



Why we are here . . .

THE UNIFICATION CHURCH

What is our philosophy?

When was the Unification Church founded, and what was the motivation for starting it?

How widespread is the movement in America?

What are the characteristics and methodology of the Divine Principle movement?

Why is this movement so attractive to Americans?

What are the obstacles to accepting the Divine Principle?

What are the ultimate goals of the movement?

Philosophy

Through the law of polarity, everything exists in two complementary modes: active-passive, positive-negative, subject-object, masculine-feminine. All energies in the universe derive from the interaction between these two modes; and since energy is necessary for existence, each mode needs the other. God and Creation interact like mind and body to produce energy for existence and growth. Thus, God is neither pure act, as traditional theism maintains, nor pure potency, as evolutionary naturalism suggests—rather, He exists in both modes. The law of polarity is the basis of all existence; even God does not exist apart from it, and part of His Being is thus subject to necessity (or law). God's freedom of will and action derives from His inner essence, or Heart, which consists of Love (creative act) and Wisdom (receptive potency). God's Love and Wisdom interact to give birth to creative desire. God is not satisfied merely by the creation of a material universe—which is only the symbol of His Being—but desires more than anything else to experience His own Heart reflected in the Creation. Therefore, as the culmination and crowning glory of His monumental work of creation, God infused his essence

into the material world, creating Man in His total image: feeling and reason within man's heart, heart and body to form the individual, and male and female to complete God's image.

The first human beings were born as infants, both spiritually and physically, and could not yet share God's deepest love. Love doesn't want to be divided, but to be one. God is lonely without His beloved children, and wants them to grow to love Him so intensely that they will be united with Him forever. If the first human couple had grown to maturity and become one with God in love, He could have blessed them in Divine Marriage, with the whole universe as their wedding present. Even God Himself would have belonged to them, and with Him existing at the very center of their married life, they would have been the True Parents of mankind. Their children would have been born into a spiritual and physical environment filled with God's love and joy, and social life on earth would have been blessed beyond measure. But while still in the period of immaturity, the first man and woman centered their love on each other rather than on God, and separated themselves from Him, forming the Satanic family unit. God felt

such agony and grief that He withdrew from the universe. With this separation, both God and Man experienced suffering for the first time.

Through the Fall of Man God lost everything, and all things lost God. These cannot be restored until a perfect man appears, who has completely united his mind and body with God. For this man to be the universal Messiah, he must expand his mission of restoration from the individual to the family, national, international and cosmic levels.

For thousands of years God inspired many chosen individuals to create a foundation to receive the Messiah. Finally, He chose Israel as the central nation in which to begin the worldwide restoration movement. Jesus of Nazareth was the man born to be the Messiah. Because his own people rejected him, and even his disciples deserted him in his time of crisis, both God and Jesus were powerless to prevent crucifixion at the hands of Satan. This broke God's Heart again.

Until the end, Jesus' dedication to God remained unshaken. Because he was prepared to sacrifice even his physical body to salvage his mission, Jesus grew even closer to God. With the

new power he received from this deeper relationship, he was able to appear to his disciples in a spiritual form. Over a period of forty days after the crucifixion he encouraged and instructed them to build a worldwide foundation to receive the Messiah when he comes again. In this way, the history of the Christian Church began.

Today is the end of the New Testament age, when the Lord of the Second Advent must come to end God's suffering by revealing His Heart to mankind and completing Jesus' mission of universal restoration. By receiving God's blessing in Divine Marriage, the Lord of the Second Advent and his Bride will become the True Parents, through whom all mankind will eventually be restored to God. For the first time in human history, mankind will become one family, and earth will be the Garden of Eden where God and His children will dwell together forever in love.

Unification Church

The Unification Church was founded in 1954 in Seoul, South Korea, by Sun Myung Moon. Born in 1920, Mr. Moon spent seven years—beginning at age sixteen—in intense prayer, meditation and study, during which period he received the Divine Principle revelation. At this time, he also studied engineering in Japan.

His primary purpose in beginning his mission was to relieve the suffering of both God and mankind. Since a church is the safest and most recognized form of social organization, Mr. Moon founded the church in 1954 in order to have the greatest freedom of action. In 1959 the first missionary arrived in the United States, Miss Young Oon Kim, who was previously a professor of New Testament and comparative religion at Ewha Women's University in Seoul. Since America is the most advanced communications center in the world, it is an ideal base from which to make our message available to the world.

Although the majority are younger people in their twenties, there are also many older members.

All religious philosophies represent different aspects of God's self-revelation to man. The Divine Principle transcends and absorbs these earlier revelations without contradicting their essential doctrines, but rather explains and resolves fundamental philosophical problems. Many problems and questions in traditional Christian theology—especially those concerning the nature of God, Christ, and salvation—are answered by the Divine Principle. Our new interpretation of the Old and New Testaments, using modern terminology, dissolves the barriers to understanding between the hundreds of different sects and denominations. Because of this inclusive nature of our philosophy, we are not a new sect, except in the same sense that early Christianity was when it absorbed and transcended traditional Jewish thought.

