



The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, commonly known as the United Kingdom (UK) or Britain, is a sovereign state located off the north-western coast of continental Europe. The country includes the island of Great Britain (a term sometimes also loosely applied to the whole state), the north-eastern part of the island of Ireland, and many smaller islands. Northern Ireland is the only part of the UK that shares a land border with another state: the Republic of Ireland. Apart from this land border, the UK is surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean, with the North Sea in the east, the English Channel in the south and the Irish Sea in the west.

The UK's form of government is a constitutional monarchy with a parliamentary system, and its capital city is London. The current British monarch—since 6 February 1952—is Queen Elizabeth II. The United Kingdom consists of four countries: England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. The latter three have devolved administrations, each with varying powers, based in their capital cities, Edinburgh, Cardiff and Belfast, respectively. Guernsey, Jersey and the Isle of Man are British Crown dependencies, and the British Government is responsible for defence and international representation.

The United Kingdom has fourteen British Overseas Territories. These are remnants of the British Empire which, at its height in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, encompassed almost a quarter of the world's land mass and was the largest empire in history. British influence can be observed in the language, culture and legal systems of many of its former colonies.

The United Kingdom is a developed country and has the world's sixth-largest economy by nominal GDP and eighth-largest by purchasing power parity. It was the world's first industrialised country and the world's foremost power during the 19th and early 20th centuries. The UK remains a great power with considerable economic, cultural, military, scientific and political influence internationally. It is a recognised nuclear weapons state and its military expenditure ranks from fourth to sixth (depending on the source) in the world. The UK has been a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council since its first session in 1946. It has been a member of the European Union (EU) and its predecessor the European Economic Community (EEC) since 1973; it is also a member of the Commonwealth of Nations, the Council of Europe, the G7, the G8, the G20, NATO, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and the World Trade Organization (WTO).

Top: A view of the Palace of Westminster, Elizabeth Tower (commonly known as the Big Ben) and the Westminster Bridge.

Middle-left: The Green Bridge of Wales, a natural arch formed from Carboniferous Limestone within the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park, a spectacular sight in west Wales.

Middle-center: Calton Hill, is a hill in central Edinburgh, the capital of Scotland, It is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Middle-right: Stonehenge, a prehistoric monument in Wiltshire and one of the most famous sites in the world. Stonehenge is the remains of a ring of standing stones set within earthworks.

Bottom: A bird eye view of the city of London, the capital of England and the United Kingdom. It is the most populous city in the United Kingdom, with an urban area of over 9 million inhabitants.











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The Foundations are prepared

And did those feet, in ancient times Walk upon England's mountains green? And was the Holy Lamb of God In England's pleasant pastures seen? And did the countenance divine Shine forth upon these clouded hills? And was Jerusalem, builded here Among those dark, satanic mills?

William Blake (1757-1827)

1954 The Beginning

In 1954 Rev. David S.C. Kim was the first person to come to the United Kingdom with the purpose of introducing the Divine Principle. He entered the country as a student at Swansea University, which at the time was part of the University of Wales. While in the UK, Rev. Kim contacted many spiritual groups and introduced them to the revelation received by Rev. Sun Myung Moon. One of his contacts was Rev.

Joshua McCabe of the Apostolic Church, who became so interested in the movement that he went to Korea to visit Rev. Kim for 80 days and helped in the English translation of the Divine Principle, also translating its title. He reported very positively to his church on his return to Australia. However, his colleagues in the Apostolic Church could not accept the teachings, especially the Second Coming.

1965 The first appointed missionary

Dr Young Oon Kim, who arrived on April 26, 1965 was the first official missionary of the Unification Movement to the UK and set about building a foundation for True Father's first visit just 3 months later. In those days the organization was called 'The Unified Family'. Miss Kim, as the first members affectionately addressed

her, remained in Britain for only eighty days, during which time she contacted several spiritualist groups, some of whom were not prepared to listen to God's revelation to Rev. Moon because he was not a vegan like themselves.

