God's love is centered on others. These two kinds of love are diametrically opposite.

For our fallen bodies to be free from the world of Satan, we need to know absolutely that we have achieved the position of a second, visible God, that the invisible God is our ideal subject of true love and we are in the position of His absolute objects. Our minds and bodies must be united by means of the invisible God and by means of true love, and we must honor and respect our heart and conscience just as we honor and respect God Himself.

2. What is the importance of the practice of love beyond the family?

God moves according to universal law. Universal law does not work for the sake of oneself, but for the public good. Universal law embodies the spirit of sacrifice and service towards others. (9-30-79)

God's definition of goodness is total giving, total service, and absolute unselfishness. We are to live for others. You live for others and others live for you. God lives for man and man lives for God. The husband lives for his wife and the wife lives for her husband. This is goodness. And here unity, harmony, and prosperity abound. (10-20-73)

I know that Western culture is characterized by individualism. However, selfish individualism is doomed. Sacrificial individualism will blossom. Individuality in itself is good. God gave each of us a unique way to serve. But individualism without God can only build castles on the sands of decay. (10-20-73)

True love is the place where God and humanity meet and become one. It is in true love that humanity is able to meet God and enjoy eternal life. For this reason, true love is capable of overcoming all the world's problems. Through true love, by which we sacrifice ourselves in order to live for others, we can find the solutions to such problems as interracial conflict, violence, the conflict between rich and poor, and the various environmental issues. Families in which the individual members are united centered on true love can successfully combat the corruption of morals that has contributed to the downfall of so many of our youth.

When the individual, family, society, nation, and world become one through true love, then humankind can expect a very bright future.

My dear esteemed world leaders, this modern age has already gone beyond all national boundaries in the fields of politics, economics, culture, and every other aspect; we are entering the age of "supra-national-

ism.” Now the age of the national unit for which you have been responsible and for which you have sacrificed yourselves has passed. A new stage is opening in which the world must cooperate together as one.

In reality, the world of today is being influenced and led by only a few leaders. If all of you who are gathered here today will simply unite together and step forward to educate humankind, then the future of the world will soon rest in your hands. (*The Reunification of Korea and World Peace, 1/14/1996*)

Juvenile problems bring on public confusion. What is the cause of their problems? It almost all has to do with emotional issues. That results from not having sound parents and brothers and sisters, and from the unsound man-woman relationship. Looking at such a fact, where do we look for the clue to correct those destructive problems? It is in the family.

All juvenile problems originate in the family. They have parents, but the parental heart is not implanted into the depth of the children’s heart. In other words, parental love is not solidified deeply in the bone marrow of the children. From that point, the gap between parent and children expands. The number of people who have failed in their family is increasing, and the people who are unable to have a family are becoming dominant. Modern society has become a hellish society where love has dried up and where distrust, anxiety and fear are rampant. You who are living in this age have the responsibility and duty to clean up this society and build one flowing with the love for which God hopes.

What is the most important requisite for the society or the nation? There are three conditions. First the parents is needed. Second, the teacher is needed, and third, the master is needed.

Who is the best parents among all parents? They are God, the vertical parents. Who is the best teacher among all teachers? He is also God, the vertical teacher. Who is the best master among all masters? He is God, the vertical master. Therefore God can be the parents, teacher and master.

The teachers should teach love. It is much more important than any others to be taught. They should educate the people to become the second creator like God who completely lives for the sake of others. Love goes forever, while the knowledge goes only one generation.

The teachers should have three kinds of mind; they must have the parental heart like mother and father. They should think as if they teach a person who will be their successor or inherit their lineage. They should have the mind that they teach the student who will undertake their nation. When the teachers have such minds, all individuals, families and nations develop. The president of one nation has the position of parents. The educators of school are on the teacher's position. There are some leaders in the companies or government offices. They are on the position of mater.

If the people meet the true leader, they will automatically get the true parents and true teacher. They need to meet at least one of three subjects. If there is a true teacher, there will be also true parents and true master.

You must be the true master; the master in the family, the master in the nation, the master in the world, and the master in the Kingdom of Heaven. If all people become such masters who are able to dominate the Kingdom of Heaven, there will be no conflict and intrigue in this world. Instead the unselfish groups from the individual, family to the world will be full of this world.

Think about a tree: it seems to live for its green leaves. However there is an order for maintaining its life. Root, trunk, branch and leaf – everything is connected according to order. Likewise, we should not ignore the order among human beings. Although everyone has an equal life, the order among them should be clear. Can the leaves replace the root? The roots appear first and the leaves come out later. The tree follows the principle of cosmos. Every existing being should follow the principle.

Achieving a World of Peace

God’s love is absolute. Accordingly, it is a principle of heaven that the relationship of husband and wife cannot be broken. Fallen human society has lost sight of this principle and must be restored so that we may return to the original homeland. When such a restoration is accomplished, the Federation for World Peace will have fulfilled its purpose. At that point, the family-level heaven will become a country-level heaven; the country-level heaven will become a world-level heaven; and the world-level heaven will become the Kingdom of Heaven in the spirit world. This will be the point at which, at last, we will have achieved a world of peace.

The position at which a husband and wife marry and love each other with true love is the heavenly palace, which is the origin of the love, life, and lineage of God and humankind. It is the starting point for the ideal of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth and in the spirit world.

When children who are the fruit of such true love achieve perfect unity as husbands and wives, they form families living in attendance to God. They constitute the base upon which peace and all ideals can be established. Then men and women, each representing one side, will perfect true love within their families.

Centering on true love, God perfects humankind as an existence of unlimited value. When that is done, God, too, will see the perfection of true love, the fulfillment of the family ideal, the fulfillment of His own ideal for the creation, and the cradle of eternal, ideal love. From the perspective of Adam and Eve's family, God is the first ancestor; Adam and Eve, the second ancestors; and their children, the third ancestors.

A royalty centering on God. Adam and Eve's family forms a royalty centering on God. God is in the position of grandparents; Adam and Eve, in the position of parents; and Adam and Eve's offspring, in the position of children. In this manner, the original pattern of three generations within the family comes to be established. According to this original pattern, the grandparents are in the position of king and queen of the spirit world, representing God and the Kingdom of Heaven in the spirit world. They should be honored and respected just as we would respect God.

The parents are in the central position of king and queen of the family, representing the Kingdom of Heaven in the present world. They should be honored and respected just as we would the king and queen of the present world.

The children are in the position of princes and princesses within the family. They should be loved as the ones standing to inherit the future Kingdom of Heaven on earth and in the spirit world.

In this way, the members of Adam and Eve's family were to form a royalty centering on God and were to live peacefully on earth until they moved into the heavenly, eternal world. Only in that heavenly world can human desire, freedom, aspiration, peace, and happiness attain complete fulfillment. This is the purpose which humankind must fulfill.

A Philosophy and Conviction of Peace

As respected representatives from countries around the world, each of you has devoted an important period in your life to tireless efforts for the sake of your individual country and the world as a whole.

As a result of your sacrificial efforts, humankind today enjoys conditions much improved over what existed in the past. Still, the ideal world of freedom and peace, which is the fervent desire of all the people of the world, has not yet been achieved. Even at this hour, countless people in many places around the world are dying from hunger and pain as a result of conflicts and struggles among peoples, races, and religions.

I have responded as a religious leader to God's calling. I have lived my life for the purpose of saving humankind from war and sin, and of establishing a world of peace. Out of this calling, I have acquired a conviction and daily philosophy regarding peace, which is the Headwing Philosophy. In my address to you today, I have expressed a few elements of that conviction.

The perspective of Godism and Headwing Philosophy is that world peace will be achieved neither by means of political ideologies oriented toward power nor by any argument based on physical force. Peace will only be accomplished when all men and women share in God's love and truth and put these into practice – starting with the individual and expanding to the family, to the society, to the country, and to the world, thus forming one global, extended family.

From this perspective, the founding purpose of the Federation for World Peace is to promote education and practices related to true peace as a means to realize peace in various societies, nations, and the world. May all of us here perfect the family-level heaven and go on to play major roles in the accomplishment of world peace. I pray that God's blessing be upon each and every one of you.

Moreover, the cosmos will welcome only those whose hearts are so wide that they can say, "the cosmos is my hometown and my fatherland." We can conclude, then, that in order to become God's true sons and daughters we must be welcomed by individuals, by families, by nations, by the world and finally by the cosmos.

Love should be the core truth, but it cannot be a love whose scope is so narrow that it cannot go beyond the level of individual or nation to embrace the world or the universe. We need a tradition of love big

enough to break the shackles of individualism and embrace the universe. If anyone could set up the tradition of that love it would remain on earth forever.

Because money is temporal and even knowledge changes, we need to find value that can always climb up. Where should we look? Some power is needed to make the family one solid unit for eternity. We must make society a solid unit, which can continue for eternity, and the nation must be a solid unit, which can continue for eternity.

Take sincere care of your friends when they visit your home. Treat them so well that they say, "Your house is better than mine. This meal is more delicious than what I eat at my house. Can I stay here one more night?" When you make your house a place where every guest or friend wants to come and live, even abandoning their own families, you have the Kingdom of Heaven in your family.

The man who lives completely for the sake of the world and mankind can have no failure in his marriage. For that person, marriage is a part of loving the world. No matter who the fiancé is, that marriage is bound to be successful, for together the two pursue the same goal and are absolutely assured of a successful marriage. We must say, "I marry, not for myself alone, but for the sake of God. I want to love God and mankind more. All by myself, I cannot do that well, so I need my eternal partner." That is a beautiful concept of marriage. You assist each other in loving God more, discussing together the ways to accomplish your goal. What a beautiful couple! (11/29/81)

3. Why is it important to love even when it does not come naturally?

World Unification through True Love

It doesn't matter if a person is persecuted around the world and is considered a worldwide enemy. This person must establish the condition of having loved those who oppose him. From this aspect, there is amazing truth in God's words to "love your enemies." In fact, this is one of God's battle strategies.

These words sound simple. No one realized, though, that they have marked the boundary line between victory and defeat in the battle between God and Satan. The Roman Empire severely persecuted Christianity, but it was forced to surrender in the face of the love by which Christianity loved even the country that was its enemy. This is how Christianity came to be a worldwide religion. The starting point for the path to heaven was within the country that was Christianity's enemy. Until now Christians have only thought about loving their own personal enemies, but this is not correct. We must love the country that is our enemy, and even the world that is our enemy.

The starting point on the path to Heaven is within the country that is our enemy. Unless we create the foundation of the tradition of true love and set out on the basis of this foundation, we cannot bring about the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth. When the tradition is established in this way, there can never be a philosophy or ideology greater than this.

Unless people erect a base and tradition by which they are able to love the countries that are enemies of their own, the Kingdom of Heaven cannot be realized on Earth. It is only within the true love of God that such a historic tradition can be constructed. (*North-South Unification and World Unification Will Be Accomplished by True Love, 2/10/2000*)

Imagine you have a son who committed murder and was sentenced to death. As he is going to his execution, would you say, "You deserve to die. Good-bye!" As he is being put to death, would you say, "I hate you! I never want to see you again! At last we are rid of you!" Would any parent think like that?

Imagine now you have many children, and they are dying tragically one after another. Could you watch without doing something? Loving parents will continually try to save their children, even at the risk of their lives. Do parents say, "We've done enough"? They will keep trying, even though it may take an eternity.

This gives you some sense of God's misery. As long as the gate to hell continues to welcome God's children, God is anxiously trying to liberate them. It is the heart of the Heavenly Parent to take on that responsibility. God cannot say, "Let me just do away with them." Out of the longing of his parental heart, God wants to liberate even the souls in hell.

We have to liberate hell through this kind of heart. That is the way of a true child of God, isn't it?

4. What is the importance of relationships between individuals and groups, and between different groups in society?

Federation for World Peace

The Federation for World Peace is a cooperative federation of politicians and national organizations. Today's world cannot be maintained by nationalism. The current flare-up of ethnic violence in Eastern Europe only demonstrates its destructive nature. National pride and self-determination are good and right only when they are dedicated to serving the world community. Nationalism which places "my nation first" and promotes hatred of other nations goes against the universal principle of living for the sake of others. All such "isms" which go against the universal principle are destined to decline.

Now we are seeing a trend where nations are joining to form multinational associations, such as the European Community. This trend will intensify in the coming years. All over the world, nations will unite in regional communities: the United States of Europe, the East Asian community, the community of Islam, the community of African nations, the community of North and South America.

In order that politicians may transcend national self-interest, there must be unifying values which different nations share. What can unite the nations of Europe? Economic policies alone are insufficient. There are still many disputes between industrialized nations and nations with agrarian economies. Social policies are another source of contention. If we can identify a single common factor in the European Community, it is its Christian culture.

When compared with people from the Middle East or the Orient, it is evident that Europeans share much in common: common foods, common social customs, and, most importantly, a common ethic and worldview. The root of this common European culture is Christianity. Christian culture is the foundation for the intellectual, social, and political life of Europe. However, European Christianity itself is plagued by deep historical divisions. We realize that conflicts such as those in Northern Ireland and the former Yugoslavia stem from an unresolved religious struggle among Protestants, Catholics, and Orthodox churches. Therefore, religious harmony and unity are the necessary conditions for political and social peace and unity.

The new world order will consist of communities of nations bound together by a common religion and culture and joined in economic and political relationships. I foresaw this trend many years ago. That is why for more than forty years I have been promoting inter-religious activities pursuing dialogue and harmony. For a new world order to be realized, we must prevent religious war. To solve this problem, I have been painstakingly laying the foundation that can embrace every religion. Before I began my ministry, I took the principle which was revealed to me before Jesus, Buddha, Confucius, and Mohammed in the spiritual world, and they attested that it was correct. Now leaders of every religion recognize that to substantiate a world of peace all religious people must center on the original teaching and take positive steps to make harmony with each other. It is my God-ordained mission to bring the world into unity under God. (*Absolute Values and the New World Order, 8/20/1992*)

What is the relationship between spiritual leadership and secular leadership?

At their root, human problems are not entirely social or political, and so social and political approaches will always be of limited effect. Although secular authorities rule most human societies, religion lies at the heart of most national and cultural identities. In fact, religious faith and devotion have far greater importance in most peoples' hearts than do political loyalties...

World peace can be fully accomplished only when the wisdom and efforts of the world's religious leaders, who represent the internal concerns of the mind and conscience, work cooperatively and respectfully with national leaders who have much practical wisdom and worldly experience about the external reality or "body." ...

