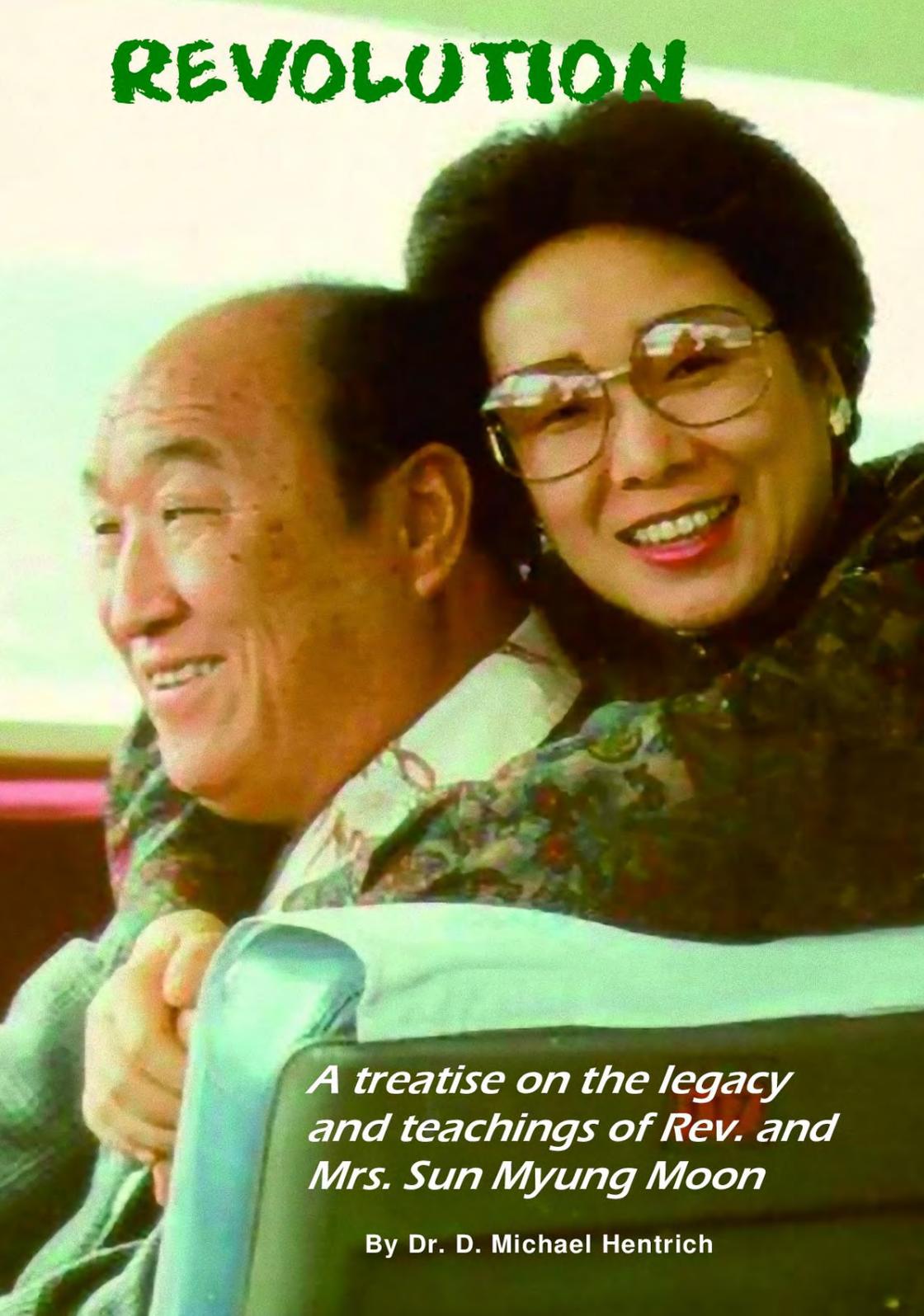


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When people devote themselves to cherished beliefs and timeless truths, given by God, a revolutionary change can occur in human history. One need only recall the effects which the Hindu Vedas, Moses' commandments, Jesus' teachings, the Holy Koran, etc. have had on mankind.