1965 Reverend Sun Myung Moon visits the UK

True Father's first visit from July 14-20, 1965, was a very special one because he was on his world tour of forty countries to create Holy Grounds. He was accompanied by Mrs Won Pok Choi and President Hyo Won Eu. He arrived from Madrid on July 14 and was met at Heathrow Airport by a small group of seven people, including Miss Kim, Sir Anthony Brooke (who provided a limousine for the visit) and five new contacts.

On July 15, True Father chose as the National Holy Ground in London's Kensington Gardens, a particular London Plane tree that had been damaged by people carving their names into its bark. He later explained that he chose the tree because

its damaged condition represented the state of the nation and also because of all those who had carved their names in hearts, expressing their love for each other. The tree is near the Peter Pan statue where Miss Kim would often pray.

The location was fortuitous as the national headquarters of the Unification Movement was many years later to be established only a few hundred yards away.

Miss Kim brought a professor from Cambridge University, a leading light from the Quaker Movement and also Sir Anthony Brooke and several of his aristocratic friends to make a foundation of twelve people to welcome True Father.

Anthony Brooke was the last Rajah Muda, or White Rajah of Sarawak and a well-known spiritualist. He was introduced to the movement in the United States by Doris Walder and had met True Father in America and in Korea.

He testified strongly to True Parents on Korean television. He was asked to teach the Divine Principle in St Annes in the North of England to spiritual groups. Anthony Brooke was directly involved in the famous sitting with the clairvoyant, Arthur Ford, who testified to True Father's providential role.

He had many aristocratic and influential friends but sadly did not want to accept the bride that True Father recommended and did not understand his role in the Providence and, like John the Baptist, continued to go his own way.

True Father gave his first recorded speech in the house of Anthony's future wife in Mayfair, London on July 17, 1965 entitled "Our Mission is Great". Over the next three days many people came to hear True Father speak including many guests from aristocratic backgrounds. He emphasized to those present that they were living in the last days, saying "In these last days, we must feel our responsibility in this part of the mission assigned by God. The responsibility is upon the whole church as well as upon each individual ... we must join these together to create the national responsibility. This is our mission".

The last speech on July 19 attracted fifteen people and three of them were directed to begin a study group.

1966-68 The Pioneers

True Father sent missionaries to various countries after completing the Blessing of Holy Grounds worldwide and Sandi Pinkerton was sent from the USA to London in 1965 to pioneer the United Kingdom, with Dr Young Oon Kim becoming responsible for the European Movement.

June Darby from Swaziland was witnessed to while on holiday in Italy in August, 1966 at the time when Doris Walder (Orme) and Martin Porter were teaching the Divine Principle in Rome.

June joined Sandi in London in December, 1966 when the first centre was established at 17 Emporer's Gate, South West London. Later that month, June met an old University colleague, Eve Hardman, on a coach which was travelling from London to Scotland. Eve moved into the centre in February, 1967 and in May, her sister, Patricia Hardman (Hartley), a student nurse, came too. The Hardman girls had also grown up in South Africa. It is interesting to note that the first three pioneers in the UK were all women from the British Commonwealth.

1972 Great Britain in position of Eve

To quote Rev. Moon's words from a speech given later on March 19, 1972 on the position of Great Britain as Eve:

"Great Britain has played an important role during World War I and World War II, by serving such a great purpose, namely the defeat of the aggressor. Also this nation has had the tremendous mission of spreading the gospel all over the world. Do you know the significance of this?

Great Britain is in the position of Eve. Geographically also this nation represents the Eve position. The whole continent admires or respects you. This one nation, an island, surrounded by the sea, is in the position of Eve. Therefore in Great Britain's history, the nation has been very prosperous when a queen reigned as monarch. God has been blessing this nation in the role of Eve, because in the restoration, the role of a mother is very important. So it was that this nation has sent out many missionaries during the past two hundred years and won over the satanic world with the gospel of Jesus Christ, which was an important role for God. Even though this nation possessed many colonies in her history and you won many external things which gave this country power, still you gave them a more precious thing which was internal and spiritual."

