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## Interfaith Blessings in the USA

*Joshua Cotter*

For much of April, World CARP USA was fully engaged in the 'We Will Stand' campaign that led to more than 144,000 Christian ministers, together with leaders of many other faiths, rededicating their marriages in a rare and moving display of religious and racial unity on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

With the main ceremony taking place in Washington DC, site of this summer's planned rally for 10,000 youth, we suddenly found ourselves with many opportunities to introduce local educators, youth ministers and community leaders to the ideals of World CARP and the founder's vision of one family under God.

In turn these leaders were very keen to hear more of our service and volunteer programs and many asked how their young people could



*Venerable Ilukpitiye Pannasekara offers prayers in Washington DC*

get involved as well. So even though we were less active on campus that we had planned, we found ourselves with many leads to follow up on. Things were really heating up!

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## Learning from an Elder Brother

*Sibeal Hill*

Readers of *World CARP News* will know by now that there are a growing number of exchange programs going on around the world. Young members from the USA have been in Russia, Russians have been in Japan, and Japanese have been in Mongolia, Russia and Thailand. Just recently I had a chance for an exchange experience of my own.

When members of World CARP Europe's ETF team (European Task Force) were in Korea in February, we had the opportunity to have a personal meeting with Hyun

Jin Nim. He told us that he wanted us to inherit and learn from the changes recently made in the STF program in America. Starting this year, he wants leaders from all over the world to go to America for training, and asked that we cooperate with and inherit from this program.

And so, I was able to go and spend nine days on an MFT/STF team to inherit and learn from them, and hopefully initiate an ongoing relationship of increased cooperation between ETF and STF. On my arrival in San Francisco,

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## Blessings and Prayers in Washington DC

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Rev. Harold White, Rev. Cleveland Sparrow, and other clergy joined together to read the many proclamations from U.S. elected officials. Commendations for the blessing came from four U.S. Governors and 25 members of Congress including several U.S. Senators. International support was offered by Dr. Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia, Jose de Venecia, the Speaker of the House of the Philippines, and Dr. Abdurrahman Wahid, the former President of Indonesia.

Rev. Leroy Elliott declared in a beautiful prayer and proclamation that through our families and blessing we are declaring war on evil. The family is the most important thing that God has made.

Pastor T.L. Barrett Jr., the Co-Convener of the American Clergy Leadership stood with his wife Cleopatra. 'We were divorced for 10 years, but God told me to stand with Father Moon and I would be blessed,' he said, 'The most unexpected blessing came. I was reunited with my wife and the mother of our 7 children!'

'True Parents want everybody to be married!' he joked, 'Father is a marrying man! He wants everything to be married. He would like a desk and chair or even the two light bulbs to be married if possible.'

All the congregation enjoyed this touch of humor. However, because of the healing of Rev. Barrett's family you could feel how deep and serious the inner message was that he conveyed. The couples were moved. Many began weeping.

The worldwide impact of the Blessing was enormous. In Indonesia 10,000 religious leaders gathered for the Blessing. At the Ganges in India, thousands gathered for blessing and prayers for the success of the event.

Now we have an even bigger goal for July 3<sup>d</sup>, but who can doubt the victory? Let us encourage thousands, even millions of young people to make a stand for God and his ideal!



*The clergy couples are led in a prayer of rededication.*

## A New Start in the Cameroon

*Matip Likeng Elie*

Amazing grace, amazing love, amazing results. It is more than a decade since CARP was legalized as student association in Cameroon. Since then CARP has been functioning mostly in the nation's capital of Yaounde-Cameroon.

But although CARP has been working in the University campuses, it has not succeeded to function as an association within the University milieu despite recurrent attempts.

Our determination never wavered, and we never relented our efforts to keep knocking at the door. This time around, in another University, the lone Anglo-Saxon University whose Vice Rector is a PWPA member, gave us the green light by signing the authorization for CARP to function as a student association in the Campus of University of Buea.