Seen in this light, the legacy and teachings of Rev. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon, the True Parents, are not only unique, but the most revolutionary of all. The following pages briefly outline some of the earth-shaking contributions that they have birthed and given to humanity.

While this list is not complete, it is offered with the hope of reminding all of us just how special we are, as the family of True Parents, and of how much of what we have to offer is what the world has been waiting for and desperately needs.

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1. Realization of True Manhood and True Womanhood

Society has persevered for millennia seeking to define and harmonize the positions and qualities of man and woman, as God intended it to be. Looking at various cultures throughout history and also today, we see a vast array of manifestations of this search. There have been patriarchal societies, matriarchal societies, and others priding themselves in striving to achieve something closer to equality between the sexes. None of these efforts appear to have fully satisfied our desire to be fully human as men and women, and to experience all the joy and potential that life can offer.

Within these various societies, many ideas exist as to what a “man” should be; some of them virtuous and in line with God’s original ideal, and some of them contrary to it. The same can be said for our ideas of “woman-hood”.



For example, in some cultures, being a “man” implies not only such positive qualities as responsibility, and a brotherly-fatherly heart, but may also imply an inflated ego, roughness, rudeness, aggressiveness, and stoicism. In a similar way, in some cultures, being a “woman” implies not only such positive qualities as inner

beauty, tenderness, and a sisterly-motherly heart, but may also imply weakness, seductiveness, inferior intelligence, and instability. In the minds of some people, being a “man” or “woman” can infer negative concepts even more extreme than these.

There have been such fads as the “unisex era” of the 1970s, where men and women considered themselves to be “just persons” except for minor biological differences. The consequence was identical appearance including dress, hairstyle and even light makeup. As a result, it was sometimes difficult to determine whether a person was a man or woman without engaging in close conversation.

The rise of homosexual, bisexual, and trans-sexual sub-cultures in the world are further evidence of the identity crisis faced by fallen mankind.

Historically, major religious leaders have usually been male. Also, some faith traditions demonstrate a significant difference in how men and women are viewed, while other faith traditions do not. Christian women who seek to emulate the Divine must model themselves after Jesus, who was a man. The Divine feminine has been crying out from within the hearts of women everywhere, seeking identity, recognition, and value. Nowhere do men and women seem to be able to express and experience the fullness of being literal sons and daughters of the living God.

Rev. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon have brought to humanity, for the very first time in human history, a clear understanding of both the Original Nature of man and woman and also the human portion of responsibility that God intended for his sons and daughters in the realm of the heart. Through a pure and divine heart, and with a spiritual perspective, they experienced fully, in and through nature,

the symbolic expressions of the masculine and feminine heart and character of God. They perceived and lovingly translated the myriad expressions of the yin and yang aspects of God's heart and character, and the internal and external aspects of God's nature, as well, to more fully understand God's original design for man and woman.

In addition, one cannot understand the original nature that God gave to man and woman until one has a crystal clear understanding of the Fall of man and its many, and sometimes subtle, consequences. The fallen natures which men and women inherited have never been fully understood or clearly defined.

Fallen men and women have inherited four primary characteristics of fallen nature. Firstly, they inherited an inability to understand themselves and the world around them from God's viewpoint. This can manifest itself differently within different individuals, and within men and women. An original and true man or woman, in God's image, cannot possibly exist without first resolving this problem.

Secondly, fallen men and women have inherited the tendency to leave their proper position. This can be understood in many ways, but it usually manifests in a failure to take responsibility in any given situation. In addition, it can also be expressed as a tendency to not fully understand our position as children of God and our value before God, as well as in relationship to others and to nature. Obviously, once again, men and women can manifest this characteristic of the fallen nature in their own unique ways.

