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Thank you for your contribution to the growing work of the Unification Church. Through it, you are helping to elevate the spirit and purpose of American youth.

Now more than ever, America's youth need proper moral and spiritual guidance. Too many of our young people are suffering a breakdown of moral values, knowing neither God nor right from wrong. They seek a sense of security, meaning and hope in life, but cannot find it. Disenchanted, many turn to drug use, immorality, rebellion and crime, which have escalated in the 1970's.

Every American wants our country to have a prosperous and secure future. Our young people—the leaders of tomorrow—are the ones to bring this about.

As a leading national youth movement, the Unification Church sponsors inspiring educational programs in every state, teaching a modern and logical explanation of the Judeo-Christian values we cherish. Our lectures and seminars have helped thousands of people understand God and His love for them. This discovery not only strengthens character but provides the meaning and hope that so many youth seek.

We pray we may share with you a brighter future for America. May God bless you and your family.

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Comments from those who were there



"I never knew that God could love us the way He does—so completely! To hear the *Divine Principle* has made me think and feel and open up the wondrous, infinite world of God!"

Chris Remancus

"There are not many ways we can change the world—many have tried and failed. Only the *Divine Principle* can help us do this."

Donn Lynche



"I can't speak of the Divine Principle Seminar as I would just any experience because it's very special. I can see that God was leading me here all along. Now I feel I really know the purpose of my life."

Mark Bell



Lecture Topics

The Principle of Creation: Explains how we can know that God exists and what He is like; why God created man and the universe; what are love, beauty and goodness; the process of growth and change; the existence and nature of the world beyond death; the kind of ideal world God originally intended.

The Fall of Man: Explains the nature and origin of evil and how it continues to exist today; the standard of good and evil; why God has permitted this suffering world to exist for thousands of years; the true nature of freedom.

The Advent of the Messiah: The purpose of Jesus' coming as the Messiah; the crucifixion as Jesus' alternative course; the limits of salvation through the cross and the purpose of Christ's Second Coming; the mission of John the Baptist.

The History of Restoration: Explains the providential significance of history, from the earliest Biblical times through the present; traces the patterns through which God is working out His providence; the meanings of major religious, political and economic events and trends, especially the events of the last 400 years and the 20th century; the principle of the Second Advent and the coming of Christ.



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Welcome to the Divine Principle Seminar



The Divine Principle Seminar

The Divine Principle Seminar is the experience of a lifetime. It's the chance to find out the answers to the fundamental questions we always ask about life. It's especially the chance to learn the principles by which God created us and our world—and how to change ourselves to live by them. Most of all, in the Divine Principle Seminar, you can learn that today is the precious, long-awaited time when, with God's help, we can completely transform this world into the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth.

The Divine Principle Seminar is an experience of joy—of finding the truth of God, hidden for countless centuries, and of finding that we can live with all people as brothers and sisters.

The Divine Principle Seminar is for *you*. People of all ages, religions and backgrounds come every weekend. So, don't miss this unique and wonderful opportunity to come to know God and feel His love. We want to share everything with you!



"The Divine Principle Seminar has been the most rewarding experience of my life! I've never seen anything like it before. The love and respect given everybody is just something else!"



DR. A. DURWOOD FOSTER;
Professor of Christian Theology,
Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley,
Ca.

"The Unification understanding of the Messiah is very penetrating and very challenging to Christian tradition and to conventional contemporary theology. I see the Unification movement as an example of messianic or eschatological hope and consciousness surging upward again in our time, asking questions that seem to me to be extremely pertinent, as to who is Christ for us today."

DR. M. DARROL BRYANT;
Ontario, Canada

"... a very rich theological position. ... As I understand the Unification teaching on history and providence, we have here a strong affirmation of a Divine Being, a Creator God who continues to care and provide for his creation. God is seeking through those who respond to the Divine Presence, to further His original purposes and bring the Kingdom. I think that is an important message for us to bear and it is certainly consistent with many contemporary trends within traditional Christian theology."

REVEREND VICTOR KLEIN;
Pastor, St. John's Church of the
Holy Covenant, New Orleans,
La.

"Unification Theology touches the very heart of what Christ and man are all about... I see something very beautiful being said, and that has to do with the dignity of man, the intrinsic worth of the individual. And it is the idea of man and God in cooperation with one another, eventually being joined in a divine paradise that is also at the heart of Christianity."

"You call me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you."