Our application of the Divine Principle is well expressed in the Unification Church motto:

"To restore the world, let us go forth with the Father's heart in the shoes of a servant, shedding tears for man, sweat for earth, and blood for heaven." In other words, be a living sacrifice. In our group, we are all voluntary, unpaid workers.

We are a lay movement, in which everyone is a minister, serving others. Most churches focus only on their Sunday services, but we are active all day, every day. For this, maturity and teamwork is of primary importance. Many of us live in community centers in order to receive special training: studying and learning to teach the Principle, deepening our spiritual prayer life, learning basic administrative techniques and anti-Communist theory. We oppose Communism because it is a false ideology which blocks men from God and their own essential nature, thus destroying human value.

In our centers, there is no free sex, drugs, drinking or smoking, although we have no rules or teaching about this. It is a personal decision. Yet everyone stops—partly because of the whole group, partly because of our philosophy. Through the Divine Principle, one can discover true meaning and purpose in life—why waste our value and damage our lives? We are also strongly concerned about our natural environment and the need for conservation of resources. People expend so much spiritual and physical energy on useless and wasteful activities that benefit no one.

Both our philosophy and our way of life have tremendous appeal to American idealism, practicality, and desire for adventurous challenge. Most importantly, our clear concept of God and man satisfies the great spiritual hunger in young Americans. When people hear the Divine Principle, they think: "I can have a direct personal relationship with God—how valuable I am!" For God, the individual has supreme value.

There may be small barriers to understanding and accepting our teaching. Some theologians and Christians may initially be confused by our different terminology. If they can see beyond the terminology, they will understand. Also, the need for personal sacrifice may frighten some people, while at the same time they want to accept the challenge.

There are four main reasons why all religions can be unified in the light of the Divine Principle.

A. The Divine Principle transcends and absorbs all previous religious philosophies, yet could not have been revealed without the foundation they established. The seed is Judaism, the plant is Christianity, the fruit is the Divine Principle.

- B. God is absolutely universal, and created man as a universal being. Whether you are Hindu, Jewish, Christian, Moslem, Buddhist, black, white or yellow, the essence of your heart is the same, and was made to be one with God. By applying the Divine Principle in your life, you can find God's love existing everywhere, so all barriers must eventually come down.*
- C. In the past, God revealed Himself somewhat differently to different nations because of cultural, hereditary and geographical conditions. These differences are now dissolving because of mass communication and high-speed travel. However, since all cultures are based on only partial truths, cultural diffusion alone will not restore the world to God. A new universal culture based on a new truth must appear, which establishes God as the highest value in life. This is now happening in the Divine Principle movement. An outward expression of this was the largest mass wedding in history in October 1970, in Korea: 777 couples from 10 nations, all Unification Church members. In our group, Buddhists, Christians, Jews, Shintoists, Hindus all live as one global family. In*

this way, we can totally transform the world—not just the religious aspects, but also the political and economic.

- D. We are not primarily interested in gaining converts, so existing churches needn't feel threatened by us. We don't want to steal denominational Christians away from their churches; we only want to inform them how to establish an ideal world based upon God's universal principles, thus fulfilling the purpose of both Jesus and Christianity. Even if they accept our teaching, they can stay in their churches if they choose. In Korea last year, 900 Christian ministers received special group training in the Divine Principle. Many ministers, in both the East and the West, incorporate the Divine Principle philosophy into their sermons.*

We have three main goals:

- 1. Unification of religion.*
- 2. Creation of the True Family of Man, beginning with the establishment of God-centered families, transcending all racial, national and cultural boundaries.*
- 3. Unification of the spiritual and physical worlds.*

What you have just read is not an idle dream: The Unification Church is today making it actual reality!

Do you care enough to help? If so,

- (A) Please contribute as generously as possible to our work;*
- (B) Come next weekend to a New Life Workshop at your local Unification Church Center.*

*If you'd like to find out more write to The Unification Church,
Information Department
1611 Upshur Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20011*

All contributions are tax deductible.