Working together in mutual respect and cooperation, they will be able to make great advances in ushering in a world of peace. The wisdom and vision of great religious leaders will substantially supplement the political insight, experience and skill of the world's political leaders. (*8/18/00*)

By giving and receiving, what is hot is to become cool and what is cold must become warm. By "hot" I mean the rich and by "cold" place I mean the poor – the rich should extend themselves toward the poor. It must be done naturally. People who have money willingly take responsibility for the economically poor

people in their village, so that all citizens can live together. Among villages having such a tradition, they would likewise help each other. They eagerly support each other, even helping those who do not want to be supported, and all become more prosperous together.

A Society of Coexistence, Mutual Prosperity, and Common Good

I have taught the establishment of a society of coexistence, mutual prosperity, and the common good. An ideal world means coexisting economically, prospering together politically, and, from an ethical viewpoint, creating a society of goodness.

Co-ownership based on God's true love is the essence of the ideology of coexistence. The basic unit of a society of coexistence is the family. By "co-ownership" I do not mean ownership merely in relation to material possessions, but based on God's love. Even though all property would be legally held in the parents' names, in practice, it would be jointly owned by the whole family – parents and children alike. At the same time, each family member might have his or her own room, clothes, and personal money. In this way, joint ownership among family members would be based on the family, but individuals would still have their own property. Thus, the purposes of the whole and the individual would be harmonized. This ideal pattern of ownership in a family based on love would expand to the society, nation, and world. This is the type of ownership in an ideal society.

The original relationship between God and humankind is centered on true love. There are many instances of co-ownership between God and the individual, between the whole and the individual, and between the neighborhood and the individual. When it is centered on God's true love, therefore, co-ownership is something for which we should feel gratitude.

In an ideal world realized by humankind having perfected God's love, the purposes of the whole and the individual are naturally harmonized. As human beings have desire and a natural inclination towards love, they are permitted individual ownership and individual purpose. Even so, they would not seek to have unlimited personal belongings or to fulfill an individual purpose that detracted from the whole purpose. Perfected human beings are meant to own an amount of property commensurate with their conscience and original nature.

In particular, economic activity by ideal human beings who have become the true owners of all things based on true love would manifest love and gratitude. There could be no greed or corruption. Similarly, there could be no emphasis on national or regional interests inconsistent with the purpose of the whole. The aim of economic activity is overall welfare rather than the mere pursuit of gain.

The ideology of mutual prosperity is based on God's true love, and through mutual participation it pursues a politics wherein the ideals of freedom, equality, and happiness are realized.

Participating in public politics is for the purpose of electing representatives. However, when we understand that the political model is an extended form of a family based on love, then antagonistic relationships will not exist between candidates for public office. Their candidacy would be rooted in a calling to serve others. Candidates would be supported by neighbors, relating with each other as brothers and sisters, attending one God as the parent.

Then, after due process, the final decision would be made according to the will of God. Improper considerations would not hold sway. That would be the method of choosing a representative: through prayer and a solemn process. As a representative would be chosen according to the will of God and heavenly fortune, everybody would come to accept the decision with gratitude and joy. Important organizations and ministries within a nation of the ideal world would harmonize through reciprocal give-and-take action centered on a common purpose. This is similar to the organs of the human body which work together for a common purpose according to the commands of the brain.

The ideology of common good means one through which people, under the absolute values of God's true love, would observe universal ethics and morality centered on true love, and all members of society would pursue a life of goodness and righteousness.

An ideal world would exist on the basis of ideal families and perfected human beings. The harmony of ideal parents, ideal husband and wife, and ideal sons and daughters in true love is the indispensable condition for an ideal family. Furthermore, a perfected person is one whose mind and body are harmonized through true love.

When perfected people realize a world of supreme love where goodness and righteousness are voluntarily practiced within the family – the foundation of true love – and also in a society, the world of the heavenly way and of righteousness is realized. That is, an ideal world.

Chapter 4

INTERRELIGIOUS AND INTERNATIONAL HARMONY

1. What do religions, races and cultures have in common?

As God's purpose of creation is absolute, the purpose of God's restoration providence must also be fulfilled at any cost. Therefore, the messianic hope of an ideal world is not just a vague dream, but should become a substantial reality in our lives. Likewise, the purpose of all religions is to realize God's will in our daily life on earth. For the purpose of the whole providence, God has been broadening the foundation of goodness through many religions, each appropriate for its own age, people and environment. But the ultimate purpose of all these religions is only to realize God's will, that is, the ideal world of peace and happiness. Religions should be concerned with God's will for world salvation more than with the salvation of the individual or the welfare of their own denomination. I think that now is the time for all religious bodies together to search again for the true will of God.

Originally, human beings were meant to live with their mind and body united, responding to the complete love of God. It was due to the human fall that people lost the standard of unity and harmony of their mind and body, and have thus been living in self-contradiction and conflict. (*Inaugural Address, Inter-Religious and International Federation for World Peace*)

Even though religion transcends ordinary social ethics and social policy, we should not ignore its functioning in society. Religious people should be concerned with actual problems and apply God's will to their practical solution. Moreover, religions should stimulate spiritual renewal and give an elevated value perspective to those in charge of politics, the economy, social programs and education. With their minds enlightened by the Spirit, these people can solve the problems in their fields. God is calling for religious people with living spirituality to uphold the truth of religion and to relate it to the situations in their societies. People who are grounded in truth and in living communication with God are bound to influence others and bring about a revival of spirituality everywhere. True religions should not follow the trends of the secular world, but, centering on God's will, should enlighten the world and lead the people, even in the face of opposition and persecution.

The movement for interreligious harmony and unity and for living faith may go through a lonely path for some time, but it will soon receive tremendous support from many fresh-minded people who see things from an historical and global perspective.

Furthermore, one of the reasons I founded the Interreligious and International Federation of World Peace was to help create an interreligious assembly to serve as a senate or council within the United Nations. To implement this plan, I propose that each nation, in addition to its current ambassador, send a religious ambassador to the United Nations to serve as a member of the religious assembly, or U.N. senate.

The mission of the representatives to this U.N. senate would require that they have a genuinely ecumenical or interreligious consciousness and that they have the training and ability to teach a universal, transnational ideal of peace. The nature of their purpose and mission would prohibit their promoting the narrow interests of a particular country. Rather, they would carry out their duties for the ideal of peace in the world and for the sake of all humanity in accordance with God's Will.

The interreligious ambassador appointed as a member of the United Nations senate or council should have a global consciousness and take responsibility to represent the United Nations' global vision and agenda. In this sense, these persons could be thought of as global ambassadors from the United Nations. Wherever they go in the world, these ambassadors would promote movements dedicated to the realization of peace and social welfare. Moreover, in all nations, they would serve as conscientious guardians of lofty ideals such as justice, security, and peace.

This will provide hope to the citizens of the world, and especially the youth. People will then have the opportunity to see with their own eyes the emergence of young people around the world seeking true love

and lasting peace. Those selected as ecumenical and trans-national ambassadors will also be able to help guide and supervise various U.N. sponsored projects in health, education, welfare, and other fields.

I am convinced that the absolute condition for world peace is the harmony among the religions. Since any religion could not fully manifest God, it was very inevitable for each religion to show various opinions. However the conflict and hatred among the religions are not necessary any more because they are all the same children of one Heavenly Parents and thus they are brothers and sisters in one great family.

What will bear fruits out of civilizations in the end? The answer is religion. It is not politics or economy or other factors. Since culture is developed based on religious thought, only religion can bear fruits out of all civilizations.

All religions should revive their internal purity, and vitalities with God's true love. Furthermore, through self-reforms, they should develop harmonious relationships with each other within God's will of true love.

If serving God and dedicating to His will of true love is the mission of each religion, development of its own religion can not be the purpose. God wants us to understand His will to liberate the whole world and practice it in everyday life instead of focusing on religious rituals or study of religious scriptures. For a long time, religions have not succeeded in witnessing the alive God and connecting Him with itself. The God I know is not excessively attached to the contents of doctrines which human beings gathered together in some logic. Since God is the parents and the first origin of all of us, he is beyond races, denominations, and cultures centered on true love, and does not make any discrimination. Therefore, religious people should follow the God's will to realize peaceful ideal world and salvation of all people. Religions should not rest on their own position comfortably, rather they should develop dialogue full with true love and true vitality centered on living God.

Current mood in religious world cannot achieve anything. An unprecedented revolution in world level is absolutely needed through inter-religious movement. Hypocrisies of the religious people who were not sincere in practices of God's true love have proliferated atheism on earth. The world must be changed. Each religion should be in vanguard of new revolution through self-purification efforts. Following God's will to realize salvation of the world, all religions should do their best rooting out poverty, diseases and crimes in the world beyond their own interests, and they also should guide all the leaders from politics, economy, and societies as a bright light in this dark world.

The core of Judeo-Christian teachings which have been guiding present civilization is as follows: First, that there is a God, a creator. Secondly, that the first human ancestors fell from grace by committing sin, and that the Messiah is needed for the salvation of sin. Thirdly, that the sinful history of humankind will inevitably come to an end and that the Kingdom of God on Earth will necessarily be built. Based on such a view of the providence of salvation, or restoration, the people in the old Testament Age formed their history centering on the expectation of the Coming of the Savior. Likewise, in the New Testament Age, Christians formed their history centering on the hope and faith that the Second Coming of the Lord would come as the True Father to liquidate their sins and realize the Kingdom of God on Earth.

With the longing heart of a parent, God has been guiding history. In order to appreciate the providence of God, it is necessary to see history from His providence, which is an attempt to end the suffering of His children. (6/16/1996)

What is the reality of our world today? Despite advances in technology and the conveniences of modern life, the world is facing a profound crisis: the loss of our very humanity. Disorders and maladies of every kind, violence, crime, drug abuse, war plague humankind. More significantly, the breakdown of the family, including the rising divorce rate, the collapse of sexual morality among youth and the problem of unmarried teenage mothers, is destroying the foundation of society. (8/31/1996)

Who can take responsibility for today's world? Can the military or the politicians? Can businessmen or people with new technology? Never. God is asking religious leaders, today's prophets and priests, to solve these problems.

All religious people should feel responsibility for the shaky spiritual foundation of this generation and should repent. Throughout the long history of religion, we have not made a convincing witness for our living God. We have not been sincere in the practice of love. Our past hypocrisy has allowed atheism to prevail. We should feel deeply guilty about all this.

Today God is calling us. All religious people, standing on the internal foundation of deep self- reflection, should challenge the prevalence of all evils and work creatively in order to realize God's will on earth. The living God wants to relate with us not merely in the context of scriptures and rituals, but rather dwelling in the hearts of people who keep God's will in their minds and live it in everyday life.

After long prayers and reflections on the future of the world and humankind, I have begun to feel that God's enthusiastic hope and the Holy Spirit's strong power are sweeping over the whole world. Today the world should be renewed. Religious leaders all over the world should join together and encourage a movement of purification in every religion. There should be repentance and the renewal of true commitment. The world should change. There should be a new reformation. The banners of "living faith" and "practical faith" should be waving everywhere around the world. Every religion should work beyond its own benefit to liberate the world from poverty and disease. By the practice of love and the burning conviction of faith, our witness will convince even atheists of the truth of the living God. Only through a religious and spiritual revolution bringing great harmony, love and compassion will we finally realize the ideal world of peace. (*Dialogue and Alliance, 1985*)

Respected representatives! In response to God's sublime call, the world's religious bodies should come out of the quagmire of hostility, misunderstanding and ignorance. With mutual respect and friendship they should build a large cooperative community of religions. Then together, we should show our religious will in action and practice everywhere on this planet.

Religion is not merely oriented to the world beyond. The earth is God's creation, and it is on this earth that God's will is to be realized. If the Kingdom of Heaven or Sukkavati is God's ideal place, we cannot go there merely by hoping. Rather we should live for, love and care for our brothers and sisters and the things of creation. It is in relationship with others that we can realize the ideal.

2. Why are there different religions?

There are various kinds of religions. There is a religion of servant centered on God. Also there are the religion of adopted son and the religion of son. At the last moment a religion of parents must be appeared.

The most important matter for the religious people is how they completely follow the way of God's will or the founder's will. It becomes always the issue.

There are many religions in this world such as Buddhism, Confucianism, Islam and Christianity. Besides, many national religions exist too. Although each religion has a different founder and a different way, the center of all religions should be connected to one God. They should be gathered from every direction and become one centered on God.

When we observe the flock of wild geese, hundreds of geese follow only one goose that leads all of them at the head. Sometimes the head crosses over the mountain, while the tail still passes over the see, because of its long line. The history of religion is very similar like this flock of wild geese. The group of religions today has such kind of figure. Some religion flies on the river, while the others stay on the ground, valley, or peak. Regardless of its long line, its direction to go is always toward goodness.

According to Arnold Toynbee's famous theory of history, all civilizations are originated from religion. He says that there were some 21 to 26 civilizations in the world, and the advanced civilizations among them absorbed the other barbarous ones and created eventually the 4 great religion-based civilizations. They are

the civilization of the Christianity, the Far East civilization based on the oriental religions such as Confucianism, Buddhism and Zen, the civilization of Hinduism, and the civilization of Islam.

What sort of men are the four great saints who all people know? They were the founders of religion. Jesus, Buddha, Confucius and Muhammad founded their own religion.

Why did these saints become the subject of worship as the guide of mankind? There is no objection to believe absolutely their teachings. Why should the people follow them? It is because they came to this world as the guide. Each of them takes the responsibility for one religion and guide his people to advance toward the summit. When their people arrive to the summit and if there are various different summits, they connect their way to another way which is connected to the highest summit. The history of religion as well as that of human being always follows this way. There are the main currents among the religions, which choose the direct way to reach to the peak. God does not choose only one way from the east side. If God does, people from the west can not come around to the east. Therefore God has to establish the religions in every direction such as the east, west, south and the north, and to show the main current ways to reach to the peak in each direction. These central religions should absorb the number of groups of tribes and nations on the way to reach to the peak and continuously move toward the world of unification.

The place where we want to go is our original homeland. Because we are expelled from this original homeland due to the fall, we are again destined to return toward that place. However we can not return to this original place by ourselves. Therefore God has to prepare the way for us to return to that place through the history. We should know that so many religions have been established according to the various kinds of nations, cultures and traditions in order to solve all the problems originated from the fall and to discipline people in this reason. The religion is the place of discipline for people to be qualified to return to the original homeland.

God is eternal, unchangeable and absolute. God's purpose of creation was also eternal, unchangeable and absolute, and was to found one ideal world, unified with one purpose. Today's world of sin, conflict and disbelief came into being because humanity fell from the original way. God has worked through the world's religions to restore fallen humanity to its original state. The salvation of fallen humanity will be completed by God's providence through the Messiah.