Thirdly, fallen men and women have inherited the tendency to reverse dominion in relation to others. Subject and object relationships should be balanced and harmonized on all levels and in

all areas of life. Fallen man's ability to relate virtuously in either a subject position or in an object position in social relationships is not well developed in most people. More virtue needs to be brought into our relationships in order for people to be happy and fulfilled while performing in either a subject-role or an object-role in those relationships. Too often, people in an object role try to forcibly assume a subject role in order to find greater happiness. Both roles are needed, in harmony, balance and love. Many marriages, organizations, and social relationships collapse and fail due to this characteristic of our fallen nature. Certainly, fallen men and women may also exhibit this problem in their own unique ways.

And finally, fallen men and women inherited a tendency to multiply selfishness instead of multiplying goodness and virtue. This can be seen in virtually every area of human life and endeavor.

Fully resolving these four characteristics of the fallen nature in man is obviously an essential and critical step in order for human beings to hope to transform themselves into the virtuous sons or daughters that God originally intended and designed them to be.

Through developing and transforming themselves based on this understanding and more, plus realizing the perfection of true love in their own hearts, Rev. and Mrs. Moon could perfect the original character and nature of man and woman and give the world its first glimpse of God's intended incarnation in a couple. Of course, since God is our Heavenly Parent and we are His children, the epitome of this Divine incarnation is not to be found in single individual people, or even in a couple, but most fully expressed in the parental heart and character of fathers and mothers with their children.

God sees the same Divine value in both men and women. However, He did not intend their roles in life to be the same. Embodying the richness and fullness of the Divine Feminine - rather than imitating the Divine Masculine with minor modifications - is a revolutionary role which Mrs. Moon pioneered for all women. In Mrs. Moon can be found the sisterly role model, motherly role model, wifely role model, and a truly inspiring example of a woman who attained the fullness of a “daughter of God” in her own right.

Upon the foundation of this revolutionary, historical accomplishment and legacy, Rev. and Mrs. Moon have gone on to give the world the way to what is called “True Parentism”. Because the world has never seen the advent of True Men and True Women before, in the image and likeness of God, embodying His love and character. The world has also never before seen True Parents, from God’s perspective. Because human beings have propagated a fallen and distorted humanity, then people have not known the divine love and character that they were intended to experience growing up in the nurturing and care of True Parents. In a sense, fallen humanity has lived like orphans, spiritually, unable to experience the fullness of God’s parental heart.

As the originally intended divine nature of men and women becomes commonplace in society in the future, the world will see more and more True Parents, raising children in the full embrace of God’s divine love and character. The result will be an unending cycle of True Parents raising and nurturing True Children to become, themselves, True Parents who will then raise more True Children, and on and on and on. Over time, the world will become filled with True Parents, True Families, and True Children, all in the image of God. Just imagine the impact that will have on the world.

Fallen mankind is hungry for this revolutionary contribution to the world. Not only will women experience, at long last, their liberation and fulfillment as the literal daughters and wives of God through men, but also men will experience for the first time their fulfillment as literal sons of God in relation to women. The “School of Love” in the human family, as explained in Rev. and Mrs. Moon’s teaching, *The Divine Principle*, will finally blossom as never before, and God will dwell with His children on the earth. There can be no doubt that this revolutionary contribution will create an enormous change in the future of humanity.

2. Clarification of the Purpose of Life

Everywhere, people seek for purpose in their life. Yet, if you ask anyone what they think the purpose of their life is, you will likely get as many or more answers as the number of people you ask.



We assign ourselves a purpose so we can realize it, and thereby experience the value and joy of fulfilling that purpose. We might choose to become a nurse, teacher, or artist, etc. More fundamentally, we choose to be husbands and wives, fathers and mothers, and responsible members of an extended family and society. We may volunteer in our community or create organizations to serve others.

In the religious world, too, we may perceive the purpose of our life in various ways. For Christians, the purpose of one's life is to respond to Jesus' call to believe in the salvation he offered through his death and resurrection. For others, it may be to pass life's many tests of faith and obedience to God's commands and expectations. For others, it may be simply to become a kind and virtuous person. And for still others, both religious and not-so-religious, their purpose in life may be to compete with those around them to "get ahead" in life in some external, material sense.