NEW LIFE WORKSHOP

January

February 19-21, 1971

FRIDAY

7:30 Registration, Introductions
7:45 Introduction to the Divine Principle -- Jeff Tallakson
8:00 Principle of Creation -- Helen Ireland
9:00 "The Purpose of Creation" -- David Stadelhofer,
Mark Whitman, Susan Hughes, Pamela Stockwell
10:00 A Time for Sharing and Prayer
11:00 Return to Family Houses for the night

SATURDAY

8:00 Rise; exercise period
9:00 Breakfast
10:00 (At Church Center)
Man's Deviation from the Principle -- Gregory Novalis
The Mission of Jesus, Christology -- Pamela Stockwell
12:00 Group Discussion
1:00 Lunch
Free time
3:00 Folk Dancing -- Susan Jacobsen
4:00 Consummation of Human History, Resurrection --
Justin Fleischman
5:00 Free time
5:30 Dinner
Singing
7:30 History of Restoration:
Adam to Moses -- Justin Fleischman
Moses to 1920 -- Leslie Elliott
10:00 A Time For Sharing and Prayer
11:00 Return to Family Houses

SUNDAY

8:30 Worship Service at Lake Merritt (Condition of Silence)
-- Randy Berndt
9:45 Breakfast
10:30 The Second Advent, Dawn of the New Age -- Helen
Ireland
11:30 Conclusion

WORKSHOP DIRECTOR -- Justin Fleischman

WEEKEND COORDINATOR -- Jeff Tallakson

STAFF -- Mary O'Brien, Maryellen McCabe, Susan Hughes,
David Stadelhofer

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members of the Unification Church
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Note: This "New
Life" workshop
took place in
Berkeley California

"NEW LIFE" WORKSHOP

2600 Warring Street
April 16, 17, and 18, 1971

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION:

- 7:30 Registration and Introductions
- 7:45 Introduction to the Workshop - Hugh and Nora Spurgin
- 8:00 "A Unifying Principle: An Introduction Lecture" - Hugh Spurgin
- 9:30 Media Presentation
- 10:00 A Time for Sharing and Refreshments

SATURDAY SESSION

- 7:30 Rise
- 8:00 Breakfast
- 9:00 "The Origin of Suffering" - Nora Spurgin
- 10:30 "The Life and Mission of Jesus" - Gregory Novalis
- 12:00 Group Discussion
- 12:30 Lunch
- 1:30 "The Goal and Process of History" - Gregory Novalis
- 2:30 Folk Dancing
- 3:30 "The Meaning of History: Part I" - Helen Ireland
- 5:00 Free Time
- 5:45 Dinner
- 7:30 A Time for Informal Games, Sharing, and Prayer - Nora Spurgin

SUNDAY SESSION:

- 8:00 Rise
- 8:30 Breakfast
- 9:30 Worship
- 11:00 "The Meaning of History: Part II" - Helen Ireland
- 12:30 Lunch
- 1:00 Final Session "New Life" and Concluding Remarks - Nora Spurgin

Workshop Coordinators: Hugh and Nora Spurgin

Lectures and Discussion Leaders: Gregory Novalis and Helen Ireland

Music and Fellowship: Dan Fefferman

Cooking Staff: April Palmer and Cindy Efaw

Unification Church

BERKELEY CHAPTER

2600 Warring Street

Berkeley, California 94704

Dear Friends:

Enclosed is a brochure announcing New Life Workshop. Sponsored by the Berkeley Chapter of the international Unification Church, New Life Workshop offers an integration of intellectual understanding with a living experience. The content of the Workshop sessions is a presentation of the ideas of the Korean spiritual leader Sun Myung Moon.

In his search for answers to questions about the nature of God, man, and the universe -- and of the relationships which bind these three together -- Mr. Moon discovered a series of basic principles. These principles clarify the basic content and organization of God, man, and the universe, as well as explain their interrelationships, thus bringing to the surface the deep mysteries of religion and science.

Around these teachings, called the Unification Principle, a worldwide movement has formed. The members come from all different backgrounds: Christian, Jewish, Confucianist, Buddhist, Shinto, agnostic, etc. These members, whatever their experiences, are united by their dedication to the establishment of a new world of peace and brotherhood centered around the Unification Principle.

New Life Workshop provides an opportunity to study and challenge the Unification Principle while living it with us over a weekend. It is our hope, as Workshop Coordinators, that you will be able to attend one of these sessions. For additional information, please contact Hugh or Nora Spurgin, Workshop Coordinators, by calling 841-3445. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Hugh D. Spurgin

NEW LIFE WORKSHOP

a seminar on

NEW INTERPRETATIONS

- **the story of man**
- **the universal thread of religion**
- **a time for new beginnings**

New Life Workshop is a series of informal lectures on the ideas of Sun Myung Moon, a contemporary religious philosopher. Mr. Moon's ideas deal with questions about God and man, suffering and evil, the purpose of life, and the purpose of history. The workshop is an in depth study of his comprehensive philosophy and the new life that is being built around it.

WHEN: July 16, 17, 18
New Life Workshop will begin at 7:30 p.m.,
Friday evening and conclude Sunday
afternoon at 3 p.m.

WHERE: The Unification Church Center
2600 Warring Street (at Parker)
Berkeley, California 94704

COST: New Life Workshop—
\$10.00 general, \$7.00 students
Includes lectures, food, and lodging
\$1.00 for Friday evening session only

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