In every culture, religion should be the conscience, setting the standard of public righteousness. Each religion has pride in its own teachings and jealously guards its traditions, regarding itself as superior to all others. However, religious teaching has universal elements, which come from God. The one God is the God of all religions. Therefore, religions must purify themselves and elevate themselves through universal principles. The central value in religion is true love, which can be described by the teaching, "Live for the sake of others." The individual lives for the sake of the family; the family lives for the sake of the community; the community lives for the sake of the nation; the nation lives for the sake of the world. Likewise, my religion lives for the sake of other religions. This principle is true.

The source of this universal principle is God. In creating the universe, God invested Himself totally for the sake of His creation. Throughout history, it is God who has been continually sacrificing Himself in order to save fallen human beings, who have been living just as they desire. The prophets, saints, and sages who knew God's will have followed God's principles in their own lives. Not content to keep the truth to themselves, they have walked the way of sacrifice in order to teach others. Moses, Confucius, Buddha, Mohammed, Socrates, and Jesus are saints who suffered hardships and were persecuted, even as they taught people. They sacrificed their lives in order to enlighten and liberate humanity.

In order that politicians may transcend national self-interest, there must be unifying values which different nations share. What can unite the nations of Europe? Economic policies alone are insufficient. There are still many disputes between industrialized nations and nations with agrarian economies. Social policies are another source of contention. If we can identify a single common factor in the European Community, it is its Christian culture.

When compared with people from the Middle East or the Orient, it is evident that Europeans share much in common: common foods, common social customs, and, most importantly, a common ethic and worldview. The root of this common European culture is Christianity. Christian culture is the foundation for the intellectual, social, and political life of Europe. However, European Christianity itself is plagued by deep

historical divisions. We realize that conflicts such as those in Northern Ireland and the former Yugoslavia stem from an unresolved religious struggle among Protestants, Catholics, and Orthodox churches. Therefore, religious harmony and unity are the necessary conditions for political and social peace and unity.

The new world order will consist of communities of nations bound together by a common religion and culture and joined in economic and political relationships. I foresaw this trend many years ago. That is why for more than forty years I have been promoting inter-religious activities pursuing dialogue and harmony.

The role of scholars for the sake of the new world order is very important. To insure a well-rounded education for individuals, close communication among all segments of society is necessary. People must constantly cooperate with one another in order to raise up individuals who can develop civilized society, families, churches, and schools. The greatest task of our generation is the problem of how to implement this well-rounded education in our pluralistic global village.

You scholars are the treasure-house of knowledge in this society. Your students learn more from the person you are than from the knowledge you teach. Students imitate the teacher's habits, learn the teacher's attitudes about society, and are deeply influenced by the teacher's sense of values. You professors must always, in the teacher's position, become desirable examples for the future. Your mission, which is to set up a new cultural tradition rooted in the absolute value of true love, is a precious thing. (*Absolute Values and the New World Order*, 8/20/1992)

3. What is the goal of religion?

Even though we live in this world, we know there is also the spiritual world. We know this world and the spiritual world are not two unrelated worlds, but should be connected as one.

Then, in what kind of place are we supposed to go and live? Even though we live in this world with a physical body, we are aiming toward the eternal world. After birth, many people in this world simply pass through their teens, twenties, thirties, middle age, prime age, and old age. After they pass youth and reach their prime, gradually they enter old age. They finish their lives like the sunset.

However, those who know that there is a spiritual world are aware that our life here is short, but the world after death is eternal. Therefore, earthly life is a time to prepare for the eternal life.

I have had so many spiritual experiences, that is, the experiences on the spirit world, although you might not have. If you ask me how the original world or the Kingdom of Heaven where God stays is, I can give you a very simple answer. It is the place only for those who exist for the sake of others, that is, those who are born, live and die for the sake of others. Because it requires such ideal structure, God has established so many religions in the history in order to discipline people and guide them to this world.

The reason why the religious people should be humble and sacrifice for others is because the principle to exist is so in this original world.

We must recognize that God has leaded his providence to guide people throughout the history from this point of view. No matter how the Bible contains the enormous teachings, every content just corresponds to this simple principle, 'to exist for the sake of others'.

Religion is the place to discipline people to return to the original world and to live there according to the rule. Numerous religions which followed God's will in the history have denied themselves. They did not know until this moment why they emphasized the way of sacrifice and service to people. This is because people live for the sake of others in the original world. People should discipline themselves and be prepared in order to enter this world. Therefore when we understand the fact that the more the religion is advanced, the greater it has emphasized the way of sacrifice and service, we must witness that God has surely worked through the course of history.

Then what is the true religion? It must follow God's will. What is God's will? It is to save this whole cosmos. In other words, it is to save this world.

What is the main role of religion? It is to find the future and to desire for it. The religion teaches people to know themselves. It teaches them to jump, fly and transcend. There is no true religion that accepts the reality. It asserts to completely deny the reality.

The true religion shows the way of complete denial. Furthermore it shows the way to overcome and transcend the realities.

Heaven is our original homeland, where we are meant to go. Today, we are exiles from our original homeland and live a fallen life. Nevertheless, our destiny is to return there. We cannot, however, enter heaven by ourselves, so God has set up a path through the course of history to enable people to enter there. This is why God created many different religions: to be training grounds for heaven, lighting paths for every people, culture and tradition. Religions polish people to be qualified to enter the region of the original homeland. Because of humankind's many different cultural backgrounds, God sought and set the standard of comparison and has been leading the way toward one unified religious world.

What does religion teach to guide people to the original homeland? It promotes the path of living for the sake of others. The higher the religion, the more strongly it emphasizes the importance of living for others. Therefore, we must be gentle and meek. Why? We must strive to become capable of lifting up many people and living for their sakes. Religions teach us to sacrifice and serve. Why? Religions train people to fit the rules of the Kingdom of Heaven.

We must transcend the secular swamp which is the world of confrontation, misunderstanding and ignorance centered on the lofty call from God. We must build the global structure of cooperation by the world religions centered on the mutual respect and friendship. They must witness their commitment and practice as the religious people to every corner of this world.

Religion does not simply serve for the future existence. It should not miss that we must accomplish the purpose of creation on this earth for God created us on earth centered on this purpose. If the Heaven is the ideal place, we can not enter this place no matter how we desire. We need the practice and accomplishment of love and unselfish life.

No matter how the religion tries to transcend the rules and sources of the practical world, it should not disregard its practical operation. That means, the religion should deeply concern on the actual problems and check whether they can be corresponded to God's will. Also it should change the mind of people who deal with the practical issues in the areas of politics, economy, society, education and so on, so that they could solve these matters as the renewed people.

I have dedicated myself to renewing this world according to the direction of God's providence and to realizing the God's ideal on earth. I have also worked for world peace through the harmony and reconciliation among the religions. My motivation was to advance the realization of world peace through mobilizing the spiritual resources and creative power from all religious traditions focusing on God's direction.

What is the role of religious leaders in creating a balance between the secular and sacred dimensions of culture?

Now is the time when all the world's religions should keenly feel central responsibility for the realization of world peace and should take action for this purpose. The future happiness of humankind cannot be achieved through the pursuit of economic prosperity alone, but only by overcoming conflicts between ideologies, between cultures and between races through inter-religious understanding and spiritual harmony. (*Religion's Mission for World Peace*)

The Responsibility of Religious Leaders in Building a Culture of Peace:

I welcome you from the bottom of my heart to the Assembly of the World's Religions. Our gathering here is not an ordinary event. It is itself a great accomplishment that we, from 85 countries and with such a diversity of religions, cultures, traditions, and nationalities, should come together to open our minds, to harmonize with each other, and to share our concerns about the future of humankind. I am sure that God is also delighted with this historical event.

We come from different religious backgrounds. Our answers to the fundamental problems of human existence are not identical. Our understandings of the causes of human suffering do not have the same frame of reference. Our ways of seeking world peace are diverse. But still we have a common ground: all of us try to solve problems in the context of our relations with the Ultimate.

Throughout East and West, North and South, people living in the situation of sin, disbelief and confusion have yearned for the love, happiness and peace that is true and eternal. They have been making every effort to overcome the temptations of their evil desires and, by following their good desires, to find the happiness with which their original mind will rejoice. Although human experience throughout history cautions us that pursuit of such ideals is rarely successful, people's original minds are not likely to give up. All humankind irrespective of differences in peoples and traditions pursues this ultimate goal. If we humans are not able to fulfill such a purpose by our own effort, then we cannot but depend on the eternal, true, absolute Being beyond ourselves. We humans know that we are finite beings. Since we cannot determine our own destinies, we are bound to depend on the Absolute to whom we ascribe supreme power. We believe that since there is an Absolute being who wills true love, peace and happiness, all these things can surely be realized only with Him.

We should know more about this Absolute, the source of the ideals which humanity is seeking.

I have become familiar with the content of the spiritual world through my own spiritual experience and by deep communication with the Absolute. I have learned God's will, love and heart. Religion is not merely truth or ethical teaching, but centers on people's original impulse to find that upon which they can absolutely depend and relate with. True religious intuition meets the Absolute and the Infinite. Through this intuition we can hear God's call for each of us. Such a state of original communion with the Absolute transcends any particular religious system or form. In such a state only do humans reach perfection and happiness. This God-human relation is one and universal. Because the Transcendental Power is one, and humanity's capacity to enter into the relationship which it offers is universal, the ultimate goal of human beings cannot be more than one. The goal of an individual is one. The goal of a family consisting of such ideal individuals is one. The goal of the ideal nation and world is one. All ways run toward God's ideal world of love, happiness and peace.

The ideal of love, happiness and peace is not possible for an individual in isolation. It can be found only in relationship with another. Even the Absolute Being cannot fulfill the ideal without relationship. If God is alone, who is there for God to love? In what is God to find His ideal? In this light, we can understand God's motive for creation. God created humanity in order that He might realize His ideal and fulfill His love.

4. What are the obstacles to religious, racial and cultural cooperation and how can they be overcome?

The time has come for us to seriously reflect even on such a matter as restructuring the United Nations. Might it not even be possible to imagine the UN as adopting a two-house structure? The first house could include the existing national representatives who speak for national interests. The second house, a religious council or UN senate, would be comprised of distinguished leaders of religions and those fields of society pertaining more to the heart, for example, culture and education. As a body representing a global perspective, this religious council would address the interests of all people, transcendent of regions or nations.

Through mutual respect and cooperation, these two houses would be able to contribute enormously to the realization of world peace. The political wisdom of the world's leaders could thus be effectively complemented by the wisdom and vision of the world's most prominent religious leaders.

A Proposed Paradigm for North-South Relations:

The industrialized North must reach out to help liberate the South from pervasive impoverishment. The developed nations must reach out with a helping hand toward the developing countries and the new democracies. Each nation's attitude must be changed from a selfish one to an unselfish one. That in itself is a revolution. Nations can do this when leaders see from the position of parents. The most unselfish and sacrificial love of all is the love of parents. From that perspective one can see that all nations are brother and sister nations. Then a fresh new vision emerges and new opportunities will open up in front of us.

The time of colonialism is over, where the powerful nations exploited the weakest ones. The law of the jungle and Herbert Spencer's "survival of the fittest" do not apply in our world. The age of the superpower arms race that drove the world and humanity into fear and uncertainty has also passed; humanity ought to be liberated from the devastating threat of nuclear arms.

From this point of view, advanced nations should seek to share high technology with the developing nations and new democracies. To do otherwise would be a moral crime. Things which are good and beneficial must be shared among all nations. When a new discovery is made, it should benefit all nations. If something is good for humanity and the world, we must fulfill it, transcendent of national boundaries. For a long time, I have been fighting for equal opportunity in the use of high technology by all developing nations.

The twenty-first century shall be a righteous century. In the twenty-first century, wealth will not be the dominating factor. Instead, the human spirit and human soul shall be dominant. The twenty-first century shall be the era of unity between God and man. It shall be the era where a new awareness will come to every man – a realization that he shall benefit himself more when he genuinely lives for the sake of others. In the twenty-first century, selfishness will decline. Life, honor, and glory based on unselfishness shall be triumphant. These are the characteristics of the coming twenty-first century. (8/28/1991)

In most educational systems in every nation of the world, the merit of competition and the survival of the fittest, achieved only by the winners in the competition, has been overly stressed. This has long been the plaque undermining the healthy human endeavor to lead mankind into the world of peaceful co-existence by bringing them to be members of one human family. Now mankind somehow has begun to feel that in educating people the emphasis should be shifted and cooperation be made vital for survival. In light of this viewpoint, the goals and philosophies of education will have to undergo a profound transformation. (11/21/1974)

This is the time for developing mutual trust based on a high moral standard. It is a time when all the member nations of the United Nations in a relationship of mutual respect and love, should jointly declare one final war against our common enemies - the scourges of hunger, ignorance, disease and crime.

This is in God's plan from this time on, the definition of "my country" will expand. Although everyone has their home country where their family lives, in a larger sense, the world now becomes "my country" because it is where God, my Father, and my brothers and sisters - all the people of the world live. (8/28/1991)

Even though we have sought peace and happiness in many ways, none of us can be satisfied with the results we have achieved in our lives. After the First and Second World Wars, the League of Nations and then the United Nations were established to prevent further conflict. However, the global work of these organizations has not brought about a peaceful world. The efforts of religious groups also have not led to a world of happiness. The proud ideals of communism, the fascist illusion - these failed to bring about one ideal world. Neither highly advanced technology nor skillful diplomacy have delivered us peace and happiness. This is because the cause of humanity's unhappiness and suffering lies in the human fall and our disobedience to God. The solution of the problem begins by eliminating this root cause.

I grew up on the Korean peninsula, where people suffered greatly as major powers fought over ideology and resources. Since my childhood, I have sought desperately to find answers to questions about life and the universe. I came to know the living God through my experiences with Him, and to know that God is the Lord of true love who has been present with humankind throughout history. I could not believe that God would have planned and created a world in which evil, conflict and war prevail. I do not have time to speak a length about the experiences of my youth. I will testify simply that those days were filled with an intense longing for the truth. (8/31/1996)

Creating harmony between races, religions and nations:

The primary question facing humankind is that of peace. For all of us to be happy there should be no wars, conflicts, or antagonism between people. In war it is unlikely that one victor will completely annihilate the enemy. There are bound to be some men left alive on the opposing side, and they will continually look for

an opportunity to retaliate. The result is a vicious cycle in which the losing side from one war concentrates on becoming strong enough to dominate its former conquerors.

If there is an Almighty God, would He be content to put up with today's reality, or would He do something to change the world back into its original shape? If there were someone here on earth commissioned by God to take responsibility for this cause, what would that man or group proclaim? He would declare that the world's present course is in error, insisting that humankind must turn around.