To maintain the enthusiasm and momentum, we scheduled and organized an introductory seminar of W-CARP activities on April 20, 2002. It was an occasion to disseminate the knowledge we acquired during the leadership seminar. It focused on the epistemology of W-CARP, that is the Theory of Education of the Unification Thought; CARP membership categorization with duties and obligation, and lastly the importance of SFP based on Living for the Sake of Others as a fundamental transformation on inside out.

Getting students to keep even their own environment clean is a hard nut to crack. Owing the ugly manner in which students litter paper without concern it is a major preoccupation both to the administration and people of good conscience.

When we toured around the University of Yaounde Campus, we realize the story is not different. During our seminar on April 20, 2002, we requested the participants to be part of a service Project on April 27, 2002 at the University of Yaounde Campus, captioned "OPERATION ZERO PAPER" And we went ahead to print 70 invitations calling on others students to assist us on this day.

Despite the fact that we have done such services in the previous years, the administration is often reluctant to grant our request. They are still bewildered to see a student association rendering its services gratis contrary to the status quo.

We registered 24 participants who were assigned to a building containing 7 tutorial halls. Participants worked to the satisfaction of everyone present, by cleaning the halls, washing the floor to the amazement of others students. It was a good experience for our guests, a real transformation of the heart. At the end, the administration representative requested us to come back in a month's time.

# President's Page: The Challenge for Leaders

*Unofficial notes from the World CARP HQ meeting held in West Virginia last month.*

The reason why we are here today is to reflect deeply and make a fresh commitment to the vision and work that CARP is doing and to the culture we are bringing. This is vital because it is through us that God will be bringing these things to fruition.

One thing that all leaders must understand is that without a foundation of trust, one cannot be in a position to carry God's providence forward. You will break down on some point. The way to gain that trust is not just through words or study but through action and experience in the field.

For too many of us, the Divine Principle has become just like a manual. Think about learning to drive: you must understand the manual, but that alone doesn't mean you are going to pass the road test. For that you need real driving experience. Nothing else will do. In the same way, for our life of faith we need real life experience of such fundamentals as the existence of the spiritual world, being a part of True Family and so on.

## **Liberation Starts When You Live for Others**

The beginning of this course of liberation is living for the sake of others. Whenever you are in a difficult situation and personally challenged, the way to liberate yourself is to live more for the sake of everyone else. If you look inwardly, you will just become more pitiful, more resentful and angrier. Living for others is the force behind growth and liberation and breaks away the glass ceilings we set ourselves.

Organized religions taught this through asceticism. They did not teach anyone just to follow in order to get something! I don't want you to follow me or CARP because you are forced to follow, or because you feel obligated. You must be committed!

You can't inherit unless you take ownership over what your parents had. That is not just given to you but it is something you have to earn. With empowerment comes responsibility. With responsibility comes accountability. Think about what it means to be accountable! This is something you should be intimately familiar with.

The goal of World CARP is to create one family under God and to bring resolution to the Cain and Abel struggle. I am going to make you leaders who stand in the position to guide Cain back into ideal family! You have to be the one who naturally brings others to follow.

You have to be doing this not for yourself, but for the

sake of others. Who is a really filial son? It is not the one who lives only his parents, but rather the one who lives for the whole family, grounded in the love of parents.

During the 21 Days workshops with top leaders, I asked them what they should aspire to? I told them to be someone who is trustworthy in front of God, True Parents and True Family and to live with the heart of attendance. As long as we are aligned with this axial line, whatever we do will be ultimately connected to God's providence.



*Discussion Meeting over Breakfast in West Virginia*

Where does our culture come from? It comes from the traditions that are vertically passed down. True Father mentioned to me once again in Korea this time how important tradition really is. He told me that he always took the difficult path when it was necessary to set the right tradition.

