



THE FUNERAL OF REV. MOON

Schism in the Unification Church

THE THEOLOGICAL DIMENSIONS

What is the nature, structure and organization of the church?

ECCLESIOLOGY

RELIGION OR MOVEMENT?

□ Hyung Jin – Sean

- “The Unification Church is a religion in the same way that Buddhism, Confucianism and Islam are religions...”



✗ Hyun Jin – Preston

- + “Our movement has misrepresented Father’s work by validating the false perception that Parents are the founder of a new religion.”



UNIFICATION CHURCH EMBLEM

- ✘ “The roots of the name Unification Church should be found in its emblem.” (June 23, 2009) “The Unification Church emblem will be used broadly in all our witnessing, public relations, service activities, church activities, and on our web sites.”

GLOBAL PEACE FESTIVAL FOUNDATION

- ✘ The Global Peace Festival Foundation celebrates and promotes the vision of One Family Under God through building interfaith partnerships, vibrant families, and a culture of service and peace.

EMBLEMATIC EMBLEMS



UNIFICATION CHURCH

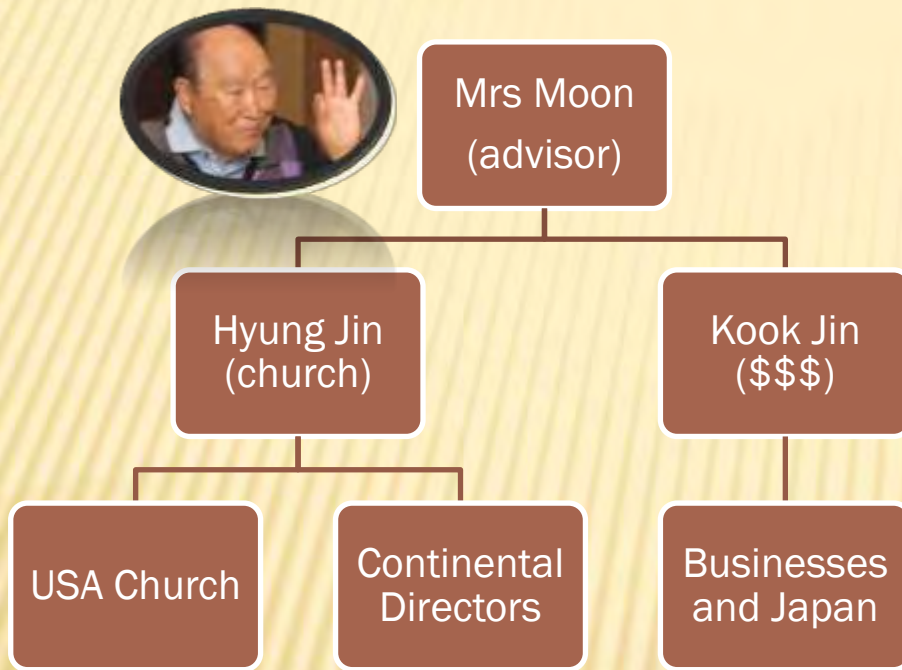
- ❑ Establish God-centered families
- ❑ Teach Divine Principle
- ❑ Bring New Members
- ❑ Develop Related Projects
 - ❑ UPF
 - ❑ WFWP
 - ❑ ACLC
 - ❑ Universities
 - ❑ Charities

GLOBAL PEACE FESTIVAL FOUNDATION

- ❑ Facilitate intercultural and interreligious cooperation
- ❑ Strengthen families and communities
- ❑ Foster a culture of service and peace.
 - ❑ interfaith partnerships
 - ❑ family strengthening initiatives
 - ❑ service projects

MISSION

UNIFICATION CHURCH



GPFF MOVEMENT



STRUCTURE

What is the nature of the Messiah

CHRISTOLOGY

UNIFICATION CHURCH

- ❑ High Christology*
 - ❑ TP are divine incarnations
 - ❑ Near-infallibility of Rev. Moon
 - ❑ Equal authority of Mrs. Moon
 - ❑ ‘7 Deaths and Resurrections’
 - ❑ “Sent not called”
 - ❑ God of Day and God of Night

*Most of the above are not official doctrines but can be seen as tendencies of the UC today

HYUN JIN MOON’S MOVEMENT

- ❑ Low Christology
 - ❑ TP are human beings
 - ❑ ‘If you believe in Father because he is infallible, how is that any different than worshipping an idol?’
 - ❑ Mrs. Moon has been manipulated
 - ❑ Demythologization
 - ❑ “When I realized that Father was not God, and does not know everything, I respected him all the more.”

CHRISTOLOGY



Doctrine of salvation

SOTERIOLOGY

UNIFICATION CHURCH

- ❑ Everyone needs salvation
- ❑ Even True Children are sinners and need TP
- ❑ TPs job is to “carry our sins”
- ❑ Stresses obedience more

HJM'S UNIFICATION MOVEMENT

- ❑ ‘Not an exclusivist vision’
- ❑ Hyun Jin completed his course of filial piety
- ❑ TPs job is to teach us the way of heaven
- ❑ Stresses conscience more

SOTERIOLOGY

Which writings are essential and authorized?