When Jesus Christ was on the earth there was a wall of hatred between the great Roman Empire and the little nation of Israel because one nation was the conqueror and the other the conquered. Jesus knew that the only way to conquer Rome was through love. Rome conquered Israel with military power, but Israel could conquer Rome through love. Even though Jesus was crucified, he could still pray for God to forgive the very people who killed him. No power could be any greater. Love can overcome any walls, no matter how high and thick. Jesus knew that individuals have enemies, families have enemies, and tribes and nations have enemies. Hatred and animosity always cause killing on each level, and only one strategy can break down this wall – love your enemy.

To me that is the most powerful slogan which can change the course of history. If you have such great love that you can love even your enemy, that power will melt everything. God needs churches that can melt the wrong world down and change it into the right one. The entire world of religion is pursuing this one slogan, though in varying degrees. Jesus Christ stands like a giant because this proclamation was the hallmark of his life.

The ultimate tool by which to bring about the ideal society is love, true love. What is this true love? If we say God-centered love, what exactly do we mean? Jesus gave the best definition. True, God-centered love is that which is capable of loving even an enemy. If white people love other white people, there's nothing special about that. When white people love black people, though, that is true love. But the ultimate love is that of loving our enemy. That is the ultimate love because no one can criticize or condemn such love. It is invincible love, love which always remains, it is without contradiction, always smoothly flowing.

Consider the Japanese people and the Korean people. They were enemies for quite a long time. But today, Japanese Unification Church members are even willing to marry Korean spouses. Isn't that amazing? They are not pledging their lives for the sake of Rev. Moon; not at all. They are pledging their lives for the sake of true love. In this way, the enemy nations of Japan and Korea are being reconciled.

Without going opposite its present direction there is no chance for the world to go in God's direction. Selfish instinct prevails instead of a striving to love one another. Yet, the formula of loving one another really works. When this is applied, it will turn the world upside down.

From the moment you can love your enemy, the Kingdom of Heaven shall come. God doesn't want just individuals to love their enemies. He wants to see entire nations that will practice this principle. (*God's Warning to the World, Book II – The Formula for World Peace*)

I have three hopes for these Assemblies. First, that the world's religious traditions respect each other and at least work to keep in check any interreligious conflicts and wars. Second, that the Assembly serves the world by becoming a cooperative community of religions. It will hopefully agree upon and make resolutions calling religious people to practical action, encouraging all people to live by God-centered values, and fostering the development of human minds and spirits. Third, that the Assembly develop into an organization in which the major leadership of all religions participate. The Assembly has to lift up the highest values and purposes of life and offer them to all religious people, all groups, and all nations. Only in communion with the Absolute and with love for one another can individuals, groups and nations prepare for and become a part of the Kingdom of God on earth.

I hope all of you, as representatives of your religions, find spiritual unity that can be the foundation for a bright future and for a new religious reformation that can lead the world. Through presentations and discussions, during plenary sessions or in committee, in artistic performance, meditation and prayer, please respect each other's faiths and contribute as much as possible to the harmony of the whole. Let us all march forward to fulfill the world-historical mission of religions, that is, the realization of God's will on earth. (*Dialogue and Alliance, Assembly of World's Religions, 1985*)

Respected representatives of the world's religions! When we take an honest look at reality today, we come to see that it is time not only for belief but for action. Why do we find such serious problems prevailing in our societies, problems including confusion in value systems, moral corruption, drug addiction, terrorism, racial discrimination, genocide, war, unjust distribution of wealth, disregard for human rights, and totalitarian Communism? These vices are the natural outcome of hedonism, atheistic materialism, and secular humanism that denies the relevance of God. All these are the effects of the declining faith and spiritual exhaustion of this generation.

It is time for religious people to repent for their preoccupation with individual salvation and narrow denominational interests. Such practices have prevented religious bodies from giving their utmost to the cause of world salvation. Our age more than any other demands that we go beyond our faiths, and the interests of particular religions, and put our love and ideals into practice for the sake of the world. (8/18/2000)

Religious people can try to unite with one another on united principles, but they need feelings of love. There must be the love that emotionally demands to see each other, that demands that one cannot live without the other. You cannot tear into each other, arguing who is better, and expect to become one with each other. Can you argue who is better and still unite? Can a mother and father argue who is better and still unite? They can't...

We must love all the denominations and sects. Once in this frame of mind, we can forgive all their human faults. Do you think that God, who has already forgiven our sins, could forgive us if He still thought that we are sinners? He forgives us because He looks at us with a forgiving mind. (*The Way of Unification*)

Renewing the United Nations to Build Lasting Peace:

Today, in this beautiful and solemn building where the United Nations General Assembly meets, I greet you with deep gratitude for the opportunity to express my passionate concerns and views about the future direction of the world and the United Nations.

The sole purpose of all my undertakings in many areas over the past forty years has been the realization of a peaceful world that is the desire of God and humanity. This longing for a peaceful world has also been the core reason I have dedicated myself to the promotion of interreligious harmony and cooperation.

In the twentieth century, humanity has experienced many severe conflicts and unspeakable acts of violence, especially through the horrors of the two world wars, and through the seventy years of the Cold War and communism. When the Cold War ended, the world had a brief moment of celebration, as if peace had arrived. But, then, very soon humanity realized that the end of the Cold War did not automatically mean the advent of an age of peace. Even at this moment, fierce wars and brutal massacres are going on in numerous places around the globe.

Conflicts arise for many reasons. But one of primary factors contributing to their emergence is the deep-rooted disharmony that exists among the world's religions. Therefore, when we witness the many global tragedies occurring around us, we should recognize how critically important it is that the religions come together, dialogue with one another, and learn to embrace one another.

In the modern age, in most nations, religious ideals have come to hold a place wholly separate from the centers of secular political power, and most people have come to accept this reality as the way things ought to be. I believe, however, that it is time that international organizations whose purpose is to support the ideal of world peace reconsider their relationship with the great religious traditions of the world.

On this point, the United Nations, more than any other international organization, can set a good example and lead the way. The world has great expectations for the United Nations as an organization embodying humanity's aspiration for peace. In the United Nations, the representatives of all nations work in concert to promote peace and human prosperity.

Of course, the conscientious efforts to establish peace, undertaken by these national representatives at the United Nations, often meet stubborn resistance. The accomplishments and achievements attained through the United Nations have been significant. However, there is much room for improvement. I be-

lieve there is an urgent need today, within the United Nations and through its many activities, to encourage mutual respect and increased cooperation between the world's political and religious leaders.

The original ideal for human beings is that we live with our mind and body united in resonance with God's true love. It is because human beings resemble God as His sons and daughters that the mind and body of each individual can truly unite without struggling against each other. Within God there is no disharmony between internal and external characteristics. This is so because the absolute God has no contradiction or conflict within Himself.

The human ideal to achieve oneness of mind and body can be realized only when people completely possess God's true love. The biblical verse, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God," illustrates this point. Peacemakers are persons whose mind and body are in unity centering on the true love of God.

As a result of the fall, human beings lost the standard by which our minds and bodies could be brought into oneness and harmony, and humanity has lived in internal strife and self-contradiction. The clashes of the mind and body within the individual have expanded and now manifest themselves in the family, society, nation, and the world. For example, this unresolved struggle between mind and body is what precipitated the elder brother Cain's murder of his younger brother Abel.

All the conflicts and wars in history have been essentially battles between a Cain camp - relatively tending towards evil, and an Abel camp- relatively tending toward goodness. Humanity must end these struggles between Cain and Abel camps and restore the original state of harmony and love. To do this, each of us must end the conflict between our mind and body, and bring them into harmonious union.

Since the root of human problems is not merely political, social and political solutions alone will always be insufficient. While most societies are politically governed, religion lies at the root of most national and cultural identities. In fact, religious loyalties far outweigh political loyalties in the hearts of most people.

In the 20th century humankind has suffered two devastating world wars, and experienced confrontation and conflict for seventy years under the oppression of the atheistic communist ideology and the Cold War era. When that came to an end, the world drank a toast in celebration of peace, albeit briefly. All too soon we came to learn that the end of the Cold War era did not lead automatically to a time of peace. Violent conflicts continue to occur throughout the world today. Even now, massacres are being perpetrated in Yugoslavia, the Middle East, Sudan, South Asia, and elsewhere. It is common knowledge that many such disputes have behind them deep-rooted religious conflict. These are only some examples that awaken us to the importance of dialogue and cooperation among religious orders.

Often, in the modern era, religions work toward the realization of their ideals while keeping a certain distance from the realms of worldly power. This is generally accepted as the norm. I believe, however, that it is time for those international organizations that serve the cause of a peaceful world to re-examine their relationship to the world's great religious traditions.

It is now the time for religion to exert genuine leadership in the world. I believe that religious people should feel responsible for the situation of humankind, and for resolving the various inequities of this age. Profound self-reflection is surely prerequisite to this. Religious people have failed to set an example in the practice of love. Now is indeed the time for them to repent for not having exerted themselves fully for the sake of salvation in the world. Instead, they have been absorbed with the pursuit of individual salvation and denominational interests. Mere belief in love is not enough. It must be accompanied by its practice.

God is calling the leaders of society, but in particular the religious leaders. He wants us to challenge the injustices and sins of the world and establish true love in their place. All religious people should become one in heart, representing and carrying out God's aspiration for all people.

A peaceful world can be realized through the synergy of the statesmanship and measures taken by politicians who represent the body and the secular world, and the wisdom and efforts of the world's religious leaders, who represent the mind and the world of the spirit.

Religious leaders should become ideal leaders who not only inherit and pass on the precious and holy wisdom of their great traditions, but also lead lives of unselfish service. The great disqualification of any leader - whether religious or political - would be selfishness. (Inter-religious and International Federation for World Peace Inaugural Address, 2/6/99)

5. How can religions, races and cultures unite?

In the 21st century people will not be able to exist any more as the master of the earth beyond the ultimate principle of God who created the cosmos. No matter how people do not want, the future of human being requires more close relationship among the people. In the future people will have to live together very close transcending their region, nation and race. That is to say, 'a global family' is becoming real. People in that era will have not only to understand the various backgrounds of religion, culture, tradition and life style but also to accept and interrelate with them. No individual and group will be able to possess their own hideout according to their selfish choice.

The quickest shortcut to bring the unity of the races is international marriage. A man and a woman from two totally different cultural and environmental backgrounds become one with the love of God. In order to accomplish a great work, we should find the gigantic power of love. It is not love played fast and loose, changing with the circumstances. Only the utmost love can transcend the boundaries of nationality, race, culture and language.

A white woman whose mind is broad enough to accept a black husband will give birth to great sons and daughters. She embraces them as a hen embraces her chicks. When two people digest each other's complicated life contents, they make a beautiful harmony. As a result of digesting each other, you will grow bigger and bigger and you'll have great hope for the future. (*Blessing and Ideal Family*)

The time has come for religion to renew itself and manifest true leadership in the world. People of faith should feel responsibility for the plight, suffering and injustices experienced by the world's peoples. Religious people have not been good examples in the practice of love and living for the sake of others, and for this reason should engage in deep self-reflection. It is time for religious people to repent for their preoccupation with individual salvation and narrow denominational interests. Such practices have prevented religious bodies from giving their utmost to the cause of world salvation. Our age more than any other demands that we go beyond our faiths, and the interests of particular religions, and put our love and ideals into practice for the sake of the world.

In particular, God calls upon us leaders, especially religious leaders, in hope that we will stand against the injustices and evils of the world, and bestow His true love upon the world. Hence, all people of faith must become one in heart in order to give full expression, both in words and actions, to God's passionate desire for humanity's restoration and peace.

World peace can be fully accomplished only when the wisdom and efforts of the world's religious leaders, who represent the internal concerns of the mind and conscience, work cooperatively and respectfully with national leaders who have much practical wisdom and worldly experience about the external reality or "body." In this light, it is time for us to give serious consideration even to the prospect of restructuring the United Nations. For example, perhaps it is possible to envision the United Nations as a bicameral institution.

The existing United Nations structure, composed of national representatives, may be regarded as a congress where the interests of each member nation are represented. However, I submit that serious consideration should be given to forming a religious assembly, or council of religious representatives within the structure of the United Nations. This assembly or council would consist of respected spiritual leaders in fields such as religion, culture, and education. Of course, the members of this interreligious assembly will need to have demonstrated an ability to transcend the limited interests of individual nations and to speak for the concerns of the entire world and humanity at large.

We should achieve North and South unification. And then we should move forward to East- West-South-North Unification. When we achieve East-West-South-North Unification , the whole world is moving.

Jesus proclaimed that 'you should love your enemies' even amid massive persecutions by Judaism and Israel. It was a great proclamation considering his position at the time. The proclamation was a revolutionary title for the sake of changing the whole history of universe.

Loving enemies means that overcoming them peacefully. It is miraculous thing. It means victory without fights.

Being around the western societies and world, I have broken the high walls among races, religions, scholars and nations.

When minorities can receive equal benefit from the system and from the culture, and when advanced nations supply the less advanced nations with the latest technology in the spirit of helping them become economically independent, instead of exploiting them, humankind will eliminate war and starvation. In such an environment God's love can blossom and bear fruit to establish the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

We should go beyond racism and even overcome the whole world with this thought. In the future, the five races should become one. Because God's love is one, God's interest and affection cannot differ among the lands he created. Interracial marriage is a symbol of God's love and will. Even the secular world recognizes that love does not respect national borders. How much more is it true in God's dominion? God's love is fundamentally different from the tragic bonds of love intertwined with the history of violence. God's love does not just seek individual well being. It is the way of dedication for the benefit of the world and all humankind. (*Blessing and Ideal Family*)

As far as I know, God is not sectarian. He is not obsessed with minor details of doctrine. We should quickly liberate ourselves from theological conflict, which results from blind attachment to doctrines and rituals, and instead focus on living communication with God. I think we urgently need to purify the religious atmosphere into one in which believers can have living faith and every soul can communicate with God. In God's parental Heart and His great love, there is no discrimination based on color or nationality. There are no barriers between countries or cultural traditions, between East and West, North and South. Today God is trying to embrace the whole of humankind as His children. Through interreligious dialogue and harmony we should realize one ideal world of peace, which is God's purpose of creation and the common ideal of humankind.

I have been putting all of my energy into reforming the world and realizing God's ideal on earth in accordance with the direction of God's providence. I have been mobilizing the total energy of the Unification Church to work first of all for world peace through interreligious harmony. I sincerely hope your religions also actively cooperate and join in this path, not because I want to reduce my effort or spare the financial resources of the Unification Church, but because I hope to see as early as possible a total mobilization of spiritual resources and creativity from all religious traditions in the direction of God's providence. This path will lead to the realization of the world of peace.

As you may know, the Assembly of the World's Religions is a project with historical significance. While even the secular world is seeking harmony through the United Nations and the like, should religious bodies fight each other? I have long been expecting certain leaders of the elder religions to initiate an assembly of the world's religions. After a long period of waiting, I have initiated this project, because I believe it should be done at any cost. While this meeting itself is a meaningful accomplishment, the Assembly will, I hope, become more and more significant with meeting after meeting.