## **Standing in a Leadership Position is not Easy**

As a World CARP leader, you stand in the same position to take responsibility. It is a great honor and at the same time great responsibility, especially for you and your family! I want you to have this opportunity during this time to reflect and make your decisions once again.

I ask you this because I know very well that standing in the leadership position is not easy. You don't know how many times I myself have struggled to stand in this position. What I found is that the way of liberation is truly through living for the sake of others. When you are able to take pain and offer yourself more, then you become the solution for liberation for everyone else.

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*Hyun Jin Moon*



## My Leadership Training in the USA

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I was able to meet with the director of MFT in America, and spend the evening sharing many things about the European situation and discussing possible ways in which we could work together more. He really had a true Abel heart of embracing Cain, the older brother represented by Europe, and constantly served me and reached out to take care of me. He kept mentioning he was so happy that I came, and that this meeting had an important meaning since it was the first step in building a bridge of cooperation between ETF and STF.

Early the next morning I was on a plane to San Antonio, Texas, where I joined one of the top MFT/STF teams for fundraising. Our team leader was a Japanese brother with many years of MFT experience. He taught me so much! All the team members were STF and it was a great experience getting to know them and understand the American spirit and mentality. Coralie Huard from France, who is on STF this year, was also on the team, so it was nice to have another European there.

By spending this time with them, I felt I was able to understand them in a deeper way and see them not as Americans who think they are better than us, but brothers and sisters who have exactly the same struggles and challenges as us. I felt that we, ETF and STF members, are both as insecure as each other and therefore, in the past, a kind of competition feeling had evolved. However, after working with them I could see that we are on the same team and working toward the same goal, and I realized how much we really need to support each other and unite as America and Europe.

One other reason why I wanted to go to America was to grow and be trained myself. I am actually a very inexperienced team leader compared to other leaders, and I really wish I had more chances to just be a team member and focus on my own growth and relationship with God instead of always having

such a large responsibility. So this time in America was a great opportunity to train myself and become a regular member again. Hyun Jin Nim wants us to send leaders to America to receive training and then send them back to their countries. Unfortunately, I didn't have more time but at least I was able to experience something. I really wanted to make an effort to use the short time I had, and God helped me by challenging me internally and externally. I also learned a lot about leadership from our team captain, who always gave me so much inspiration and guidance.

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We became such close friends so quickly, and that is something so wonderful and special about CARP. We are really like brothers and sisters even though we've never met each other because we all have something very deep in common. I experienced so much and learned so much in these few days. It was a really worthwhile trip, and I feel so much hope that in the future we can work together and support each other to bring about True Parents' dream.



*Just before returning to the USA to rejoin the MFT program, US STF Exchange Students with Russian Leaders in Moscow*

## New Youth Club in Germany

*Mark Bramwell*

A new youth club based on the principles of Service for Peace was launched here in Giessen, a university town with Family Federation and HARP and CARP communities. The concept for the club is to promote strong bonds of friendship, on a weekly basis, through sport, arts and games and a small dose of moral guidance.

The evening starts with a reflection on our motto: 'Family – Friendship - Fun and Fair play – Neighborhood - Creation.' Then comes the action: the club offers all kinds of activities from table tennis, billiards and inline skating, to art, dance, theatre, quizzes and building a band. Service projects, according to the motto "Neighborhood", will be carried out in the local area.

Another regular activity in Gessen is Saturday soccer for all generations. Due to the support of several parents and elder HARP members, the Giessen youth club has a real family atmosphere. The club members thought the first meeting was "total kuhl" and can hardly wait for the next.

# Character Education Advances in Albania

*Florian Kulla*

The university of Elbasan was the second destination of Albanian W-CARP's University tour called 'The Essentials of Character Education.' We introduced ourselves to the university board and received support from some professors who wanted to help organize of the student's meeting. Besides providing the necessary facilities for the activity, these professors urged the students to join our lectures, considering them as part of the curricula. The students, who were studying to be future teachers, substituted their ethics classes with our lectures, as they were relevant to what they were being taught.