Most often, people will tell you that “happiness” is the purpose of their life. No one can argue with that. However, what does “happiness” mean, and how can it be achieved? That is where the problem begins. In the fallen world, everyone has a unique and personal definition of happiness which may or may not match with that of others around them. To remedy that problem, people choose to “live and let live”, seeking personal fulfillment in their own individual existences. Individualism becomes exalted as the highest virtue, and the pursuit of interpersonal relationships is swept under the rug or reduced in importance. As a result, no one actually finds satisfaction and fulfillment.

Not only that, but fallen people often find some kind of minimal happiness even in very unhealthy and selfish pursuits. They may bully others, exploit others, use others, mistreat the environment, seek their own personal success at any expense to others, etc. Of course, this happiness is not lasting, and it should create a pang of conscience in the perpetrators’ mind, but because the consciences of fallen people are so distorted by wrong thinking, they feel nothing is wrong and excuse themselves by thinking “everybody is doing it”. Also, people feel peer pressure to play games with each other – social, power or sexual games, for example – because they feel they “have to play along” or follow the crowd. The fleeting happiness they may feel is never satisfying, but it is all they know.

If someone had the definitive answer to these questions, most people would be living truly happy and fulfilling lives. But, they are not. Few can agree on the answers to such fundamental questions about life and happiness.

Rev. and Mrs. Moon explained that God's idea of true happiness was to come by way of people genuinely and sincerely living for the sake of others. Through their teachings we could also finally understand God's simple plan as revealed in the "Three Great Blessings"¹ and have a basic framework of how to go about realizing them. They explained that we must grow to resemble the real, living God in our heart, mind and character. Then, we are to continue this development through joining in Blessed marriage and creating oneness with our spouse, combining both the masculinity and femininity of God in our couple. On that foundation, we are to multiply that Divinity through bearing and raising children of God's own lineage, and raise them to have the heart and character of God. This multiplication is to permeate the extended family and also society, creating an environment in which a true dominion of God's heart can manifest between mankind and nature.

Within that simple, but profound, framework, as explained in *The Divine Principle*, all human ideals can be realized. Such an understanding is truly revolutionary and will have an enormous impact on the future of humanity.

¹ Gen 1:28

3. A Practical Plan for World Peace

Conflict and struggle have been the unfortunate and painful legacy of every generation of humanity. It is so prevalent and commonplace in our human experience that many have concluded that it is natural and intrinsic by design. Karl Marx, as well as other famous thinkers, interpreted all of reality through such a paradigm of conflict and struggle.

World peace remains an elusive dream for humanity. Even with



the great efforts of such institutions as the United Nations, world peace seems distant, if not impossible. All major religions advocate peace. Yet, in reality, they often cannot seem to

realize peace even among themselves. As long as individuals, families, nations and even religions exist primarily for themselves, world peace will be impossible, no matter how much money and human effort may be devoted to it.

Through the cross-cultural Blessing Marriage, made possible only by the True Parents, peoples of various complementary and even enemy cultures are encouraged to intermarry for the sake of a world

of peace and harmony, melting away age-old barriers and divisions between peoples and races. The end result: one world family of man under God. That is not a cliché. It is originally the plan and intention of God for humankind. All people should relate to one another as literal brothers and sisters, which means we should all relate to a common set of heavenly parents – which is what we have in True Parents, Rev. and Mrs. Moon. What a vision. It didn't come from man's imagination. It came from God, Himself.

In addition, through the removal of Original Sin and the subsequent Change of Blood Lineage, made possible through the Blessing Marriage, the social problems stemming from selfishness and fallen nature will eventually be uprooted and eliminated permanently. This is because the four characteristics of the fallen nature in man can, and will, be eradicated once the Original Sin of fallen man is removed.