John 13: 13-5

Unification Church Credo

"To restore the world let us go forth—with the shoes of a servant shedding tears for man, sweat for earth, and blood for heaven." Sun Myung Moon

For further information, call this toll-free number: 1-800-432-7583 or 1-212-239-1096 (1-800-HEARTLE)

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THE UNIFICATION

PRINCIPLES

INTRODUCTION

Many people, who have only come to know Unificationists recently during the current religious freedom efforts, have asked us for information on our teachings. We hope this helps to answer any questions about our beliefs.

These teachings have a single purpose; to inspire humanity with God's vision for the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth, as it is in Heaven.

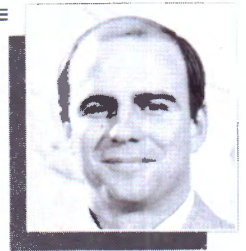
If these tapes help shed any light on how God is working his Providence through you and your ministry, please let us know on the enclosed response form.

TOM MCDEVITT

"That America fulfill her providential destiny is the most vital thing in my life," says Tom McDevitt, lecturer on the videotapes you are watching.

Tom, whose Roman Catholic roots blossomed into a truly ecumenical outlook, attended Indiana University where he studied psychology and art. He then attended the Banff School of Fine Arts in Alberta, Canada where he studied Fine Arts.

Since his membership in the Unification Church beginning in June of 1973 he has done pastoral ministry and educational outreach almost continually. He is married to the lovely Soonja McDevitt, a native of Korea, and became the proud father of a boy, named Macklee.



VIDEOTAPE VIEWING GUIDE

TAPE ONE—

An Introduction: Dr. Mose Durst, President of the Unification Church of America.

An Introduction to the Unification Principles: Reverend Tom McDevitt 15 min.

THE PRINCIPLES OF THE CREATION 58 min.

- * God's Nature and Heart; God as the Parent to humanity
- * The vital relationship between all created things
- * The original value of the family and its foundational role in the Kingdom of God
- * The meaning and goal of growth; the dominion of God; what is perfection?
- * The physical and spiritual realms

THE FALL OF MAN 58 min.

- * The fall in Eden; an explanation of the root of sin
- * The motive and process of the fall; the reality of satan
- * The historical results of the fall
- * The question of Predestination

TAPE TWO—

THE PURPOSE OF THE MESSIAH 60 min.

- * The goal of salvation
- * The Life and Work of Jesus Christ
- * John the Baptist
- * Christology: Rebirth and Trinity

GOD'S WORK THROUGH HISTORY (part one) 57 min.

- * Introduction to God's work through history—The Principle of Restoration
- * The three providential families of Adam, of Noah, and of Abraham

TAPE THREE—

GOD'S WORK THROUGH HISTORY (part two) 57 min.

- * The Providential Course of Moses
- * The Providential Course of Jesus Christ

THE SECOND COMING 57 min.

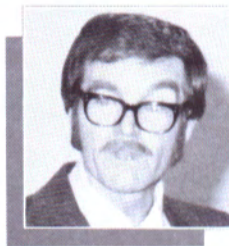
- * Looking at the scriptures; the way of Christ's return
- * When and where shall we look for Christ?

The video lectures are arranged in order of sequence, from creation to the last days. Each builds on the information presented in the previous one. To obtain a complete picture of all the aspects of the materials, we suggest you view them in the order numbered on the tapes.