After this, some students were active in giving their own opinions, about what they heard and how these lectures would apply to their lives. The lecturers provided the students who made questions with responses, and this created a very warm and positive atmosphere. In the meantime, about 115 students filled in the application forms, expressing their willingness to support us and participate and gratitude about the activity and some were interested to know about our center in Elbasan. The activity was made publicly known to all the local community by the news coverage of the two TV stations.

## From One Success to Another

Three days later, the tour found itself in Korca, another Albanian university town. The meeting was held in the largest

and the most comfortable lecture hall of university which was completely crowded with students. The university rector and those professors who took part in the Professors Conference in Tirana carefully organized everything. For a welcome change, our staff had little to do!

There were about 100 students present, and 15 university professors, but the participation would have been larger if there were more free seats in the room. The university rector stressed the importance of this project in his opening speech. All those who spoke in front of the students placed themselves in the positions of close partners and cooperators with our organizations, showing thus clearly a very positive attitude towards us. They also invited all the 3 local TV stations to cover our activity. These TV stations broadcast in their news reports as coverage of the whole event. We are gathering all these materials to keep them as a public record of our W-CARP activities.

In the end, all the participants expressed their support for the project and the plans for activities in the future. They got our materials and some asked further information about our organization.

Success is always possible when professionalism, good organization, and support are lead by heart and true love.



*Scenes from the Seminar at Elbasan University in Albania*

## Around the Chapters

### Painting & Breaking Down Walls

*Orlande Bauer— Austria*

It started pretty simply. Two people – Orlande and Uli - were helping out at a HARP Workshop in a center in Austria, and we noticed that the house itself was in disrepair. There seemed to be a contradiction between the lectures on restoring the world and the immediate environment where many things needed to be fixed!

Some time ago I learned that we need to have a topic or theme in order to start a project and we found it quickly. In Austria we are always confronted the relationship between the young generation and the older CARP leaders. We thought this project would bring everyone together. Finally everything was organized – thanks to the people who gave us the paint for free, helped with cooking, helped with transport and came to serve!

There were teams for several different purposes: cooking, preparation and cleaning for the coming Harp – Workshop, painters for two rooms and gardening. Everything was going well and everybody was working hard. We were very happy about the increasing number of people and somehow also surprised!

Finally we were very happy when we finished the work. It was even hard for some people to stop because they were so inspired. What special for me was the feeling that we worked together with one goal as one team. This teamwork and unity was our internal success!

Thank you to all who joined us and supported us in some way!



## Another New Russian Rock Band on the Rise

*Kirill Petukhovskiy*

Urals, Russia—Four members of the Urals CARP branch got together to create a new rock-band under the tentative name, *Ne plyvi po techeniyu* (Go Against the Flow.) The band members believe that rock-music is most powerful of all other musical styles in its appeal to people's consciousness and sub-consciousness and in leading them to make them adopt a certain life-style. The fact that teenagers are often drawn into various gangs and groups based on their musical preferences may be evidence to this statement.

"It's hard to get people to like you only through composing good and principled lyrics, while ignor-

ing the quality of the music itself,"- explains Roman Doronin, the band's enthusiastic drummer and initiator. "That's why for now we decided not to go for publicity, but we'll rather focus on practicing and mastering our techniques".

The young band members – all the four guys are just below or just above 20 – not only aspire to achieve self-realization and produce quality rock-music, but want their creation to be an educational tool that can exert influence on young people in society at large. Equipped with two guitars, a bass and drums, the band has already performed at local CARP events and as their mastery improves, "Go Against the Flow" hope to win wider audiences outside the CARP movement.