I hope all of you, as representatives of your religions, find spiritual unity that can be the foundation for a bright future and for a new religious reformation that can lead the world. Through presentations and discussions, during plenary sessions or in committee, in artistic performance, meditation and prayer, please respect each other's faiths and contribute as much as possible to the harmony of the whole. Let us all march forward to fulfill the world-historical mission of religions, that is, the realization of God's will on earth. (*Dialogue and Alliance, Assembly of World's Religions 1985*)

Chapter 5

RESPECT FOR NATURE

1. What does nature teach us?

If you take a quiet look at children. . . when you look at things like toys, what are they? They are things that move. Everybody likes toys, but of all moving things the ones that have intuitive feelings are animals -- whether they are puppies or some kind of bugs. All children are happy centering on moving things such as the birds of the air and the beasts of the field. Why is that? Because people were originally like that. What does that mean? It means that when humans saw the natural world or the movement of this world, they felt pleasure. Everything is like people's hobby. Also, things like other objects. . . although, of course, the reciprocal base is different; in that place of appreciation, people truly feel enjoyment and interest. Because of that, one's internal attributes of love are all teaming.

If we look at living bugs, insects, or animals we can see that they all exist in pairs. If we look at nature in this way and ask ourselves what it is, it is a museum of educational materials for the development and education of the reciprocal ideal as humankind's one object of love.

That is why there are three kinds of bird-song. The first is a sign that the bird is hungry. The next is a song of love for the bird's mate, and the next is a song that the bird sings when there is danger. They are all different. Although we ordinary people do not know, in the world of birds they know all these songs. If you cry because you are hungry everyone knows already. It is like that. What is everyday life centered on? If you are hungry, once you have eaten that is the end of it. There isn't danger every day either. If we ask ourselves what the songs are generally centered on, we have to say that the songs come and go centering on the relationship of giving and receiving between mates.

Humans were created as subjects and objects; that is, as reciprocal pairs. Also, all the things of the world, which exist for humankind, came into being according to the principle of love. Furthermore, because of the love of humankind, life and the ideal become a reality. The world of creation exists for humankind. Especially, it exists as the textbook of love for Adam and Eve, as they are growing up. It is a museum inexhaustibly exhibiting the essence of love.

In the very beginning, Adam and Eve, who were favored by being born as the children of God, also grew up under the protection of God from their childhood and gradually became bigger. Consequently, because their intellect developed, they came to understand why God had created the world. The world was created to be a means of education. Everything that moved in the created world was a textbook that taught our original human ancestors Adam and Eve everything that enabled them to live. You must know the fact that because Adam and Eve were not perfected, but were living according to the ideal way of life, the created world was an example or a museum for them. (*Nature and Humankind, The way for Students*)

In the natural world, a seed sprouts and eventually grows into a tree or flower, and then it bears its own seeds. Seeds grow in every part of the world, east, west, north and south. On an apple tree, the fruit is redder on the side where the sun shines more. The fruit is paler where there is less sun. Likewise, the fruits and seeds from different directions and areas are slightly different, although the seed itself is of the same composition. The seed of human beings was God Himself. Like a tree, human society has grown branches. The trunk has become large, and its leaves have spread all the way around the world. That tree should be bearing the same kind of fruit and seeds it began with. A tree is a good textbook to show us how to live. It is a symbol of man's life as it follows natural cycles and returns to a seed.

A tree has hundreds and thousands of leaves. A leaf doesn't think much about anything except itself. The branches do the same. Meanwhile the root, which is hidden deep underground, is constantly sending nutrition up to them. Such is the situation of man. Man is usually very cognizant of the visible parts of his life, but hardly gives any thought at all to his hidden roots. God, like the root, is deep inside human society, which is growing above the ground. Which part is more precious, that which is above ground, or that which is hidden underground? Why is the underground part more important? If you cut the top of a plant off,

another plant can grow out of the same root. By the same token, which is more precious-man or the root of man? This is a simple but appropriate metaphor.

How do roots and branches grow? They grow according to law. Different plants and trees resemble the shape of their own seed-a tall alpine tree has a long seed, whereas the chestnut tree, like the chestnut itself, is round. The seeds contain the blueprint and the necessary ingredients for the tree to be deployed. Thus the tree assumes the same shape as its seed. When the seed first sprouts, it has two parts. There are two directions, not one, because the seed has the two parts of plus and minus. God Himself is one being, but He has dual characteristics. So seeds and plants resemble God in this way.

When the sprout first starts coming out of the ground, it is nurtured from the food, which is contained within the seed. By the time the nutrition contained in the sac of the seed is used up, both sides will have produced the necessary root. Suppose a seed lands on the soil upside down Even so, it still sprouts upward toward the sky and the root digs down into the soil. The plant must get its nutrition from above and below, from the root and from the air. Earth and heaven must have give and take.

The life of a plant is not as simple as it seems. In fact, it symbolizes the whole principle of the universe. Why does the plant become bigger? It received nourishment, so it must give. Growing is a form of giving. Children want to grow up to be big. In growing, we become more aware of our surroundings; thus we can give more and receive more, too, enjoying give and take on many levels.

Imagine a huge tree, which is really beautiful to behold. Although you can't see its roots, they will be deeply laid. The tip of its root is small and lies hundreds of feet below the surface. Can you see that the tiniest leaf on the top is connected to that root? It is so high in one direction and so deep in the other that the connection is hard to see. Yet, without a relationship with the root, the leaf will eventually die.

By the same token, if we human beings say, "I don't care about the roots; they are separate from me." Then we too will start to die. The man who is aware of his root lives and prospers, while the man who does not recognize his root will die.

The leaves are close to each other so they appreciate one another. But the unity among leaves and branches is not just for their own sake. When all the branches and leaves above the ground are unified and are growing larger, it is because there is a large, healthy root. When the roots become stronger, the rest of the tree becomes stronger. It reflects the ideal cycle of good, brisk give and take in all directions.

For the human beings, especially Adam and Eve in their growth stage, the world of all things was a textbook of love and a museum which exhibit the countless essences of love. It was the God's hope in its creation that Adam and Eve grow and finally unite into one learning love from the nature, which God allowed for them as a textbook of love.

So has man conquered the ocean or not? Did or didn't man conquer the land? Of course he did. What about space? He did that too. The flow of culture or civilization is like a winding river. A river starts from a trickle and becomes larger, bigger in width and deeper. It looks like a snake doesn't it? Why does a river wind? What is your answer? In order for it to become long and wide. That is why the river winds. Which is the longest river on earth? [The Nile] Which is the widest? The river has to become long and travel far and then it embraces a large amount of animals. The river chooses to travel in a winding pattern. When there is a valley, it follows all the valleys around the mountain. There are many tributaries, smaller rivers to feed on the large one.

Would American water and Korean water get married or not? Would Americans put up a fence to keep out clouds made from evaporated Korean water, saying "You are contaminated, don't come"? Would it work? No. No matter what a man does, nature works by itself. Among water there are many elements, but is water dirty or clean? Think about it, three quarters of an animal's mass is water so when they die, where do they end up? They supply water, don't they? Where does it end up? In a river under the earth. Water says, "There is nothing I haven't conquered. Green grass don't be proud of yourself. If I wasn't a part of you, you would never be as green as that." Is this true or not? It is. Even in the driest desert, once in a while a big rain comes. (6/1/1991)

People become tired sitting hour upon hour. But these birds never seem to tire of singing together. Why not? Because their song is the song of love. They are dancing by flying from one branch to another. They always move and demonstrate to one another. If the female bird flies and the male doesn't follow she will

chirp as if to say, "come on, what are you doing?" Then the male bird follows her. Father learned a lesson from that give and take with nature. If anyone can truly communicate with nature and enjoy this give and take, such people will never consider divorce. Because if you truly observe nature you will realize the pair system. (*True Day Of All Things And The Initiator Of Harmony, 6/5/1997*)

2. What is the place of human beings in nature?

What is nature? It is a display of adorable things given by God as a present to me, when His sons and daughters, filled with adoring love, are born. The sound of a bird or even a single blade of growing grass are ornaments to make the life of His beloved sons and daughters beautiful. Even a stone rolling down the street knows that those sons and daughters will become the lords who will govern the nation, and it has been made to decorate that nation. The flowing water is just the same. As dullness and monotony will not do, nature was created to be a garden of peerless harmony for the sake of the prince of dreams, the prince of hope, who could inherit such a world, which had been made for love.

That is why we can study by means of all the things of creation. When male and female birds chirrup, even the house owner's wife learns from that. You have to know how to live even at the risk of your life, praising the beauty of the created world and heading towards a world of mutual reverence. If someone does this, even the birds will want to come and live in the hedge around that house in order to raise their baby chicks. Do you understand what I am saying?

No matter how precious a work of art in a museum may be, can it be equal to a living work of art? The point is who has loved this world, which is God's work of art and the museum of all the things of creation, more than God. The point is have you loved this world more than your own country's museum. Can you compare a golden crown from the Silla era in a museum with a single dandelion trodden underfoot by the roadside? God made that dandelion in person. You have to think about the territory of your native land in that way. With that kind of heart of God and the kind of mind that is able to say, "I am sorry and ashamed that I myself could not love in that place where I received love, that kingly position, from which the original God could be revered." When there is that kind of king with such a clear conscience, even the blades of grass will follow that king and want to be together with him eternally. That is the way human beings have to live.

You have to know how to love nature and love people. You all have to understand that people, who cannot love people and cannot love nature, also cannot love God. The things of creation are the symbolic existence of God. Because humankind is the substantial existence of God, the person who knows how to love the creation and humanity will come to love God.

This is why it is not right to have a church made up solely of young people. We have to make a church filled with grandmothers and grandfathers, aunts and uncles. Self-sacrifice alone is not the best thing. Do you know that? That is why if you all grew up as orphans, you could not help but be orphans.

We have to love nature always. We have to love nature, and we have to love humanity. Furthermore, we have to love every race and color of humanity. Would God say, "Oh, I only like white people"? In that case we would all have to wear white clothes. White people would all have to wear white clothes. We would all have to throw away our colored clothes. Why wear black clothes? Why wear colored clothes? It's a contradiction.

In the viewpoint of the original ideal of creation, all things, which exist in this universe, belong to God. The whole nature also should be managed and protected by God.

In addition, human beings, the center of all things, should be managed by God, and live in the realm of God's love. Therefore, all things in the universe belong to the name of God, and furthermore they should be alive in God's dominion.

People say, 'we should love people; we should love everyone'. Saundar Singh said that all things, nature was the second Bible. Therefore, when God, angels, all things and human beings try to keep the promise

of love, the ideal of love can be realized. Originally, people should love all things. They should love them all. They should be able to obtain all principles of nature through love and also should have absolute subjectivity centered on love. Therefore, the whole environment around them should obey them. Furthermore, They also should be able to be worshipped as the ideal subject. We all should stand in the position.

It is natural that you can really love people when you are able to love nature. Since the human being's ancestry did not love all things, we should love them. Whenever we go, we should love nature. We should love all nature including a small grass in our neighborhood or huge forests and rivers. When you pass the exam of love, then you can really love people. If you reach the position, which can love all natures, you should love people on the foundation.

Human beings were created as subject and object. In other words, they were created as couples. All things, which exist for the sake of human beings, also should realize a harmony under the principle of love. All things were destined to realize their lives and ideals only through love of human beings.

In nature, even insect live as couples. They sing pleasant songs. Birds, and insects, why they sing songs? They sing songs when they are happy. People should realize that all nature including insects, birds and flowers want to resemble human being.

There is some time that you buy toys for your children. You may want to make some things for your children and wife. However, even though a man is very skillful at making something, is he able to make anything, which has life? He never makes such a thing.

Therefore, all nature or all things is an amazing museum of nature, which God as parents made for their children. Therefore, you should enrich your life through them. For example, there is a pine tree. But you should not look at it just as a green pine tree. Seeing it, you should realize that God want you to grow your love brightly as the pine tree. Absolutely you need such a viewpoint.

Then, Where on earth were 'you' born? You are a small universe. Human being is a miniature of the earth and the universe. Your body includes all elements, which the earth has. Therefore, you can say that universe involved in creation. Then, who made yourself? The answer is the universe.

If the universe claim its belongings from you, then you may lose everything. Your body comprises of the elements, which you borrowed from the universe. You should keep this in mind. In other words, the universe gave a birth to you. It made you.

Then, who are your parents? The universe is your first parent. You should keep this in mind. In that sense, human being is a synthesis of all elements in the universe. Therefore, you are a moving universe, and a walking universe.

If there is a man, who understands the heart of God, and says to a blade of grass, 'I am so sorry and shameful, since I have not loved you in the position of King which God had originally allowed me', then even the grass want to live with him forever. This is the way human being should follow.