SCRIPTURAL CANON

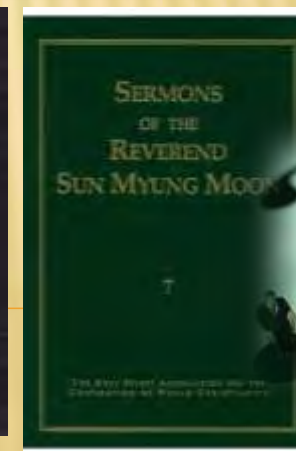
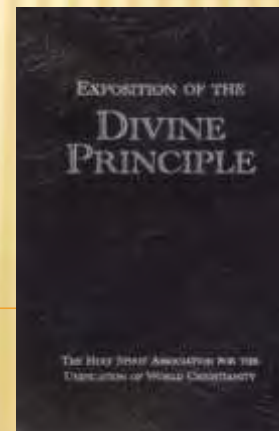
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- ❑ “8 Textbooks”
 - ❑ Collected Sermons of SMM
 - ❑ The Divine Principle
 - ❑ Cheon Seong Gyeong
 - ❑ The Family Pledge
 - ❑ Peace Messages
 - ❑ True Families: Gateway to Heaven
 - ❑ Owner of Peace and Lineage
 - ❑ World Scripture
 - ❑ Recent Declarations

SCRIPTURAL CANNON

HJM'S UNIFICATION MOVEMENT

- ❑ Peace Messages
- ❑ (Divine Principle)



SACRAMENTS

UNIFICATION CHURCH

- ❑ Birth ceremonies
- ❑ Marriage Blessing
- ❑ Special ceremonies for new members
- ❑ Ancestor Liberation at CPL
- ❑ Miscellaneous
- ❑ Seong Hwa (funeral)

HJM'S UNIFICATION MOVEMENT

- ❑ Separate Seong Hwa
- ❑ Blessing?



SACRAMENTS

AUTHORITY

UNIFICATION CHURCH

- ❑ Closer to Catholicism
- ❑ Hyung Jin is the Successor
- ❑ UC leaders are legitimate
- ❑ True Mother is the Key to Resolving the Division



HJM'S UNIFICATION MOVEMENT

- ❑ Closer to Protestantism
- ❑ Hyun Jin is the Inheritor
- ❑ UC leaders 'not aligned with God's providence'
- ❑ True Mother is part of the Problem

AUTHORITY

POLITICAL THEOLOGY

UNIFICATION CHURCH

- ✘ Stresses freedom
- ✘ Leans right
- ✘ More feminist

HJM'S UNIFICATION MOVEMENT

- ✘ Stresses peace
- ✘ Leans left
- ✘ Less feminist

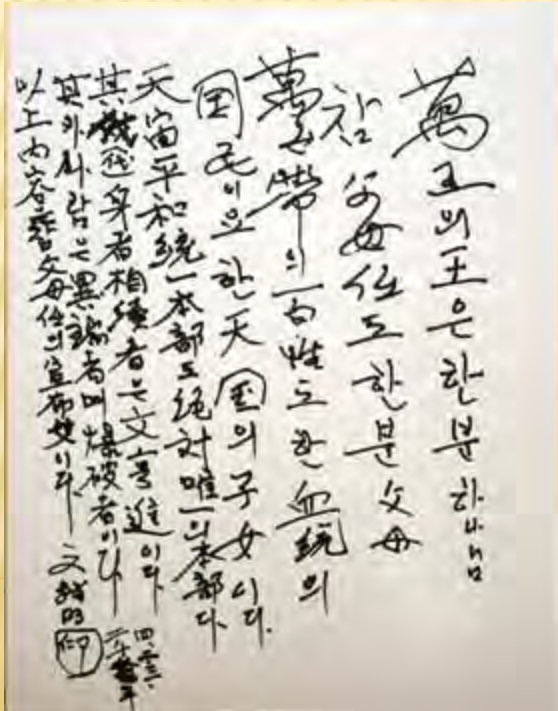
EMERGING POLITICAL THEOLOGIES

Conclusion

ORTHODOXY VS. HERESY?

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- ✘ The representative and the inheritor is Moon, Hyung Jin. The others [who say they are inheritors] are the heretic and the destroyer.



UNIFICATION MOVEMENT

- ✘ The Unification Church that I knew in the past has been destroyed and its current regime has nothing to do with my father's vision.

PROVIDENTIAL PARADIGMS

SOLOMON AND ADONIJAH



JACOB AND ESAU



MEETING OF JACOB AND ESAU.—*Gen.* xxxiii. 4.

A FINAL WORD



ONLY LOVE CAN MAKE TWO PEOPLE BECOME ONE BODY CENTERING ON TRUE LOVE, FATHER AND SON, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AND FATHER AND MOTHER CAN MAKE ONE BODY. WHEN BROTHERS UNITE CENTERING ON TRUE LOVE, THEY BECOME ONE BODY. ONLY TRUE LOVE CAN MAKE UNITY AND ONENESS. THIS IS NOT THE LOVE OF RECEIVING, BUT THE LOVE OF GIVING.

A word about the PPT... My accompanying paper will be available soon. It is more nuanced and contains several disclaimers, such as

- The PPT emphasizes distinctions... there are also many commonalities
- I am a partisan of one side (although I tried in this presentation to be objective)
- What I describe are tendencies, not official positions
- There is overlap: for example, many people who oppose H1 agree with some of his theological tendencies (in my case examples include his "low Christology" and his emphasis on conscience v. obedience.

best regards

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