Going Against the Flow: Roman Doronin, Ivan Molchanov,  
Leonid Chigarev, Roman Kuzminykh



## Hollywood Bowl Easter Service

*Kenpei Yamamoto*

The first outdoor Easter Sunrise Service in Hollywood was conducted in 1919, with a group of worshippers gathered on a residential street in the hills north of Franklin Avenue and just east of the present Hollywood Freeway. It was sponsored by the Hollywood Community Sing, which had been organized in 1917. Owing to the success of that first hilltop event, a larger site was chosen for the 1920 Easter service.

The most cherished tradition of the Easter Service is the Living Cross. During the first part of the service the children of the Youth Chorus, seated in a Latin Cross formation, are attired in black robes. They rise at a signal from their conductor and in a dramatic, precise motion drop their outer capes, standing revealed in snow-white vestments as a massive Living Cross.

Members of World CARP USA in Los Angeles participated in the 2002 Hollywood Bowl Easter Sunrise Service by volunteering as ushers. We were responsible to lead the congregation to their seats and collect the donations.

Over 5,000 people from different churches, races, and backgrounds participated in this year's service. There were also several celebrities present to show their support for this long tradition of transcending races, nationalities, and religions and coming together for inspiring worship.

The President of the Board of Directors of HBESS (Hollywood Bowl Easter Sunrise Service), Norma Foster said in her address "The multi-cultural makeup of our city is reflected today in the diversity of our multi-denominational participants. We gratefully thank all of our participants whose dedication and tireless efforts have made this service possible. It is important to know that all of our participants are volunteers, donating freely of their time and talent. This is a tradition founded by and for the community. I appreciate all volunteers for being part of this program."



*World CARP Members acting as Ushers*



## The Young Man and the Sea

*Mamoru Oyama, Kiribati*

Right after the World CARP Convention I was invited to Hawaii to participate in a fishing tournament and training. A long session of sport fishing in the Pacific might sound like the ultimate dream assignment, but after few weeks of very early mornings, rough seas and empty hooks it sure didn't feel that way anymore.

And then, just when it looked like we'd be going home empty-handed came the special day that made it all worthwhile. After a long fight we landed a real monster blue marlin.

A picture is worth a thousand words, and a big marlin weighs more than a thousand pounds. Can't wait till we catch the next one!



## Opinion: Education in the Mix

*Hannah Speller, London*

Do boys and girls benefit more from a single sex education than the prevalent co-ed model? Thirty years after mixed education became the norm, there is still a noisy debate going on in Britain as to which teaching system provides the best education for young men and especially young women of today.

Women fought for the right to equal voting opportunities and the right to equal educational opportunities. But the question remains whether equality is found through integration or separate schooling. Although girls in Britain currently gain the highest grades in a single sex environment, are exam results the only qualifying outcome in ensuring that girls have had the best education? Is it enough that they passed their college exams, or have they missed out on becoming educated as a person through the absence of boys?

There are many who believe single sex schooling gives girls more of an opportunity to speak up and gain more confidence without the interference and negative attention of their male counterparts. There are also those who believe that returning to the older model of single sex teaching limits girls from becoming confident with boys, and vice-versa, and does not reflect the real world.

Britain has an impressive record when it comes to single sex schools. Last year's end of high school exam (GCSE) results showed that almost every one of the 50 top-ranked high schools were single sex schools. The best performing co-ed school was ranked at number 32, up from number 38 the year before.

### Segregation or Privilege

However, a recent report by the American Association of University Women suggests that this type of achievement is due to 'socio-economic status' and not the benefits of single sex education. In other words the girls attending single sex private schools benefit more from the fact that they are rich and their classes have a smaller teacher-student ratio, better facilities and a better curriculum, than from the single sex environment.

Against this, there are other studies which show that girls and boys do behave significantly differently in single and mixed sex classes. Girls need to feel emotionally comfortable

with their work and often feel intimidated by the loud remarks of their male classmates, which can lead to them becoming quiet. Boys are more aggressive in class, more disruptive and tend to take up more of the teacher's time.