Where does the water come from originally? Does it come from the spring or a river? Where do we get it from? Think about it, unless water is evaporated into the atmosphere to form clouds, where can we get water? Could the Hudson River exist without that cycle? Could the Mississippi River, the pride of America, have come into being? Does the Mississippi belong to America? No, before it belongs to America, it belongs to the ocean. Where do you think we get rain? Without water all the conditions on the land by which a man can live would not exist. If there was only one kind of tree on the face of the earth, how unhappy we would be! Would animals like only one kind of tree like evergreens or just deciduous trees? If there was only one kind of grass it would be so complicated. Is there anyone who feels, "I like the desert, I don't like greens" or "I don't like rocks"? Sometimes rocks get in our way but without them it would be very inconvenient for us. Even rocks serve a purpose. When rocks form a cliff underwater and water swirls around and all things end up on the bottom, scavenger fish, such as catfish, come down and vacuum up all the food in

that kind of area. Nothing exists without reason and everything exists for good reason, including things found in the ocean. (6/1/1991)

If there is no water in an area of land, it becomes a desert. All the scenic beauty in the United States and all around the world, like beautiful mountains which boast huge cedar trees and all greenery, none of them would have ever been possible without water. All the streams and brooks and waterfalls, how properly they fit in with the scenery, flowing through it. All are the works of water. Think about the huge amount of snow up in the north and how it gradually melts to supply a steady flow of water. All these things are works of art of water. The ocean has traditionally been nourishing all the living things on earth and creating all the greens, supplying food for all the animals. That is what the ocean has been doing, nourishing all creatures including humankind too. Should we be proud of it or grateful for the fact we have water in our body? Should America be proud of being the strongest country or should it be the one most appreciative of water? [Most appreciative.] You should be humble towards water and very grateful for water. (6/1/1991)

It really is an ideal setting that God provided. When it is hot all the clouds gather together. Everything is balanced. Even though it is hot weather and a lot of clouds gather together, when it stays hot, then there will be all kinds of water coming at the same time. But in the evening it cools down. What would happen to your body if water proclaimed that "By the great king of water I will concentrate only in one area!" Your nose would not exist anymore because it is water. If all water came into a man, he would simply be another big drop of water. Tigers drink water by lapping. Have you seen that? Cattle are too big to do that, they almost siphon water in, but tigers drink water by a stroke of the tongue. Even big tigers. They don't drink like human beings do, they can only lap a few drops at a time. Is there an animal you can name which does not take water? There is no exception. How precious or expensive water is! Which is more precious, one's life or water? Water is almost as precious. Everything we see beauty in and see as useful, was made possible through water. Now we want to feel appreciative towards water. (6/1/1991)

Where there is land, there are animals. When a person is starving, then he is entitled to hunt and eat any animal. If a human being starves in the Belvedere area where there are so many deer roaming around, should he be prohibited from hunting, or should they be available for those who need to eat? Of course people are entitled to hunt for existence. In tropical zones there are alligators, hippopotamus, and all kinds of animals that could provide perfect protein for man. Why starve? We must hunt to survive in those cases. So fishing and hunting are basic skills, which we all must have without exception. Why? Because it is our goal, it is our mission to help the starving people, and these are very basic skills needed to accomplish that. (20 years of oceanic activities, 8/1/1994)

3. What should be our attitude toward nature?

When a true man kisses a flower, it is so happy. Can you visualize it? The keenest senses are the male and female senses, which respond to love. Let us look one class higher: the insects... Their ears hear certain sounds, just like humans, and their nose smells certain smells. In this they are no different from humans, only the class is different. When these tiny insects reproduce and lay eggs so tiny you cannot see them, will the parents defend them with their life? And do they love each other with great pleasure and enjoyment, or only do so because they are forced to? In this they are the same as humans! There is no way for us to deny that God shared everything with His creation when He created. He gave the common denominator of five senses not only to man, but also to insects, to flowers, to the mineral kingdom and to atoms. (*"The Day of All Things & the Fruits of Love," 1991*)

Unless a person loves nature, which was created for mankind, he cannot say that he loves mankind. And unless he loves all people, who are created to be the true children of God, he cannot say that he loves God... How can a person say that he loves humankind and God unless he loves nature, which was created for humankind? (*New Hope Farm Declaration, 4/3/95*)

When I go fishing, I send the first fish back to its home. Even a lowly creature like a carp appreciates love, and when someone appreciates their purpose for being what they are, they even want to die for that per-

son. In that sense, the carp are not a sacrifice as they give themselves for the person who loves them. This was God's idea for the creation. By being loved and appreciated, all these creatures will be thankful and proud of living and dying for the purpose for which they were created. (*God's Will and the Ocean*)

Not one thing in God's ideal world of creation centering on true love, namely all existent beings in the macrocosm, came into being outside of the heart and love of God. The poet who feels this will be a great poet. If there is a poet who can feel the heart of the universe in the sight of one trembling leaf and can give expression to that feeling, he will be a universal poet. Nowadays we ignore and are far too indifferent to such things. We did not realize the fact that all around us, and unbeknown to us, all the burgeoning things of creation are existing together with the love of God.

If we enter the spiritual realm, we can see that even one tiny grain of sand contains the principle of the universe and even in one atom is contained the boundless harmony of the universe. Even though we can, not know so much about all the things of existence, we cannot deny that they are all resultant beings that have arisen from a unifying force. Beyond molecules there are atoms, beyond atoms there are particles. . . all these things do not exist unconsciously but are beings with a consciousness and a purpose. That is why all things in existence have come into being through the out-stretched hands of God. You all have to know completely the fact that you indisputably exist in a relationship with the heart of God.

What kind of person is a sage? The greatest sage is the one whose heart is such that he can take hold of a single blade of grass and say "God!" and perceive that its value is equal to his own value. The person who can sing about that value in such a way will be the greatest artist. If there is someone who discovers the exquisite beauty of the variety of God's heart and love by seeing the variety of all the things of creation, and if that person has the feeling that he can become friends with those things and rejoice together with them, and if that feeling moves every single cell in that person, that person will become someone who can represent the whole universe. That kind of person is the lord of all things. But can somebody who does not know about anything except eating become a lord of creation?

When God created the world there was joy there. After he had created everything and seen it, he said that it was good. There was joy. What is joy? It is what is felt when one's purpose is accomplished. Because God's conscious purpose is inherent in the things of creation, after God had created all things, He felt joy. In that case what kind of world is the world of restoration? In a word, it is the world in which people live who substantially possess the heartistic affinity that enables them to praise God as they behold every individual being in all creation. The value of character that Heaven sees is there. In the past, therefore, stories about persons such as Saint Francis giving sermons when they saw animals or birds are not lies. Such stories are like dreams. Nevertheless, they are not dreams but the truth. (*Nature and Humankind, The way for Students*)

If you open your eyes and gaze upon nature in the morning, that nature creates a vague affinity with this original character and produces a feeling of the new ideal. If you look at the human world, however, you are all aware of the fact, that as you look at it, it stirs up a feeling of despair and sorrow within you.

If this were the original world of uncorrupted humankind, you would not feel such sorrow at looking at the value of humanity. Humankind was not created with the same value of a single blade of grass or a flower or a tree. This most precious humankind cannot be exchanged for anything in the creation, and this humankind should have appeared, substantiating this incomparable value, as the representative of Heaven.

Now we have to understand this. When we look at nature, which is endowed with the love of God, we have to feel in our mind that neither the wonderful things belonging to kings of this world and famous people, nor antique treasures, nor the splendid clothes worn by famous women can compare to nature. If we cannot do that, we are committing a crime in front of nature, even though we do not realize it.

The person who takes hold of the creation, into which God has invested his heart, and feels its preciousness, and when looking at a single living thing, thinks, "Can man-made things compare to this? No matter how wonderful a person may be, is he more wonderful than God?" then that person is without doubt a son or daughter of God. This kind of person does not need to pray. This is someone with whom God lives. Heaven is pushing humankind into that kind of position.

Look here, all of you. Humans all like and treasure something, which belongs to the person that they love, no matter what it is. Isn't that so? Nevertheless, they do not know how to treasure the things of creation that have been made by God, whom we should love the most. Are these kind of people the sons and daughters of God?

All of you, who bear the responsibility of liberating the bitterness of heart of the lamenting creation, even at the sight of a blade of grass or a tree, must deeply experience the heart of God six thousand years ago, when He created those things. You must have that kind of mind.

That is why our Unification Church members have to be able to shed tears on seeing a single blade of grass by the wayside. Embracing a single tree, you have to be able to cry, while saying, "How lonely have you been since losing your lord?" Try to do that one time.

This person who is speaking now has cried a lot. He has embraced a rock and wept, and wept even while watching the blowing of the wind. If you have listened to this speech, you will understand why he has done that. "Precious things of creation that have been made by God, precious things of creation that have an eternal affinity with God, I have to sympathize with your sorrow at never having even received the treatment that is given nowadays to national treasures and valuables in royal palaces." I have appeared speaking these words. If you all have a heart which feels, "Even though all the people of the world are blind to you, I must sympathize with you," in the future this people will become a new race that will be able to control all humanity. This is not a theory; it is a fact.

Who among you are going to regard nature as being more precious than your family's heirloom, which has been passed down from generation to generation, or more precious than the most valuable diamond? Where is such a person? Oh God, when you see such a person in sympathy with the things that You have made and embracing them with tears, You will say "Come to me." Think about whether you can do that or not.

What we call the best literary work is the one which express nature in beautiful predicates. Literature is what we describe nature in words. People want to express their heart into the nature. People and nature are linked together through heart of love.

Human body includes all elements of nature. When you look at the heart, it is like a trunk of tree. The stomach is like a root of tree. and the lung is like leaves. All elements of nature can be found in human body. In a sense, all elements of Heavenly Kingdom, and spiritual world are included in human being. Therefore, when human being move, all nature and even Heavenly Kingdom are agitated.

The sun does not say, 'I am the subject of life'. Since the sun owns the power of life, all nature naturally follows it.

This is the heart that you should possess. It is the same when you look at a person or look at a cow. You should have the heart to even grab on to the ears of the cow and placing your forehead against its, cry in tears and say to the cow "How wonderful would it be if you were tilling the land while being hit with the whip of True Parents? I have pity on you who are in the position of a miserable orphan and slave who cannot escape that fate."

It should be the same as you look at the fields and trees. You should tell them, "If you have historical resentments, you should resolve it while looking at me today. If you have some desire that you want to achieve, then you should tell me. I will connect you with the dispensation of God." Even as you look at the plane or the mountains and rivers, "How can I abandon you? I will go and visit every valley." You should go seeking for trees deep in the mountains that were never visited by their owners until now. The reason that I came into the mountains looking for you is because I felt that the trees like you in this mountain are feeling lonely. So, I came to you considering you as their representative." Then, you should pray on behalf of the trees in the mountains of the village, or district, or county. You should pray that they could maintain the happiness felt today and by resolving all the sorrows by today, free those coming after them from such agony.

As you look at a rock, before the rock expresses sorrow, you should manifest sad expressions in your face, which is full of tears, and say, "What kind of wishes did you hear from numerous people? Many people resented you and cursed at you, having all sorts of thought while looking at you, but I am not like that. How

long have you been waiting for the day that you can meet me and express your joy?" If you can come to possess this type of heart, then your path will never be met with doom.

4. How can we protect nature?

There is so much waste in America that I first thought we could collect together the scrap metal in America, the old rusted out parts, and recycle them. We should salvage these things and put them to good use. Also, there is an incredible amount of paper that is used and thrown away. We could recycle that as well...

The worst aspect of pollution is in the air – exhaust fumes from cars, factories, and such things. In the future, there will be a limit upon anything that produces exhaust, even cooking. Any kind of extra smoke or gas exhaust will not be tolerated. That means that we will try to eat foods without so much cooking... raw foods, raw vegetables, and raw fish. They are good for people's health, so they will turn to them. (*God's Will and the Ocean*)

Now the world's developed nations have fallen into the trap of material civilization. With matter controlling spirit and mind, the human soul has become the slave of matter. The result is the fall from true love. Although people enjoy material abundance, and high-rise buildings stand in a line in the city, the human mind has become a barren desert. Nowhere can be found an oasis of true love, making human life very desolate. Worse still, only among humans is selfishness rampant, making beautiful nature its victim.

Today, our natural environment is devastated, the water and air are polluted and even the ozone layer, which has been protecting humanity, has been damaged. If this situation continues unchecked, humanity will reach the point where it cannot escape self-destruction, due to the material civilization, which it has erected for itself...

The 21st century is the time to return to the original world that God desires. The age of material civilization will give way to an era of spiritual civilization, where spirit and mind are ascendant. At this juncture, it is my earnest desire that developing countries do not repeat the mistake of developed nations and fall into the trap of material civilization, but take a lesson from them and dash into a world where mind and spirit rule.

Who is going to love all creation the most? Have you ever loved the creation? When I went to the Pantanal, I loved nature and all things. I wanted to love the entire creation, whether insects or larger animals. In South America there are all kinds of animals. It is the Kingdom of Heaven for animals because they can hide so easily, in dirty water. People cannot find them. But God created them with love, so they should live in a clean environment. I asked them why they live in the dirty environment, and they said because they are afraid of humans who want to kill them. So we should liberate those animals. I would like to do that.

I want to purify all the dirty rivers and waters, so that all living things can be liberated. All human beings should be mobilized for that task. That is why I tell you to go to the ocean. Would you perish or not? Will you follow what I am doing, or let them live in the dirty water? If that is the case, you Americans should be willing to drink the dirty water. After a flood, the water gets dirty and impure. All kinds of things are mixed up. When you drink it, you may die. But you should be willing to live for the sake of all creation, even if you have to drink the polluted water. If you love them more than your own life, God will love you even more.

We should want to purify the entire environment, and be no. 1 at that. If you want to, please raise your hands. Look at your palms. If I say this, will all things welcome me and say, Mansei? Let us love the ocean. Love does not just like pure water. If the Unification Church loves only pure water, something is wrong with that. We should love both pure and dirty, then purify the dirty and preserve the pure. Eternally we should love everything. We should make everything better if it is not good.

We should produce water with which we can attend God. Water should be purified through a water purifier. We went fishing yesterday, about 200 people. Actually the Hudson River water is very dirty. If you drink that water, what will happen? Before all the soil gets into the water it should be sterilized. But the river water is used when we go to the bathroom. Before reaching the river, the water and soil was purified, that's why living things can live in it. It has oxygen in it. We can never think we are living alone. To do so is very sinful. (*True Day of All Things, 6/2/2000*)

God gave us everything. Now we have to utilize it properly. It is not ours. It belongs to God, history and eternity. We should not waste it. Do not use it all necessarily. Be conservative, even with water. Have you thought about loving and conserving water? Have you loved grass? For whom did God create grass? It was for us. It is like a treasure for them. The masterpieces of art worth millions of dollars are not as valuable as one blade of grass created by God. Nature is immeasurably valuable, that we deal with each day. These are things God created by Himself as a gift to humankind for us to be proud of for eternity. If we go to bed, we should be able to say to the sun and nature, good night, I have to take a rest until tomorrow morning, so please take a good rest. As owner, I take this step. As owner, I have to give more love than God does. God always loves them, but my love should be added to that. Appreciate the grass, trees and weeds in your garden, even more than the animals. Be full of that gratitude when you go to sleep. Have you felt that way? *(The Arrival of the Era of the Fourth Adam's Realm, 10/24/1999)*

CHAPTER 6

THE WAY OF LEADERSHIP

1. What does it mean to have a parental heart?

Leaders are in the position of parents. Parents cannot fall asleep before they put all the children to sleep. They cannot do that unless they are sick. They shed tears as they worry about the future of their children who are still immature; when they experience hardships in life, the heart of parents is such that they cannot but go to sleep only after praying for the blessing of the children with great anxiety. Similarly, a leader must also have a hard time falling asleep. Moreover, when you have some quiet moments of peace at dawn or at night, you should pray for your members with tears without others being aware of it. Do you understand what I am saying? This is the only way that you can establish the foundation.

So, what are you going to do after raising your children like this? You have to raise them to become patriots who will live for the sake of the nation more than the sake of the church. In order to do that, you parents must first show the example. Those, who educate by showing examples through their lives first, are the true parents. True parents are those who first educate with love and then tell children to carry it out in action. If you lead this type of life, God cannot leave you no matter what. Moreover, this type of people possesses some mysterious strong power, which automatically attracts the attention of the other people. So, other people have no choice but to pay attention to such a person.

