

One World Crusade Brings Ideas Here

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Bob Heater of Denver, one of 26 members of the One World Crusade now organizing in Topeka, is standing and discussing "The Divine Principle" with Mrs. Mayme Parsons

The 26 "pioneers" of the One World Crusade now in Topeka, sponsored by the Unification Church, are mostly young people.

They dress simply, wear little or no make-up and talk about "peace within mind," "a heavenly peace and order," on earth and the implementation of harmonious "give and take" as their universal message.

The idea does not sound new. Yet David S.C. Kim, an author, a native Korean educated at universities there and in the United States and now an advisor for the crusade group visiting Topeka this week, says his former teacher, Sun Myung Moon, founder of the church, "has a recipe for this trouble in the world."

Learning this recipe, under the instruction of teachers at the new Unification Church Center, 1260 Lane, can be an initial step in curing the ills of the world, Moon's followers believe. The group began holding lectures on what they call "The Divine Principle" at 7 p.m., Monday and will continue each night at 7 p.m. through Monday. Crusade youths also will speak downtown and in shopping centers to passersby.

When asked to summarize the Divine Principle, Kim laughed. "It took Mr. Moon 19 years of study and you

want to learn it in five minutes," he said.

However, senior lecturer Susan Hughes and the Topeka center director, Sarah Reinhardt, and Kim explained some of the principles behind the Moon's movement.

"All things have a complement in life, man and woman being the most obvious," said Miss Hughes. "And we say this does reflect something of the essence of God."

By concentrating on the polarity of things in life and their interaction, the belief arises that God is the "source energy" for a harmonious give-and-take situation, she said. "Many people think creativity comes from conflict. And we say this is false," she said.

The beliefs of the Unification Church are based on the teachings of the Bible and the belief that man has never learned to live the way God intended him to live.

"We're saying what is lacking most is unconditional love, or sacrificial love, or love that continues no matter what happens," Miss Hughes said.

The Principles they uphold go deeper than the instructions given in the Ten Commandments, she said. At the time the commandments were given, man's level of understanding was such that "God had to relate to them as children," she said.

By going to a higher understanding of what God intended for mankind, such rules will be unnecessary in that man will feel no reason to commit any of the wrongdoing he is warned against in the Commandments, she said.

The church members say that attending the lectures does not mean abandoning one's present church affiliation, but that the two can be used in conjunction, she said. The lectures include an explanation of the ideals of the Unification Church and "an interpretation of why man has deviated from this ideal relationship of God," Miss Hughes said.

The church also stressed the need to eliminate conflict in the family unit. A harmonious individual relationship with God, followed by a harmonious man-wife relationship, provides the strong, secure family unit which serves as a source of harmony from which the children's attitudes to apply to other relationships can grow she explained.

"We don't see God-centered units in our society today," she said. "But this is the day in which it can be achieved," added Miss Reinhardt.

Kim described the Unification Church as an ecumenical movement which also is fighting drugs, promiscuity, and the rebellion of the world's youth. "We are not hippies, we are not Jesus freaks. We are a nation," he said.

The crusade, consisting of 85 young people from across the United States, will tour by bus throughout America teaching "the Divine Principle." They recently completed two months of training and touring with Moon. Their tour is financed by selling candles, from contributions and by support from the international organization, Kim said.

The Unification Church is strongly anti-Communist, as evidenced by Kim's recent book, "Victory Over Communism and the Role of Religion."

Miss Hughes pointed out that Communists "dislike and fear" Unification speakers because "they inevitably lose ideologically."

The Unification Church offers the same ideal of living Communists propose, but brought about "through man's cooperation and free will," she said.