COMMENTS BY THEOLOGIANS AND CLERGY ON UNIFICATION TEACHINGS



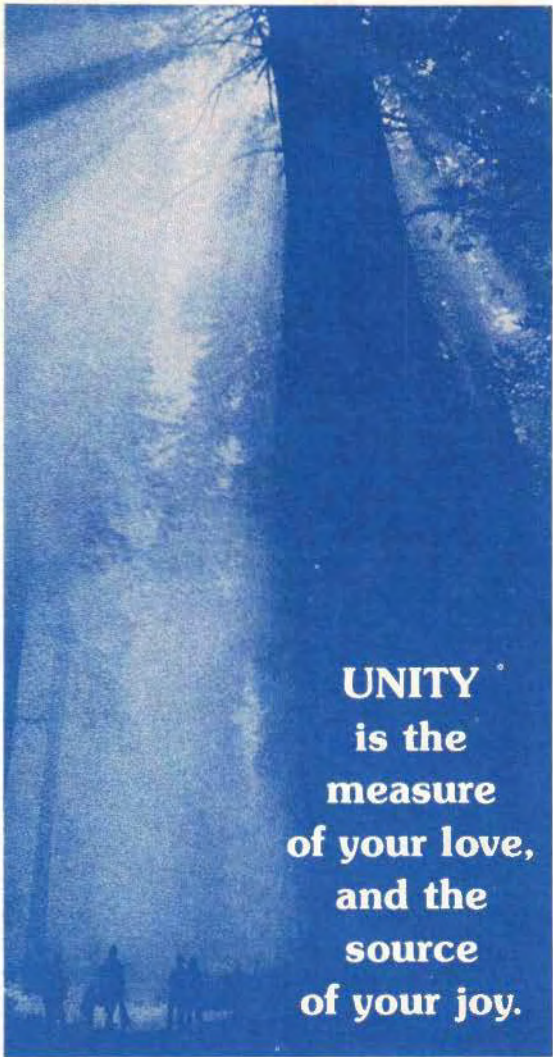
DR. HERBERT W. RICHARDSON;
"At the heart of Unification teaching is the strong re-affirmation, creation and recombination of those teachings that are central to the Bible and that have been reintroduced again and again in the Christian tradition."



DR. HENRY THOMPSON;
United Methodist minister and professor at U.T.S.
"It has been said that virtually every individual item in Unification Thought has been a part of the Judeo-Christian tradition or the Eastern tradition at one time or another. What you have in Unification Thought, from my perspective, is a new synthesis of these ideas."



DR. FRANK L. FLYNN;
Forensic Consultant, St. Louis, Mo.
"Divine Principle is one of the most exciting, theological works I have read in the last 20 years."



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Who we are

The Unification Church was founded in 1954 in Korea by Sun Myung Moon. Over a long course of prayer and study, Rev. Moon discovered a series of principles which yielded great insight into the deep questions of human life and faith: the nature of God, the origin of suffering, the purpose of creation and life. As a Christian, he explored many of the puzzling problems of Bible interpretation and found a pattern in the Bible according to which God has been conducting His providence through history and even in the present-day world. In the light of these principles, the deeper meanings of the Bible could be clearly seen, as well as the purpose of all religions.

Because he tried to share his enriched understanding with other Christians, Rev. Moon was imprisoned several times in Communist North Korea and severely tortured. Finally he endured nearly

Through Jesus' sacrifice of his own life for others he not only set the pattern for all Christians, but he opened the gate of spiritual salvation through which we can walk by loving and having faith in him.

Full salvation brings us to the standard of the original man of God's creation, who can be one with Him, reflect His nature fully, and in whom God can dwell. Christ comes not only to save individuals in this way, but to restore families, the world, and the order of the universe to reflect God's original intention. Jesus wanted to restore the world of sorrow and suffering to the ideal world of joy and harmony (*Isaiah 9, 11*). He brought us spiritual salvation on the individual level, but Christ promised to return. The Second Coming will bring physical salvation, the fulfillment of the promises of the ideal world, the ideal family, and the ultimate relationship with God. "...He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe away every tear from their eyes...neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more...." (*Rev. 21:3b-4*)

Christians are thus responsible for not only their own personal salvation, but to bring their families and the whole world in accordance with God's will.

What about life after death? Just as our bodies express our invisible minds—thoughts, feelings, personality, character—the physical universe expresses an invisible, spiritual world. Our bodies live in and interact with the things of the physical world through our physical senses, and our minds or spirits dwell in the world of thought and feeling and interact with it through our spiritual senses. Because of the human fall, the spirit and body became separated from each other, causing the inner struggle we all experience (*Rom. 7:21-25*). Also, our spiritual senses became dulled, and we became unable to perceive the reality of the spiritual universe and God.

Nevertheless, such a spiritual world exists as an objective reality, just as God does. In the course of salvation our spiritual sensitivity is gradually restored—both to us as individuals and to mankind as a whole during the development of salvation history. For that reason, as history approaches its endpoint, more and more people have spiritual and psychic experiences, and God could promise that He would pour out His spirit on everyone. (*Acts 2:17-18*)

Our spirits live forever, just as energy cannot be destroyed. After separation from our physical bodies at death, our spirits live on in the spiritual world—with exactly the same personality, desires, dislikes, and aspirations as before death. We create our spirits by the quality of our life on earth; by the degree of goodness we "build into" them through our actions. Therefore, learning to love God, our parents, brothers and sisters, spouses, children and all mankind is the most important preparation for our eternal life.