If you make a fire in a stove during the wintertime, even if you do not explain to the people which one is the cold stove and which one is the hot stove, because people can already feel the heat, they will naturally gather around the hot stove.

Similarly, you must also become someone that other people will be attracted to. What I am trying to do is, by setting such a foundation and only with the determination to sacrifice, expand the new tradition, and after connecting it to the family level foundation, based on that foundation create the clan, people and the nation. This is the path that God is walking on.

Parents are the matrix of the child's life. It raises life. It is the matrix of life, love, and protection. It protects life, raises it, and loves it.

You should shed tears when you see a poor person in the village and as you pass in front of the house after having a meal. This should be your attitude. As you pass the house you should call out to God and pray in tears with your head cast down, "The reason that he is so poor is because the ancestor of mankind made the mistake and fell. Since I came with the parental mission to this village, I must be responsible for them, yet how much was I able to give you during over one year that I have spent in this village. I have not benefited you in any way." Ladies and gentlemen, have you ever had such heart? This is the Principle way.

Moreover, when you see the children in the village underfed and poorly clothed, your heart should be in agony. You should be engulfed by the thought and attitude day and night, "Who is responsible for causing you to suffer like this? It is because of me. In order for this village to go before heaven, the bridge to Cain cannot be laid down unless the foundation is built around me who came as a parent. Without this foundation, without making the connection to the parents, they cannot go to the kingdom of heaven. Since they, the village and I have some common bond, I should fulfill all of my responsibilities as a parent regardless of whether I live or die." This is the attitude of heart that the leaders in the regions who stand in the position of parents should have.

When you pick up your spoons to eat, as parents you should only be able to eat after being told by the starving people in the village that you should not worry about them and eat your meals because you always visit them and share all your food with them. This is how a parent is. Can parents with children eat alone? As parents divide the food among their children, telling them to eat, a mature child among them will say, "Father, mother, we are all right now, so please have some as well." As parents, this is the time that they can begin to eat. When you eat from this position, then you are able to eat with a hopeful and loving heart. That meal is not a sad meal but a happy meal, and is not a meal of hopelessness but of hope. The place that the parents and children eat that meal is not where they will meet a dead end, but a position in which

bonds of moral laws and bonds of heaven and earth will be newly established. Therefore, that meal is a blessed meal, and that foundation is the basis of happiness. Shouldn't the parental heart wish that they would not fall away from such state?

As you see the gaunt children playing on the street who are underfed and poorly clothed, you should embrace them like your children. If you cannot do that, you should feel more shameful than a parent who is not being responsible for the child that you have given birth to, or who has passed the responsibility over to a nanny or perhaps is passing by the house that is taking care of your children on your behalf. This is the bond of heart. If your own children are that gaunt, then won't you grab on to them and shed tears until your bones melt and your flesh becomes twisted?

In the course of historical restoration, how precious and blessed is the bond of lineage that remains even after wandering for thousands of years without recognizing the parents who exist, and not perishing after even being dragged around by the enemy, but remain as the seeds? We should be grateful for the grace of God, who allowed me to stand in this position so that our nation would not perish and descendants will live on. When you can nurture the parental heart centering on that mindset, then you will never go hungry. You must not go hungry before the village experiences starvation. If you were to starve even after being in such a position, then the whole village will be doomed.

Your good ancestors will come and intervene when you are about to face difficulties. Because the good ancestors stand in the position of servant of servants, when you, the servants, go, then they will go before you to prepare the way. Accordingly, there will emerge phenomena in which the spirit world is mobilized and help their descendants. Do you think this will take place or not?

This is the same when we view it centering on God. If God, who loves the archangel and Adam with the parental heart, were receiving injury, wouldn't the whole spirit world mobilize themselves to help God? It's the same logic. If you possess the heart of parent then such things will take place. Do you understand?

For this reason, you must possess the heart of a parent. You should have the heart of a parent who has become the owner. This is why we are preaching, "Let us possess the heart of a parent in the body of a servant, and shed sweat for earth, tears for mankind, and blood for heaven". The day that you can achieve this, you cannot but become the representative of the parent. If the parent complains, then what should the children do? Those children, who say, "Oh no! This is disastrous." would die. When the parent weeps, children try to die on their behalf. You should understand this.

You should know the thought of three great subjects. In order to be the true master, you must have the heart of true teacher and true parents. In this way all the subjects are united. If you want to be a true leader as the chair of one company, you should teach your employees if they do not have the educational background. You should invest yourself for the recreation to make people have the same kind of love like you. When you are the chairman of the company who can represent the position of parents and teacher, you will be able to become the true master.

The life of a leader consists of "heartistically" contributing something to others. If you are a leader of a thousand people, your heartistic standard should be higher than that of any of these people. (*Blessed Family and the Ideal Kingdom I, page 153*)

Imagine that the president of a nation is like a father to the nation, like a god to the nation in a sense. If God has sacrificed Himself then the ideal president for a nation, in representing the whole and in a position of God, should be willing to sacrifice himself completely for the sake of the nation. That kind of nation can be able to prosper if it has that type of leadership. (*The Will of God, 1/15/1996*)

God has an ideal. God has a plan, and the center of the realization of God's will is true love. Where does true love come from? It comes from the attitude that even if I die and even if I'm born and I die again, I am going to love unconditionally with my loved one and for my nation.

What is the conclusion, then? The presidents that are divorced or separated should consider this is a basic principle even for the family of a nation. If the spouse leaves, after that then still the president has to con-

tinue to live for the sake of the nation. The human being is the supreme being of God's creation. We have to be better than the rest of creation. We are the supreme being of the creation.

What is the bird that you have so much here, which attacks people when they go near its babies? There is a tiny bird here in Latin America, which becomes very violent if anybody goes near the baby birds. If animals give their lives for their offspring, how much more do we have to do that? (The Will of God, 1/15/1996)

2. What is the law of giving and receiving?

What kind of person is a leader? He is one who is supposed to give. He is not supposed to receive. In giving, he should not give the same things all the time. He must give new things. Isn't giving sermons difficult? The Principle lectures can be given according to how it's laid out, but giving sermon is difficult. The reason is that the same things cannot be given again. Isn't this so? You cannot give the same things. Just as parents must be selective in giving children a variety of good things to eat, the same things must not be given again.

When you have nothing to give, you should receive it from God. You are to provide the members with the things that you have received from God. Isn't this true? Consulting God about it and.... Eventually, you are to represent God. Even as you pray, you will be moved by your own prayer. When you pray in that realm then all will be captivated by God, and you will come to feel strongly that God is the motive power and the origin. When people experience this, they will realize that they need God absolutely. In order to tie these things together to fascinate the audience, prayer is absolutely needed.

Those great historical figures, those who are recorded in history as great are not great scholars. Great people are those who are starving for the heart of faith. When you enter the realm where you become completely engulfed in joy as your heart of faith is filled up, the audience will be captivated by that.

You should be giving, but in order to give, you need to be supplied; where do you get supplied? You can be rejuvenated at the headquarters by listening to my sermon, but when you are far away and alone, you have to build a road of supply through which you can receive from God. In order to do that, you have to nurture your capabilities. When you set out to go somewhere, you are not traveling alone. You must receive a revelation. You must go while serving God, True Parents, father and mother with the belief that the world is going to be judged by you. You should think that events that you are facing will have a major impact on the dispensation of God, and wherever you go, you should act as the shield of judgment. If you visit three times and make a substantial contribution in that place, this will become the occasion for you to enter the realm in which you can naturally sense that God goes when you go and He comes when you come. When this is achieved, wherever you are, there will be progress.

You have to give with parental heart. You must not give centering on your own ambitions and wishes. Because father has been doing it like that, you must also do like that. Since these words came through tears, you have to give them through tears. You have to implant truth in this earth where there is no truth.

Here the central doctrine of the Unification Church emerges. When you give, what kind of heart should you give with? You are not to give with the heart of a friend. Moreover, you are not to give with the attitude that an owner has when he gives things to the servant. You must possess the parental heart when you give. You have to have the parental heart and be in the body of a servant, to shed tears for humanity, sweat for the earth, and blood for heaven. What this means is that you have to have the sorrowful heart because after giving, you cannot give any more. This is how God is.

The heart of parents is lowering their heads in shame even after having given something, being sorry because even if they want to give something better they cannot do so; this is the affection of parents. Which parents would say after giving something to their children, "Now I have give enough?" Heart of parents is such that they will say; "I will give more later because even though I want to give more now, this is all I have." For this reason, even if the child is a thief, parents love that child. Isn't this so?

When you give, how should you give? You should not give the leftovers. Do you understand? If you give what is left over from you meal, then even after eating it, people will feel disgusted and spit. When you are giving rice cakes, for example, if you take long time to select one out of the five, picking one up and then

putting it down and then picking another, then it is worse than not giving at all. This is how it is. It is worse than not giving at all. When you give to others, if there are five, then you should have no hesitation in picking up half of them and hand them over. Then, people will thank you, yet if you are so hesitant and picky, then people will judge you even after they become indebted to you. This is how it is. For this reason, how are to give! You are to give together with God.

What is meant by giving together with God? It possesses the heart of parents. Possessing the heart of parents and being in the body of a servant... Why do you need to have the body of a servant? Because you are trying to save servants, you have to become more like a servant than a servant. Aren't the people in the world the children of servants? Since God is trying to save these servants, since God is trying to love servants, imagine how difficult it must be. Do you think that it is easy?

Those who try to give ten and take back a hundred will decline. This type of person cannot enter the world centered on heart. Heavenly world is world of giving. Material things do not constitute problems. Giving is the way to accumulate merits. When you give, you have to add material things to your heart. No one can take the things that you give with the heart of God.

In the Old Testament, God gave from the position of servant, and in the New Testament; He gave from the position of the brothers. Now is the time to give from the position of parents. Since we have received things, which God gave us from the parental position, we must also give from the parental position with the heart of parents. When you become such a person, then God cannot leave you.

When you give, because you have to first get rid of the enemy, conflict cannot be avoided. We have to understand the heart of God who is trying to give. We have to understand the heart of God who has been fighting for six thousand years in order to give.

A happy person is one who gives when he wants to give, and receives when he wants to receive. The unfortunate person is one who cannot give even if he wants to and cannot receive even when he wants to. From this perspective, God is a sad and unfortunate person.

When you love people, no matter what the investment you have just made is, you should not think about it. You should not regret. You should not remember what you have invested! I want to give more.... Therefore, when you have something good to eat, if you are eating it hiding out somewhere alone, then you are a leader who is to going to die immediately. If you have something to eat, then you should not eat it but save it, and wishing to give it to someone even if you cannot eat it yourself, and thinking about members because you cannot eat it; this is the type of person that you should become. You have to become leaders who have nurtured this type of parental heart.

When a mother feeds her children on her breast, do they think, "I am feeding them because I want to take back many times more from them in the future?" They are uneasy because they cannot give any more. What lasts for eternity is the heart of parents which sheds tears after giving something to the child because they cannot give something better. After doing so, although they want to give more but they cannot because they simple don't have any more, they will be moved to tears by this uneasy heart; this type of parent will surely educate the their children to be filial. The process of restoration is the place where this heart is. Restoration becomes impossible when one leaves this course

Respect all things as holy things. Respect all men as holy men. Respect yourself as a holy person. Respect your mind as holy. Respect your body as holy. Pay deep respect to all people, no matter what kind of person they may be. Make yourself a tuning fork, resonating with and vibrating at God's frequency. Resonate with God's unselfishness. Always share with others the best you have. Give freely and you will prosper.

The person who invests love continuously without expecting a direct return becomes a central being, the one who inherits everything, and the person of greatest filial piety. In a family of ten people, including a grandmother and grandfather, the one who lives most for the sake of others will be the central person. The

same principle applies with respect to patriots in the nation or to saints in the world. The more one invests without expecting a direct return, the higher one can rise as a patriot, a saint, and a divine son or daughter of God.

Since the beginning of human history, God has lived more for the sake of others and invested more of Himself than any being. He has continuously invested Himself without expecting direct return. And because He will continue to do so for eternity, He can be the king and ancestor of all those who live for the sake of others.

God wants us to give rather than just to take from others. We have to give of ourselves for the sake of others. (*"The Will of God", 1/15/1996*)

3. How should the leader serve people?

What kind of ideology did I possess when I rose to this position from the lowest places? What made me become like this? It is the altruistic love; there is only this one thing. Wherever I passed by I did not even leave a trace of debt. I let other people become indebted to me. If there were some nation and people, then I shed tears for their sake and supplicated for their blessing. You have to know clearly that we have no choice but to walk that path because we are trying to walk the path of life from the position of having completely conquered the Satanic realm.

When I ask, "My leg, when did you do things for the sake of you village, nation and world? My eye, nose and mouth, when did you like that? My hand, when have you done that?" they will answer "Whenever you give an order, we will follow." This is how my eyes, ft spirit is. Even if death is approaching me, I am determined not to be indebted even to the word, "death." No matter what, I am going to have people become indebted to me.

You know how Jesus washed the feet of the disciples, right? You also cannot rally them together unless you set such tradition. This is how I have been doing so far. When I heard that the children of enemy were starving, I gave everything that I had except for underwear and one sheet of blanket for one week. In the end, I sold the remaining blanket for them.

Why did I do such things? This is not because I am foolish. In order to go the path of restoration; one must firmly set the absolute condition of having loved the enemy. There aren't that many people in the world that can do this. However, since I have sold all my assets for the sake of the children of my enemy and even sold the last blanket when I only had the blanket and one underwear left, I did as much as I cold. I had to do such things because I had to put into practice the command in the Bible to love one's enemy.

When you consider the leader, then he is not someone who is always happy. He is a miserable person. Why is he miserable? It is because he always feels a sense of being in debt. He should always feel that he is indebted and be determined to care for the members well. They have to be this way.

Therefore, what does this mean? What matters is how much you lived for the sake of the members. Isn't this true? The question is how much you have cared for them. They are not some strangers. They are your extensions. They will become your branches. Do you understand? They will become your branches. In order for the branches to grow well, you have to protect them well. Accordingly, when you witness to someone, we call him or her spiritual children, right? What is that? They are your branches. Yet, how much effort and devotion did you pour in to provide them with nutrition? In order to do this, you have to become a stem or roots. If you are the root, then the more there are branches and stems the more you need to ceaselessly provide more nutrition than they need from the earth, and this condition of abundance is a prerequisite for the development. This is the only way that they will grow. If there is a limitation, if you cannot provide the top with the nutrition that it needs, then the top will wither and die. Isn't this so? This is how it will be.