On another level, Rev. and Mrs. Moon worked for and advocated the creation of a formal, inter-religious body within the United Nations which would bring to the table representatives of all the major faith traditions in the world to work for peace. A similar concept was originally a part of the plans for creating the United Nations, but this idea was tabled and never revived again. Now, living in a world where violent conflicts often involve religious differences of one kind or another, the need for such a body is greater than ever. Rev. and Mrs. Moon pointed out that religious leaders can go beyond national interests, racial interests, political interests, etc., in their quest for world peace, and help the U.N. to accomplish more than perhaps it has ever been able to before.

In case such a critically important proposal was not implemented, Rev. Moon even called for the creation of what he called a “Peace U.N.” which would serve to support and augment the existing U.N. with the much needed dimension of global religious representation. The Peace U.N. would be composed not only of representative religious leaders from all major faith traditions, but also significant social and business leaders who have demonstrated a strong public-minded concern and who have led efforts to help society beyond the norm.

And, on yet another level, the True Parents revealed to us that the world would have originally had only one language, whereby all peoples worldwide could communicate freely with one another, creating a free flow of love and understanding. Thus, all are encouraged to learn and adopt the language of the Fatherland to recreate God’s original ideal as the foundation for lasting peace.

And, Rev. Moon’s brilliant proposal for a global, international Peace Highway, with a buffer of politically neutral land on either side to permit the free exchange of culture and commerce, will lift the world into the practical reality of eventually becoming one global family by creating an arterial system interconnecting all people, worldwide.

Finally, Rev. and Mrs. Moon created culture and sports organizations and activities to help in the creation of a world of peace. Most notably among Rev. Moon’s revolutionary contributions in the world of culture was the Little Angels, a Korean dance troupe which performed all over the world and melted hearts everywhere they went. They broke down former political barriers by performing in such unlikely places as the Kremlin and in North Korea, winning

the hearts of former enemy nations and peoples. In addition, Rev. Moon created sports efforts for peace, such as the World Culture and Sports Festival, and the Peace Cup, bringing top athletes from all over the world to play together for world peace.

In generations to come, a world with fewer and fewer barriers will result, and a world where humanity will relate with each other as one global family under God will appear. Only through the Messianic True Parents could such a radical transformation take place.

4. Prescription for How to Deal with Sin of All Kinds

Some people choose to believe that there is no such thing as sin at all, but only an absence of goodness. Others contend that good and evil are both necessary and intrinsic to man and the creation, and will always be with us. But, among those who accept the reality of sin as an acquired problem, the question of what to do about it has always been a vexing one. Obviously, a complete solution has never emerged.



Christianity's answer to sin has been forgiveness through faith in Jesus and in his death and resurrection. This is truly priceless beyond measure, but forgiveness has not solved the problem of sin, even within Christianity itself. No Christian person or great leader, including St. Paul, himself, has been able to say that he or she does not struggle with temptation and sin.²

Others, including Buddhists, Hindu's, and also Christians, seek to deal with sin through extreme self-discipline and self-denial. But, this cannot be in keeping with God's original plan for man, which was for him to "be fruitful and multiply, and have dominion."³

² Rom 7:24

³ Gen 1:28

A third way to deal with sin has been to strive to live a life of perfect obedience to God’s Word. This is the accepted way for Jews, Muslims, and Christians, alike. However this, too, falls far short of resolving the problem of sin, and often makes one a slave to the truth rather than a child of His love.

Thus, Rev. Moon is the only person who has ever given mankind both the spiritual and the physical, practical way of finally resolving the problem of sin – not only of Original Sin, but also the other three kinds of sin – namely collective sin, personal sin and ancestral sin.

The belief in, and understanding of, Original Sin is linked primarily to the account of the Fall of man in the Genesis story of the Bible,⁴ and other subsequent scriptural references to sin.⁵ The concept is further evidenced in Christianity in the sacrament of Baptism and in some aspects of Christian theology. But, the sacrament of Baptism does not literally remove Original Sin since those who received the sacrament must still see to it that their offspring receive the same cleansing sacrament, as well. Thus, the stain of the Original Sin on the lineage of man has remained across the generations.