Heaven is the realm in the spiritual world where perfected people dwell in oneness with God, as one family of the heavenly Father. But heaven must be experienced on earth before we can dwell in it eternally. Therefore Jesus came to bring the kingdom of heaven on earth, and he left its key with Christians on earth. (*Matt. 16:19*) Hell is separation from God, whether on earth or in the spirit world. God did not create hell, but it came about through man's fall. Hell will gradually pass away as heaven expands.

How has God been intervening in human history? At the beginning of history, the ideal world was lost when people were overwhelmed by evil motivations. God is above all a loving Parent, and He has been seeking every individual lost to Him. He has been calling each person to overcome his fallen nature and return to Him in goodness.

In the work of restoration, or God's providence of salvation, God worked first to find one individual who could overcome his evil nature, and on the foundation of that person's faith to find a family around him, a society, a nation, and finally to restore the whole world. At various levels those whom He has chosen to work with have failed Him. History has gone in cycles or patterns because God had to choose other individuals, families and nations to fulfill the incomplete missions of their predecessors. Until success is attained at each level, human beings remain in the grip of evil—which produces suffering and chaos in individual life and in the world as a whole.

The Bible contains the history of God's work with His chosen nation of Israel. In it we can find the patterns of the way in which He is still working with individuals and nations today. □



"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."



"Historical men of faith worked hard, but all the accumulated good did not belong to them; they gave everything to us. When we believe and bring their hope into reality by our work, their merit becomes ours."

[Quotations from speeches of Rev. Sun Myung Moon.]

What we believe

"If you have God's love reflected in you, you want to reach out to every corner of the world, because God's mind is like that."



"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."



"God is the Center of man's love, life, and happiness, and man is the being without which God's purpose cannot be fulfilled."

What is God? Although we cannot directly perceive God with our physical senses because He is an Infinite Being, we can know Him by studying the universe He created, as Paul pointed out (*Rom. 1:19-20*). Whatever a creator produces reflects his nature. The patterns we find elaborated in the universe tell us about their Cause, God.

Everything exists in pairs—masculine and feminine, positive and negative, receptive and initiating. Therefore God must Himself contain the ultimate masculine and feminine qualities within His nature—the essence of manhood and womanhood (*Gen. 1:27*)—as well as, for example, the simple positivity and negativity that we find in electrical charges. Also, all things have an internal nature (usually invisible, such as our mind) which is expressed through an external form (usually visible, such as our body, its expressions and motions). Likewise, God has an internal Nature, which is ultimately His heart of infinite personal love, and an external Form, which is ultimately the energy of the universe.

God may be Infinite Mind, the Ground of Being, the Tao—an abstract energizing Force as represented, for example, by Eastern philosophy, but He is above all the loving Parent, the Origin and Essence of love, as Christianity teaches.

Why did God create man and the universe?

No one can be happy if there is nothing in his life to stimulate him. Above all, we need other people with whom we find rapport, with whom we can cooperate, and whom we can love and be loved by. For that reason everyone seeks a mate. We love our children especially because we find in their physical features and personalities the resemblance of ourselves as parents. God created human beings as sons and daughters who could reflect Him fully and when matured could unite with Him in complete harmony and love. God wanted to dwell within and among human beings as His own family. Thus, God created man in order to have joy.

A parent rejoices when his children are happy. God produced the universe to bring joy to man. All things resemble man and have the potential to respond to his love and care. Man should see himself in the beauty and wonder of the creation, and all things should bring him joy and comfort when he loves and cares for them properly.

What was God's ideal in creating?

Every man and woman has the capacity to reflect fully the image of God and to become entirely one with Him when he has matured spiritually. We achieve this unity with God when we come to develop fully our capacity for love and can thus communicate with Him heart to heart. In family life we ideally find the most complete expression of the range and depth of human love—love of parents for children, love of husband and wife, and love of children for their parents. God's love is the infinite counterpart of the three basic modes of human love. Thus it is in the perfected family that God can find the full reflection of His heart, and in that family God can dwell.

Through the give and take of love among family members horizontally and between the family and God vertically, the utmost joy is experienced by all and projected into their surrounding world.