However, deciding that boys and girls are too different and separating them is may not be the best answer, no matter what the exam results say. Another solution could come from a better understanding of the characteristics that males and females have. Instead of segregating, why not teach the boys who are behaving badly better manners or lead the girls who are quiet in class to speak up? Teaching in a segregated world may be the easy way out. We could be using our educational process to work together better.

Mixed schools advocates argue that not having boys around creates an unnatural environment and far from removing tension, creates it in the sense that female students find it difficult to relate to males other than as dates, objects of desire rather than classmates. So men and women don't learn to comfortable and confident around each other in a non-sexual relationship.

In short, it is only when men and women are working together and co-operating with each other that their can be a real equality.

One issue that neither side seems to have reflected on yet is which system can better prepare young men and women for marriage. As with the entire Western world, marriage and family in Britain are in serious trouble. More than 8 out of 10 young people now say that marriage has become irrelevant, despite clear evidence of the social, economic and health benefits of marriage.

A better understanding of the gender roles of both sexes could help each sex overcome their weaknesses and improve their strengths. Life is about much more than exam results and job titles. More important is how to make key relationships succeed, both in the family and at work. Men and women need to learn to work together from an early age. A world made up of men and women has no purpose in keeping them separated.



*Keep them apart or educate them together?*

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## Small Groups Can Improve Our Outreach

*Natalia Beteva, Moscow*

I believe that the most effective way of expanding our movement is through friendship and personal service. All of us already know many people who we could invite over, and it is much easier to bring someone to a small group than to an 'organization.' People are more willing to visit you at your home than come to a CARP center.

In this way anyone – even busy students or those who have a full-time job – could witness and teach Divine Principle. We can lead by example and teach in an environment comfortable for our guests. We do not necessarily need to bring a person to the CARP center.

It is better to make a center where you meet rather than meeting where you have a center. Personal relationships are easier to build outside the walls of an official "center". It does not mean that a center is not needed, but most education can be given outside of it. I believe the time of sporadic street witnessing is over, and now is the time of focused witnessing.

A small group may function even outside a CARP center. A small group is like a small team, a family and a DNA of our movement. Having no true friends, people get easily lost in a crowd. Small groups and mobile teams are most effective.

Jesus said that he would dwell where 'two or three gathered in my name.' The small group system should definitely go be-

yond a witnessing center because CARP, just like a church, is not the building but the people. In this way more members, and especially even young ones will take leadership roles to strengthen their dedication.

Working in small groups is very effective because a small group works and holds programs or meetings on its own. It sets its own goals and raises the bar on its own. The end result is that we meet more people.

The principle of volunteerism means ownership. Each group member takes responsibility, each one has an opportunity to express him- or herself, to be creative. Small groups create an environment of service, education, care and personal development. Conflicts and problems can be resolved within this unit. Thus members learn to eliminate conflict through prayer and self-sacrifice.

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## Spontaneity and Realism

*Simon Cooper, London*

Spontaneity is invaluable when there is a situation that requires an immediate reaction: being creative in the moment can help keep a relationship fresh. Being realistic is also an asset when you find yourself sitting in a meeting that goes on for two hours, in which great plans have been made, but no one individual sitting at the table has actually spoken of taking responsibility. Realism can be like opening the window to let out the hot air. But it can also be like throwing cold water on a campfire!

Two characteristics I value in myself are my spontaneity and realism. Yet we often overvalue ourselves, especially when there is no counterweight. As a CARP Chapter President I have started to notice that my spontaneity has become a crutch that I lean on when there is no clear plan of what we should be doing next. At the same time bringing people down to earth with a realistic perspective can stop them from reaching for the sky.

The only cure for this imbalance is to develop a sense of vision. Having vision is about *seeing* what seems impossible in the future and *believing* in it enough to the point where the impossible becomes a substantial reality. No simple task, which is why becoming a visionary is something few achieve.