Only through the Holy Wine Ceremony, together with other related ceremonies of the Blessing Marriage of True Parents, can the

⁴ Gen 3:1-13

⁵Rom 5:12-14; 1Cor 15:22

Original Sin be literally removed, whereby the offspring of the recipients of such grace no longer need to repeat the removal process. With and through the spiritual authority of God's true son and daughter, the True Parents, the processes that caused the Fall of Adam and Eve, and the resultant stain on their lineage, are reversed and restored. This unique opportunity is made available to all mankind because of the incredible, sacrificial course of total indemnity which Father and Mother Moon both walked for mankind, in order to restore the positions of Adam and Eve before the Fall.

No one has ever been able to offer such grace to humanity before True Parents. Jesus knew that physical salvation for man awaited his return in the "last days". The delay arose because of his rejection and death at the hands of faithless people, 2000 years ago. It is the main reason he must return – to bring the physical side of salvation. He has indeed returned and manifested this work of salvation through the True Parents in our day.

Collective sin is not as often thought of, but can be easily seen in the treatment of Native Americans and also black Africans by people claiming to be Christians. Similarly, it can be seen in events such as the Crusades and in the Inquisition. It can be seen in all kinds of class, ethnic or racial prejudices; even in environmental irresponsibility. While an individual today may feel that it is not his or her problem, we all share some responsibility for such sins committed by the segments or groups of humanity that we are a part of.

For collective sin, the power of the cross-cultural Blessing Marriage has unparalleled ability to remove barriers and walls between former enemy peoples, faiths, cultures and races, etc.,

together with the restorational mechanisms mentioned above, and the ideal of true love and the culture it will inevitably bring about. Father and Mother Moon often gave the example of how the children born to a black father and a white mother cannot be racist, anymore. Implementing these tools and mechanisms, given by True Parents, will remove and repair all of the problems of collective sins, once and for all.

For Personal Sin, we have not only forgiveness, which is crucial, but also the mechanisms of restoration utilizing the Foundation of Faith and Foundation of Substance for the removal of fallen nature. This has been systematized and explained through *The Divine Principle* so that any person can make use of such spiritual tools to resolve the effects and causes of personal sin in their lives.

And, finally, for ancestral sin, which is not even acknowledged in some religious cultures, True Parents have given us ways to liberate and elevate our ancestors through returning resurrection, personal and collective spiritual conditions, ongoing internal education, and other tools of spirit world/physical world interaction. These are explained in *The Divine Principle*, so that we can lift up those who have gone before us and who made possible the blessings that we have inherited and enjoyed, and also been the cause of difficulties and suffering in many ways.

As the world continues to languish in sin and its effects, True Parents offer a bright light in a very dark world; the only real hope for complete liberation from the agony of it all. Father and Mother Moon are so revolutionary in this respect. The world will be immeasurably impacted by it in future generations.

5. Perfection for All People Without Extreme Asceticism

Human Perfection:

Some religious traditions, such as Hinduism, Buddhism and Christianity, espouse a belief in some form of human “perfection”, whether it be a kind of emptiness or a fullness of divine virtue and love. Jesus taught, saying “You therefore must be perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect,” in his famous “Sermon on the Mount”⁶. In reality, Christians differ widely in how they view perfection and its achievement.

Some Christians dismiss “perfection” as being an absence of mistakes, and therefore virtually impossible to achieve. Others define it as “spiritual maturity”. Still others claim it as a de-facto consequence of belief in the salvation of Jesus. And, still others believe that human perfection will be achieved when Jesus returns and “makes us perfect”, or that God will make believers perfect after they die.

In contrast, Hinduism and Buddhism view perfection as more of a total eradication of the “self”. Inner “nothingness”, or total inner peace, is seen as the greatest virtue in these traditions.