What is salvation? Through the fall of man, our ability to love became impaired. We are limited in our possibility of attaining the ideal human nature and creating perfect families. Thus also we are separated from God; we cannot understand and respond to Him because of the limitations of our own hearts, and we cannot unite with other human beings as we should to create the world in which He can dwell. Because of the fall, too, we lost our capacity to perceive things spiritual; and the necessity for faith in things unseen (*Heb. 11:1*) came about. Further, we became alienated from the creation and came to abuse nature and exploit our environment. God, man, and the universe were plunged into suffering: *"We know that the whole creation has been groaning in travail together until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves . . . groan inwardly as we wait for adoption as sons . . ."* (*Rom. 8:22-23*)

Christ comes as the mediator between fallen man and God; by uniting in heart and action with Christ who is one with the heavenly Father, we are "saved" and can come into a relationship with God as His children. Jesus said that he was the true vine and we are the branches (*John 15:5*) when we abide in him. This is so because Christ teaches us not only the nature of the Father who loves us, but also the life of self-sacrifice by which we can purify ourselves and develop our true human nature. Thus Jesus Christ said: *"Whoever seeks to gain his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will preserve it"* (*Luke 17:33*).



three years in a prison camp before United Nations forces released him along with other prisoners, and he was free to return to the south. At that time he organized The Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity (The Unification Church) based on the principles revealed to him during his years of search.

The Unification Church does not aim to be another denomination. On the contrary, it seeks to deepen faith and commitment among all Christians. In this way, the barriers produced by varying Bible interpretations can be overcome. Christian unity can be brought about when all act as one body giving wholehearted devotion and energy toward fulfilling God's will—loving Him and serving others.

It is the idea of The Unification Church to end God's grief and man's suffering by giving ourselves completely in love and service. In bringing not only ourselves, but our families, churches, nations and the whole world to live in this way, we can indeed bring God's Kingdom on earth as Jesus taught us to pray.

From its small beginning in Seoul in 1954, The Unification Church has grown to include active movements in more than 40 nations, and in every state and over 120 cities in the United States alone. Members come from a great variety of backgrounds and experiences, and are of all ages and walks of life.

A number of activities, programs, and organizations which the Church supports have sprung up under the inspiration of members. In America these include four well-known examples: *One World Crusade*, whose headquarters are at the International Training Center in Tarrytown, New York; *The Freedom Leadership Foundation, Inc.*, *The D.C. Striders Track Club*, and *The Day of Hope Festival*, all with headquarters in Washington, D.C.

One World Crusade is an international movement whose aim is to help produce a climate in which a true world brotherhood can come about. Mobile units composed of Europeans and Asians as well as Americans travel in all 50 states appearing on local and national media, holding rallies and giving lectures to reawaken the spirit of public service, self-sacrifice, and belief in God, human dignity, and the value of freedom. In order to combat the increasing influence of materialistic ideologies and the general moral decline in the West, the young people of the *One World Crusade* are working together with a dedication which transcends cultural and traditional barriers and makes a striking reality of the hope for international brotherhood.



The Day of Hope Festival

culminated its three year U.S. tour when Rev. Moon spoke in September of 1974 to an SRO crowd of over 25,000 at New York's Madison Square Garden. Thirty-five thousand were turned away outside. Rev. Moon spoke on the purpose of the 2nd Coming—to establish the Kingdom of God on Earth. In January of 1975 the *Festival* began a seven nation tour of both Asia and Europe, promoting positive spiritual values and international unity. Almost 400 young men and women are travelling with the *Festival*. Through this kind of experience, the Church wants to develop leaders with a truly international vision for this international age. In July of 1975, another 400 member team will begin a similar tour.



The Freedom Leadership Foundation, Inc.,

was formed in 1969 in Washington by several members of the Unification Church who were deeply concerned about the influence of Marxist thought in America, particularly on college campuses, and the coincident erosion of national purpose and will. In an effort to counteract these trends, programs were initiated which later matured into the *World Freedom Institute*, through which students and youth leaders were introduced to critiques of Marxism and a counterproposal based on the Unification Principle. In addition, FLF publishes weekly *The Rising Tide*, originally a youth-oriented alternative to the proliferating underground and radical press. *The Rising Tide* has been gaining national attention because of its responsible and balanced approach to international news as well as its effective theoretical analyses. *The Tide* was recently the recipient of The Freedom Award of the Hungarian Freedom Fighters and the Honor Certificate Award of The Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge.



The D.C. Striders Track Club was organized by a local Church member in Washington, D.C. Originally composed entirely of inner city youth, the *Striders* provided a rare opportunity for personal development and rapidly drew public attention to the skill and talent of these young men. The great success of the *D.C. Striders* in national competition has made it possible for over 200 young men to receive substantial college scholarships.