However, Britain failed to play her providential role. True Father, in a speech in London on June 25, 1978, said that Britain should have been like a mother, giving and helping the rest of the world in that role. However, she has been guilty of taking not giving:

"If England had fulfilled the motherly role as an Eve nation... the small countries in the position of a child would never have tried to be independent and follow someone other than the British people. They would have followed England."

1967-68 Witnessing bears fruit

June Darby was appointed President and the two sisters began to work together to bring home God's lost children. Then in the summer 1967, Marion Dougherty (Porter) from the USA, was sent by Miss Kim to the UK from Italy, as the UK Director of Education and to lead the centre.

Many good English people came to study the Divine Principle but no-one joined. They did a prayer condition to find out why and Marion received that they had to first find four people from the Commonwealth countries before English people would come. One evening while witnessing, Marion and Patricia met Bob Duffy from Canada - another British Commonwealth nation. Then very quickly three British brothers joined.

An unforgettable experience was at midnight on December 31, 1967 when five members in London prayed together to announce the very first God's Day on January 1, 1968. They felt greatly privileged to be representing millions of British people in that moment. It was especially poignant as True Parents played the recording, to which they had all contributed, to celebrate that day and all felt a heavenly presence among them as they began to realize the huge responsibility which lay ahead.

In 1968 native British people began to join and in March it became necessary to move to a larger flat in Earl's Court.

This enabled more new members to move in and experience centre life, such as Ian Alexander, who was training to be a soldier, Christopher Vipond Davies, an accountant and folk singer, who composed many beautiful songs and Nick Hillman, an organ tuner. Also Carol Bartholomew, a social worker from Trinidad, who composed a calypso 'Come back Adam, come back Eve, wipe the tears from His eyes,' Cynthia Buchanan, a typist at the South African Embassy and Dawn Golding (Jouret), a secretary from South Africa.

At the end of March, 1968, Doris Walder (Orme), who was then working in The Netherlands, received a "message from the Lord' that she should go to Britain to assist the young mission there. Wanting to receive True Father's sanction for the move, she sent him a telegram, 'informing him of God's calling.' He replied immediately, 'If God told you to go, why are you waiting? When she arrived, being the senior member, she assumed the leadership role in the UK. She and Marion visited Findhorn, a spiritual group in Scotland, which had received revelations about the Second Coming of Christ. Only one man responded when he heard Doris teaching the Divine Principle, Dennis Orme, a former ship's navigator in the Merchant Navy who followed Doris and Marion back to London in order to study the Divine Principle in depth and in June, 1968 he joined the Unified Family.

1968 Founding the HSA-UWC in the UK

On July 29, 1968, June Darby, Evelyn Hardman, Patricia Hardman and Marion Dougherty founded the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity as a registered charity in the UK. It was to be an educational charity with the purpose of educating people in Christian principles and higher values.

Many people wanted to join, so after a short time it became necessary to move once again to even larger accommodation. They were fortunate to find a beautiful seven-bedroom house in Streatham, south of the River Thames. Alec Herzer, a cartographer and the first British native to study the Divine Principle in Emperor's Gate, could now join. He created a studio in the attic of the Streatham house, from where

he worked. Alec's father, Frederick Herzer was the first parent to join the Movement and even moved into the Streatham centre in 1968. Alec's wife, Elisabeth was Paul Werner's sister.

Barbara Cottle (Zaccarelli), who was at Teachers Training College, heard the conclusion of the Divine Principle on the day they moved into the new centre. She was the first British sister to join the fast growing family. Hazel Ifill (Barlow), a primary school teacher, moved in shortly afterwards (later Hazel and her husband, Richard were the national leaders of our Movement in Trinidad). Members witnessed every day to at least 3 people and many new members joined and were able to meet our True Parents when they visited the following year.







Top: True Father with Mrs Won Pok Choi (left) and Mrs Hyo Won Eu (right) in Streatham Centre.