⁶ Mt 5:1-7:29

Asceticism:

In either case, for many who believe in an achievable sense of earthly human perfection, the ultimate goal and process to achieve it requires a devotion to a life of asceticism. The German sociologist Max Weber discerned between two kinds of asceticism: “worldly asceticism” and “inner asceticism”. In worldly asceticism, people discipline themselves to live what they believe to be a holy life, but they do not withdraw from society and “the world”. This kind of “worldly asceticism” is essential to enable all people to purify themselves from temptation and sin. However, what Weber called



“inner asceticism” requires the practice of extreme self-denial. This extreme form of asceticism is what we are referring to here.

For example, many Christians have believed that a serious pursuit of “perfection” would require that they submit themselves to

a strict, “inner ascetic” life in a monastery or convent, to become a nun, monk or priest. A person must abstain from all worldly pleasures, such as marriage, family, prosperity, ambition, desire, etc. They must deny their humanity, resigning themselves to a life of study, meditation, service and prayer. Some members of strict Christian Orders even vow to never speak for the remainder of their lives, or never to come out of their monastery. Hindu’s and Buddhist monks have likewise subscribed to a life of extreme “inner asceticism” for the complete eradication of the “self”.

But, Father and Mother Moon paved the way for humanity to actually achieve what both they and Jesus spoke of and lived themselves by explaining and showing what “Perfection” really means, according to God’s original design for man. They explained that perfection is the development of our heart and mind in the image and likeness of God to the point where they are resonant with, and one with, God’s own heart and mind – a state which puts man beyond any possibility of deviation or distraction into sin and self-centeredness. It implies a love that can embrace all of humanity and even those who might be judged to be undeserving of it.

Such love can only be achieved on the foundation of the Change of Blood Lineage and the subsequent removal of Original Sin, and through the realization of the first and second blessings, including growth through the three developmental stages and the four realms of heart, as explained in *The Divine Principle*. Additionally, fallen man must also walk the path of restoration while developing his perfect heart and character. Later chapters discuss some of these elements.

While all this may sound too difficult, or even impossible, it is actually achievable, through the grace of True Parents. Even though the details of each person's path are unique and need to be discovered by each of us, these steps and processes still offer a clear framework within which man can actually achieve the long-sought goal of human perfection.

The era of extreme asceticism is past. True Parents have paved a "super highway" to human perfection through the Blessing Marriage and through living a life of restoration and the pursuit of True Love. At long last, the way is open wide for bankers, laborers, housewives, politicians, taxi drivers, dog walkers, cashiers – virtually anyone - to achieve spiritual perfection. This "Breaking News" is revolutionary, and will eventually cause a new and unending renaissance, the likes of which the world has never seen or imagined.

6. Pinpointing the Root Cause of Sin and Evil

Many great, religious thinkers and theologians have tried to explain the origin of sin and evil, but their various theories and insights have been unable to convince non-believers and skeptics; and, more importantly, they have been deficient to explain the myriad personal and social problems related to sin and evil.

For people of the major Abrahamic faith traditions, namely Judaism, Islam and Christianity, the source of sin and evil is traced back to the story of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, found in the book of Genesis in the Bible. The two most commonly held traditional interpretations of this story – either seeing it as the literal eating of a fruit, or as a simple act of disobedience - both fall far short of offering a practical foundation for healing and eradication of the problems resulting from the Fall. Plus, there are major, logical flaws inherent in both interpretations. If Jesus clearly stated in Matthew 15:11 that “what goes into the mouth” does not make one sinful, then how could the sin of Adam and Eve be the eating of a literal fruit? And, if God is a God who embodies more love than lowly fallen humans, then how could we believe that He would so heartlessly condemn all of humanity to hell for one simple act of disobedience on the part of their first ancestors? The Bible narrative raises many other questions regarding these two traditional interpretations.

The effects of the events which happened at the dawn of human history have infected people ever since, without exception. No one has been able to reach the spiritual and heartistic perfection of which Jesus spoke.⁷ What kind of sinister force could be working invisibly, behind the scenes, to continually disrupt man's quest for happiness and fulfillment? Could a "serpent" really perpetrate the fall? What really happened?