Have you ever tried to rub your stomach with a circular mo-

tion with one hand while patting the top of your head with the other? The actions do not easily go together. The two fundamental acts of having vision: dreaming freely, and planning ahead diligently also feel initially to be contradictory.

Often it is easy to dismiss planning ahead when future events seem so much already set in stone. As I look ahead just one month into June I seem to see my life already decided for me: final exams at Law School, moving to a new CARP centre, a new baby boy on the way, looking for a law firm to train in, and our Youth conference. Forget vision! I would rather take all this one day at a time! But that is when I realised I make things more complicated than they are.

Being a CARP member is definitely a lifestyle choice, and one that goes beyond the regular 9–5 job with two weeks holiday at Christmas and another two weeks in the summer. We need to remember the vision and belief that led us to make this choice in the first place.

So, starting with this month, I decided to give myself a dose of vision every day to help me cope with the hectic lifestyle I chose, and also to cure myself of a so-called 'realistic' outlook. I want to dream again!

## Founder's Page — A Covenant With God

*The recent interfaith blessings in Washington DC are fruit of a covenant made with God over twenty-five years ago*

The day of the Washington Monument Rally was a day of offering for the sake of the world; centering on the worldwide dispensation for America, that offering was made in Washington, D.C., the nation's capital. The five races of the world gathered together there, symbolically proclaiming, 'God, we have made this altar of ourselves; please accept all of us.'

That day of offering was the most serious, most divine and sacred day of the history of the world. Because a pure offering was made that day, the salvation of the world is destined to be consummated. On that day the entire spirit world declared victory. All the men of God united to declare victory.

America should have declared victory together with us, but America failed to do that. Many well-meaning people even advised me that for the sake of the Church we should be a little more quiet, 'Why do you want to make all the commotion of a Washington rally?' Even some of our leaders came to me saying, 'Father, this will be a blunder. We just did Yankee Stadium and we need more money, more men; it is really impossible to do it this year.' But I remained determined that this was the showdown of my lifetime. I would give my sweat, my heart and life to do it. I decided to give everything—myself, my family, our members, whatever economic strength our movement could mobilize—everything that I could possibly give to successfully make that offering to God in Washington DC.

### Not My Showdown, but God's

This was not actually my showdown; it was God's showdown. I knew that God could not afford to fail in Washington, and I knew that God was the most nervous. Therefore, I was confident that God would come to our aid and I had only one conviction, 'We shall succeed. We shall win.'

I want you to know that September 18, 1976, was like my day of execution. I felt like a criminal who had been sentenced to death and was going out to be executed. That is how serious I felt that day, utterly, dead serious. I completely lost track of time. I mistook breakfast for dinner and dinner for breakfast. Time swam in my mind. Even on my way to the bathroom I would suddenly find myself in a completely strange area because my mind had gone blank! You can't imagine how serious I was during the campaign; only God knows.

How can I express to you the seriousness of that day? The showdown of God was at hand. The showdown of the entire struggle of good and evil was at hand. The destiny of the Unification Church was before me that day. Unless all the conditions could be established for God's power and the entire spirit world to be connected to the earth on that day I knew that I would not succeed. I was utterly serious, and I did it.

The victory of that day was a miracle. It was the work of God, not of Reverend Moon or the Unification Church, that we succeeded in Washington. Extraordinary numbers of people came. The whole event

was beautiful! Without rain or accident, all was beautiful from beginning to end. Do you think that could be the work of men? No, it was God's work. That victory established a new tradition. No matter what may happen to America in the future, nobody can remove the footprint which I so strongly imprinted in Washington on September 18, 1976.

I am from a poor country, but even when I came to work in America, the richest nation in the world, I did not spend American money to advance

this movement to its present level. Instead, people poorer than Americans gave the money with which I have been raising up the American people and establishing the American church.