1969 True Parents' second visit

From March 20-24, 1969 True Father made his second visit to the UK, this time together with True Mother, who was pregnant with their third son, Hyun Jin Nim. Travelling with them were Mr Osami Kuboki, the Japanese leader, Mrs Won Pok Choi and Mr Hyo Won Eu.

The welcoming party of forty, included members from Italy and Holland, squeezed into the Streatham centre like sardines. On the first evening when True Father spoke, guests had also been invited, among whom were a few spiritualists and an Indian Guru. True Father, sensing a tense atmosphere, entered the room and announced, "I have two eyes, two ears, a nose and a mouth". He grinned in a way that made everyone laugh. He was certainly an expert in making people feel at ease. True Father proceeded to speak with passion, encouraging everyone to be fearless in their faith. "In your fight for God you must invest all your power, all your energy. You may even die, but then you will blossom like a flower in the garden of our Heavenly Father" he said.

Many people were inspired. Robert Duffy remembered that True Father had been speaking for some time when an exotic visitor halted proceedings, "There was a knock on the door... in strode an Indian guru, dressed like a Transylvanian count in cape and hat and accompanied by a valet. Removing his coat with a flourish, he

suggested to Rev. Moon that "the two Masters" should withdraw for "higher level discussions." However when he was told that this would not be possible as Rev. Moon had a very busy schedule, he was put out, span on his heel and left the house with as great a flourish as he had arrived.

The next morning there was an informal gathering and members had a chance to ask True Father questions about the Principle. He in turn was interested to know the background of each of the members. After an afternoon sight-seeing visit to the Crown Jewels at the Tower of London, a second evening talk was given, in which True Father outlined the mission and significance of the Second Advent.

On Saturday March 22 there was a chance to visit the Holy Ground established nearly four years earlier, followed by the British Museum. At that evening's speech, the topic shifted from a purely religious to an ideological emphasis. Dennis Orme remarked, 'we were told of how the anti-Communist theory came into being and of its effectiveness in defeating atheistic idealism.'

The following morning, March 23, Sunday Service was celebrated together. Mr. Osami Kuboki, president of the Unification Church in Japan, gave a testimony of activities there, and after the sermon, True Father gave Unification Church flags to members of the English and Dutch churches.

Toward the end of True Parents' visit, Miss Kim interviewed a few blessing candidates and then consulted with True Father. Many of the members were not ready at that time either because of age or commitment. Marion Porter recalls that True Father had in fact come to London with the purpose of 'recommending to Doris a Korean husband' that he considered suitable. But when Doris explained that she had received from God that Dennis was to be her husband, True Father took the unusual step of asking the other members present whether they too had received any revelation or message from God concerning the Orme/Walder

match. Indeed, several of them had. Pleased, True Father gave his assent and commented 'God has been at work!' Doris Walder was matched to Dennis Orme, although Dennis had only joined the Movement a few months earlier. For this reason, members were asked to pray from midnight until three o'clock in the morning for 120 days, in support of the new couple. The matched couple left the following day for the Blessing in Germany but the rest of the members enjoyed an unforgettable evening of singing with our True Parents, with Mr Eu drumming on the back of a guitar.

1969 European Blessing of 8 couples in Germany

On March 24, True Parents' party left for Germany and on March 28, 1969 the European Blessing of eight couples took place in Essen, Germany. This was part of the worldwide 43 couples Blessing held in Japan, USA and Europe that was assimilated into the 430 couples Blessing in Korea. Dennis and Doris Orme were the sole representatives from Britain Blessed at this ceremony. After the Blessing, True Father gave directions to the five providential nations to each choose three

countries to which they should send a missionary. The missionaries were to have their air fare paid, be given £20 in cash and were to be independent thereafter. Marion Dougherty was soon sent as a missionary to Belfast in Northern Ireland.

Back in the UK, a condition was set up to teach the Divine Principle at the famous 'Speakers' Corner' in Hyde Park, every Sunday for one year, come rain, wind, snow, or sun.

Bottom: Early members in Dorney Cottage with Dennis and Doris Orme in 1971.