If there is something bad, you are not supposed to get rid of it right away. Even if there is something bad, centering on that you have to find some condition that will improve it, and even if the good aspects are less

than the bad aspects, you have to have the flexibility and capacity to center on the smaller portion to reserve and get rid of the bad portion. If a person was cut off on account of his mistake made a year ago, then he would have died completely, but if he is reserved without being cut off for one, two, or three years while the bad aspects of him are being resolved based on the belief that they are mere extras, then after one, two, or three years there might be a way for him to live.

A leader is a pitiful person. He is a miserable person. Even if he is living happily with his wife in their bedroom, when someone knocks on his door he has to allow the guest to come into the bedroom. Eventually, what it means is that he has to love members more than his own wife. If your wife has something nice, then you have to sell even that to give everything to the members, and if his children have something nice then he has to use all that for the sake of the members. This has to become the way of life for the leader.

If a leader lives such life, then what would happen to the family? Such life will most likely make his family miserable. If such mission is inherited and continued for the rest of the life, then success would be attained but if it is stopped after several years, then all will be in vain. Therefore, wherever the leader goes, it is his responsibility to bear the cross.

When you eat, as you pick up the spoon you should not be saying, "Oh I am so hungry." You have to think about the members. You have to think about members even as you wear clothes, and no matter what you do you have to think like that. The time that you take a rest is also being on the cross. You must repent for the times that you took naps because you are exhausted and cry out, "I feel good as you get up. When you live such a life style, the spirit world and God will completely work with you. You will come to realize this is true through your experiences in your life of faith.

In regards to your body, you have to reflect on how much your hand has lived for the sake of the members, how much your eyes have lived for the sake of members and yearned to see them in the public position, and how much you have wished to listen to their voice and how much you have comforted them. All must be done not for your own sake but for public purpose.

In order to digest bad things and supplement with good things, an individual cross must be born. When you become a leader in the future, you must think about this. You must answer yourself whether or not you can become a complete leader as an individual leader. You must be able to answer "yes." Next, when you ask yourself if you can become a leader of the family, as long as you can answer yes, you will have no problem in serving as a leader of a church.

When you make the determination to take responsibility for the sake of one family and lead them to the church, you must bear the cross of that family. If you are willing to bear the cross that none of the members of the family could bear and take care of the problem, then until that cross is brought to some resolution, that family will be in the position to obediently receive your guidance. This is the type of training that is needed.

Next, if this is done centering on one church, then you will have no problem serving as both the head of a household and the church leader. You can take care of a church. Looking at the issue centering on the church, you are to become someone who will say, "I will be responsible for all the difficulties of the church. I will take your responsibility in your place." When the church is experiencing difficulty, if you take responsibility for all the things that the members are responsible for, then until the leader completes the responsibility of the cross that he bears the members must receive the guidance of the leader.

This is also true for the leader of a nation. To us who have set ourselves on the restoration of the world for the coming days, the answer to the question whether or not we can manage this responsibility is quite simple. If in making plans for America now, if I live for the sake of America and have faith in it more than God does, then what do you think would happen? We can conclude that God cannot judge this nation. In order to bring judgment, He must first give me something greater first. In other words, as long as I love, believe in, and live for the sake of America, God can only judge it after bringing something greater; otherwise, he cannot take it away or strike it. Do you understand what I am saying?

In order to become a master, in order to become the master of ten people, then you must be able to serve the ten people. Otherwise, it cannot be done. You can never govern over them. Accordingly, when each of you go back to your church you should become one with the members and become the two wheels, in other words, between you and the members, one should become the right wheel and the other should come the left wheel to proceed forward smoothly. If you are moving forward and pick up speed after having

achieved such a state, then no matter what large house you crash into you won't even be scratched, and even if you crash into a big rock, you will be able to shatter that rock to pieces. For this reason, if you become one and move forward, you will certainly make a progress.

You must treat those who come to visit you as kings, you must serve them as kings, and you must attend them like kings. Teaching them in this way, you should deal with them in such a way that they will wonder "Our teacher is treating me who is nothing as if I am a king and serves like a king, so how can I serve him who is really like a king?" You must have such a tradition. You must understand that this is where the qualifications as a Son of God will be granted.

4. How should the leader take responsibility?

A leader, a subject, must be responsible for the whole. He must be responsible for the whole and play the role of the guide who can lead people to good places. When he can pave the way, and lay a strong foundation so that the followers can ride on the highway, the more he does that the greater subject he is. It is very simple. It is a simple logic. Do you understand what I am saying?

When you go home and see your wife sleeping, you should be thinking, "Because I have not fulfilled my responsibility today she is behaving this way." Have you ever thought, "She is not waiting for me because I have not fulfilled my responsibility?" Suppose that she did not even make lunch and is just taking a nap. You have to think like that. You have to think like that in all personal relationships.

When a person that you are dealing with for the first time has made a mistake, then you should think about what you have given him and how much you have invested in him. Only by doing so, even if mistakes are made, you can find the universal laws of forgiveness. As the subject, you have to first greet him with a delightful heart before you expect him to do so, and if you expect him to greet you with a bright face when you yourself are not, then you are just a thief. What is a thief? A thief is taking things from someone else's field and eating it without working for it. This is the beginning of evil.

From this Principle perspective on life, did you understand clearly what it means to be in the position of a leader? Do you understand? Those who do, please raise your hand.

What kind of person is the leader, the subject? He is one who takes responsibility for the whole. After you go into a village, you should be thinking, "I came to this village as the leader. I came as a member of the Special Forces sent by God to build the kingdom of heaven and materialize heaven. What did I do as a member of the Special Forces? What did I give to the village after coming here? Did I become the subject? Did I become the object?" If you failed to become a subject but became an object, then you should be grateful that you have not been blown off by the wind and not struck by the lightning and lie dead.

You should have the attitude, "This village is better than my own village, and because it is just like the home land of hope that I have always wanted, so I want to go out and meet with the people in the village, and if I meet them in the morning, then I do not part with them in the evening, and if they come to visit me at my house in the evening, I just want to give something more to him, and I want to talk to them even through the night, and hope that they would not leave." This is how your heart should be. Why is that so? It is because you are brothers who were separated thousands of years ago. Although parents have passed away, because you are brothers who came together after thousands of years, tens of years, and hundreds of years, as soon as your hearts can be connected in a straight line, everything else will also be linked together.

As a leader you should never tell someone who is coming to visit you to not come. I only stay for several days, but to be honest, when people come to the headquarters and wait for me, it is a bit annoying. This time, I could not get any sleep from Japan, and last night I was so caught up in what I was doing that I did not know whether I was walking around or sitting down. Because of the jet leg, the time is just the opposite from here. When it is time to fall asleep here, it is time to wake up there; when it is time to wake up here, it is time to fall asleep there. I try to open my eyes, but they keep on closing by themselves. This is because I have not slept for several days. But I never thought that should sleep anymore because of this. I wish that the night would pass by quickly. I am preoccupied with the concern, "How can I make that be connected to the heart of God during this time?" This is what is needed.

Therefore, when a leader fails to fulfill his responsibility, he will receive the gravest punishment in the world. It is more fearful than being locked up in the prison and having chains placed on your hand and feet. How can you stand on the pulpit without fulfilling your responsibility, and how can you talk to the people in the village without fulfilling your responsibility? You should be moved by the heart that does not know what else to do but cry in tears. This is the place that the original relationship will begin.

What should the subject do? The subject has the responsibility to protect. Moreover, he has to determine the position and direction of the environment. After making the determination, he must protect and be responsible for it. (3/19/1978)

The Kingdom of God cannot be attained without sacrifice. Because Jesus had such a viewpoint, he proclaimed, "A man's foes will be those of his own household," and "He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for my sake will find it." ... What kind of life do you want to create? I will train you by pushing you into extremely difficult circumstances, to make you filial children and loyal subjects. Would you like that or not?

The first commandment is "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind," and the second is "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Who is your neighbor? The people of the world are your neighbors and brothers. Therefore, you have to invest your heart, soul and life for the sake of the people of the world...

This is the way of adventure. We are now walking the path of a bloody fight. The foundation that you establish at the price of your life will be a model for humankind and the foundation for the happiness of the world's people. All people will regard it as the starting point of a harmonious and united world. The one who feels responsible for the history of the universe in such a place of hope is never a small-minded man.

What is the character of a great person? The person who knows how to do deep work with higher thinking is great. The person who does the work others cannot do is a great person.

A leader must have the courageous character to make great decisions, as though cutting something in two with a sword. He must be big enough to see a mountain as if it was a small thing, or at times small enough to investigate things like a tiny hair carefully. At times he must be strict enough even to disregard his own kin, yet so benevolent that he is unable to step on an insect. (*Blessed Family and the Ideal Kingdom I, page 88*)

The true leader has a bold and fearless mind; he heads directly toward obstacles and breaks them down for those following him. In fearful and painful situations, even in the face of death, the leader continues to lead, to shatter all barriers and break through them. In difficult times, the true leader does not think of his own situation. He concentrates on the greatness of the goal and the promise of the future. With a perspective of the future, the true leader knows that his actions will benefit the public purpose and the purpose of God. That is what motivates a true leader.

An unselfish leader whose focus remains fixed on the goal is a superior and righteous person. A righteous person is defined as one who devotes his entire life for the well being of others. He acts righteously wherever he goes. Among his family, he lives for the family; when he is with his friends, he lives for their sake; he goes to serve the nation and lives for its sake. (5/2/82)

Everything is your responsibility. You should toil with the attitude: "I will be hit before you are hit, I will suffer before you do, and I will endure tribulations before you do. The failure to clean up this village is also my responsibility, and the failure to build the starting point of heaven in every place in the village is also my responsibility". Having done that, you should come back at night and pray for their blessing. You are not to lament for your own life but for the sake of the village and the descendants in it. Isn't such a person with the parental heart someone that the village would want to welcome as their ancestor? Won't this be true?

Who is to be responsible? When there is someone who is willing to take on the burden, accepting it as his own responsibility and struggle, on account of him the external satanic world will start to crumble. This is how the history of indemnity progresses. Do you understand?

In order for you to become a leader, in order to be in charge of a church, you need to have the training to act as a leader on behalf of one absolute person. In order to become a leader over one person, one must take responsibility for both good and bad aspects of that person. You should not be thinking that you will be responsible only for the good things and not for the bad things. You have to first be responsible for the bad thing and say, "You be responsible for the good things." What separates you from that person is not something good but something bad. The conclusion that we arrive at is that unless one becomes a leader, who can be responsible for the bad things, there is no other way but to be separated.

5. How should the leader be a guide?

When we head toward the pinnacle of a mountain and climb toward it, there can only be one highest point. Because there are many different roads leading to it, the distance traveled differs according to the direction that one takes. There is only one most straight path. Centering on that one path, many roads are connected in the 360-degree directions around it. Initially it is 360 degrees, but as you approach the pinnacle, the closer you are to it, all will come together for sure. They will all be connected. This will later become four, and then will become two and at the very end, it will be linked into one point. This is how we can conquer the summit.

From this point of view, didn't history walk the course similar to climbing the mountain in this way? Although there were countless divided peoples who were walking the course of history in attempt to find the straightest path, among them there must have been those who are climbing up the opposite direction and going all sorts of directions. There must be some who are resting at the middle because they are exhausted, and there must be those who are coming down. There must also be those who find that the downward path is more difficult to walk and so tries to find another easier way, there must have been all kinds of people... The history of mankind is intertwined in such a complex manner.

When we look at the whole mountain, if there is someone who knows the one path that leads to the summit, then in respect to conquering the summit, he will become the guide. This is the guide that every one hopes for. This is absolutely true. This is true for the past, present and future. Until the summit is conquered, if there is someone who knows the way, then he will always be recognized as the guide. He will be recognized as the guide. This is what I think.

Educational systems in every nation of the world have overly stressed competition and the survival of the fittest, giving recognition only to the winners. This has been a plague undermining the healthy human endeavor to lead mankind into the world of peaceful interdependence by bringing them to be members of one human family. Now mankind somehow has begun to feel that in educating people the emphasis should be shifted to cooperation as vital for survival. In light of this viewpoint, the goals and philosophies of education will have to undergo a profound transformation. (11/21/74)

What is the definition of a good person? A good person is one who turns away from evil and builds up goodness. If you are good, you automatically gravitate toward the central position and there you become a model or prototype for others to follow. If someone is in that central position, he will not isolate himself from the rest of the world. Instead, he will become deeply involved in the world, embracing it and taking dominion over it, trying to guide it toward goodness. The role of the center is to become a standard that others will want to emulate and follow. (5/2/82)

The universal tradition would guarantee prosperity for your home and nation and world on a permanent basis, ensuring its unchanging value. Why would that kind of tradition be desirable? The true host is national leader who can offer a vision not only for 100 years but also for 1,000 years in the future, steering the nation toward that long-distant future prosperity. That leader is thinking about what kind of tradition to leave behind him to be like a railroad track along which his people can progress. The true leader is concerned about this tradition.

What kind of qualification would this kind of national leader have? Most of all, he should not be centered on himself. He would want not only to give himself for the betterment and prosperity of people in the future, but also be able to elaborate on the central core truth of an eternal, lasting tradition. Would a random way of life be adequate for his purpose? (*Host of the Future, 10/23/77*)

This is why we have decided on such a motto. This is the thought that will bring unification centering on the subjective love. This is the Unification thought centering on the subject. Then, what is the meaning of the character "tong" in "tong-il" (unification)? It is the "tong" character that means commanding. Being in the position of command is to serve someone. Does it mean to guide? It means to guide. So how difficult would guiding be? If you can lead people so that in the end they can arrive at some comfortable position, then they will try to serve you. Because at that moment there will only be comfort and there is no room for complaint, people will ask, "On whose account are we in such a good situation? It is because of the teacher." Therefore, even if you tell them not to, they will serve you well. Likewise, until the day of glory when all people can serve you, you cannot escape the path of tribulations because you have to always bear that burden of responsibility.

When you look at some miserable person, it is your duty to be concerned about his/her life and talk to him/her staying up all night. When the spiritual leader sees that someone is facing death, it is his responsibility to prevent the person from walking the path of death by sacrificing himself. Isn't this true? He has to be in that position.

You must guide with wisdom. A wise leader should embrace twice after striking once. Moreover, you have to let people feel, "He did it for our sake;" otherwise, they will scorn you and oppose you and in the end, Satan will invade. If you do not take care of the situation well, then the disciple will become your enemy. If he becomes an enemy and tries to take revenge, and if he can not go to the side of God, then the leader must take responsibility for all the behaviors of that person centering on that mindset.

"How to become a leader," is the topic for today's sermon, yet can you bear that kind of cross in order to become leaders? In order to do so, this kind of training is necessary. Before becoming a leader of a thousand people, can you pass such training as one leader? You must ask yourself. We must undertake the training based on the question of whether or not each one of us can become a leader who can be completely trusted as a friend or a teacher.