Because America is vitally important to God, I determined to love America more than my own children, more than my own country, more than my own Asia. God deeply loves this nation and has done more and sacrificed more for this country than for any other country of the world. What is America's role? I will never say, 'You must pay me back.' Instead America must go out to the world, the six continents and five races of the earth, and give of itself and its wealth. Four billion people are waiting for the touch of America's hand. You must go out and serve them.

If America succeeds in this mission then the glory of this nation shall be astonishing and have no end. America will then remain the most prosperous country on earth. Love is the key. It is love alone that will connect all things together and bring them to the altar of God. When that happens God will turn around and give the whole thing back to you as His blessing. That will mark the beginning of the Kingdom of God on earth.



*America must go out the world and give of itself and its wealth.*

## Spiderman

*Jade Thorne, New York*

The long awaited "Spiderman" has finally arrived. This film has been hyped up and garnered a lot of attention since being recalled for its inappropriate trailer with the Twin Towers in it.

The new, re-vamped, post-9/11 Spiderman lives up to all the hype and attention by providing two hours of non-stop action

that actually kept this viewer's attention for the whole two hours—something very hard to do in today's fast-paced world. In fact the only lull in the action is the opening credits, which run a full 10 minutes! Transitions between the different sub-plots are done extremely well. The computer graphics are seamless and do what computer graphics are supposed to do, which is make a good film even better.



Photo: Columbia TriStar Pictures

*Is it Toby Maguire or a computer file?*

As almost everyone knows, *Spiderman* is the story of Peter Parker, a student living with his Aunt May and Uncle Ben after the death of his parents when he was very young. He's a nerdy student with a lousy social life and a talent for bad luck. A radioactive spider bite while on a school field trip gives him enormous powers, the discovery and exploration of which is very well portrayed in this film.

The action then smoothly transitions to a time when an older Spiderman is already an established icon in the city and engaged in the classic battle of good vs. evil that characterize all the comic superhero stories. The plot of the movie keeps extremely close to the original Spiderman story and should keep die-hard fans happy. The corny super hero dialogue only adds to the greatness of this movie.

In the end, it is the Spiderman/Peter Parker duality, just like the even more famous Superman/Clark Kent identity, that provides the emotional force of the story. There is a thin line between the ordinary man and the extraordinary hero, and the spiritual and mental courage required to cross the line has little to do with superpowers and everything to do with character.

Most viewers will come out of this movie feeling fulfilled and like they have just witnessed history. It's already the fastest selling movie of all time. I recommend it to all.

## Adversity

A man found the cocoon of the butterfly.

One day a small opening appeared. He watched the butterfly for several hours as it struggled to force its body through that little hole. Then it seemed to stop making any progress. It appeared as if it had gotten as far as it could and could not go further.

So he decided to help. He took a scissors and snipped off the remaining bit of the cocoon. The butterfly then emerged easily. But it had a swollen body and small, shriveled wings.



As he watched, the man expected that any moment, the wings would enlarge and expand to be able to support on the body, which could contract in time. Neither happened! The butterfly spent the rest of his life crawling around with the swollen body and shriveled wings. It never was able to fly.

What the man in his kindness and haste did not understand was that the struggle required for the butterfly to get through to the opening was God's way in forcing fluid from the body of the butterfly into its wings so that it would be ready for flight once it achieved its freedom from the cocoon.

Sometimes struggles are exactly what we need in our life. If God allowed us to go through our life without any obstacles, it would cripple us. We would not be as strong as what we could have been. We could never fly.

- ◆ I asked God for Strength—  
and God gave me difficulties to make me strong.
- ◆ I asked for Wisdom—  
and God gave me problems to solve.
- ◆ I asked for Prosperity—  
and God gave me brain and brawn to work.
- ◆ I asked for Courage—  
and God gave me danger to overcome.
- ◆ I asked for Love—  
and God gave me troubled people to help.
- ◆ I asked for Favors—  
and God gave me opportunities.

I received nothing I wanted.  
I received everything I needed.

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