Through extensive contact with key people who lived before us and now reside in the spiritual world, and through intense personal struggles and investigation in this physical world, Father Moon finally uncovered what really happened in the lives of the first human ancestors, thus providing the basis for real-world, practical solutions to sin. Beginning with an exaggerated awareness of "self" in the angel Lucifer, one wrong decision led to another, and love and sexuality became twisted, distorted, and far from the Divine and Holy expression of true love that God intended them to be. Love was taken down a wrong path, and sexuality was misused through selfishness and seduction in the lives of the first humans. Thus, both love and sexuality have remained tainted ever since, resulting in all the myriad personal, marital, family and social problems that we all face, even today. *The Divine Principle* explains the motivation and process in detail.

The amount of confusion we can see - even in the lives of devoutly religious people, especially in the areas of love and sexuality - is clear testimony to the truth, relevance, and universal need for such a revelation, and the revolutionary power that Father Moon's discovery will have on humankind. The ripple effects of this will impact virtually every area of human life, from the most

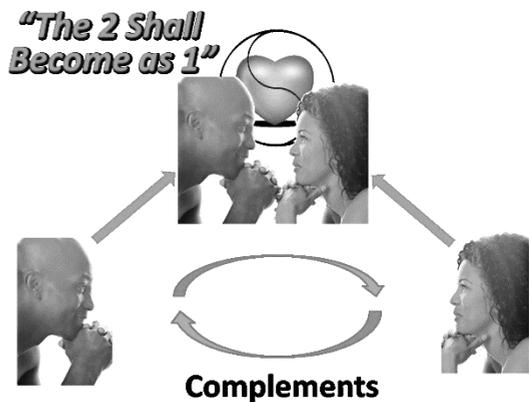
⁷ Mt 5:48

mundane to the most lofty. Virtually every school of thought, especially in terms of the social sciences, will be turned upside-down and right-side-up by this revelation.

7. Restoring the “Center” in Human Life, Marriage, Family and Society

The conflict or divergence between people’s spiritual mind and physical mind is so common that it is believed to be “normal” by typical human standards. Not only do our “mind and body” fail to unite upon a “center”, but husbands and wives, parents and children, religious cultures, societies and institutions all experience conflict and separation due to the absence of a “center” toward which to converge into oneness.

An individual’s direction of spiritual growth can take him in any of 360 degrees, especially considering the myriad influences of the fallen world all around, from wherever such influences may be coming. We are affected every moment of every day by something: the news, friends, internet, family, movies, music, rumors, teachers, co-workers, etc. As has often been said: “We are what we eat.” Without a true picture of the living God as the target and goal of spiritual growth and maturity, true convergence and oneness on any level, whether between individuals or groups, is highly improbable, if not



impossible. People cannot converge toward a fictitious, imaginary God who does not exist. The result will not be functional or permanent. If two people have differing images of God which they strive to emulate, then they cannot converge, either. Thus, religions cannot unite, and people cannot unite.

Father and Mother Moon restored the lost “center” for our lives and explained it simply as “True Love”. This center is the very vortex that will enable our spiritual mind and physical mind to converge together into oneness. This center will also enable husbands and wives to literally grow into spiritual and heartistic oneness with each other, as well as families and societies, etc., instead of drifting apart.

As the husband focuses the direction of his spiritual growth on the heart and character of the real living God, as fundamentally clarified by Father Moon, he will evolve into a person resembling and resonating with the living God. But, as the wife does the same, focusing her spiritual growth on the same heart and character of the real living God as exemplified by Mother Moon, the two will effortlessly and automatically converge into spiritual oneness with each other, with God at the center. If God is not at the center, or if the center is other than God, or is a distorted and incorrect image of God, then the union will not be a viable one, eternal and satisfying, if it happens at all.

This restoration of our center in God’s True Love comes on the foundation of Father and Mother Moon’s intimate relationship and knowledge of the real living God. Rev. Moon’s crystal clear insight into and understanding of God and His character and personality, has enabled him to redefine what He is really like, rectifying many

historical and traditional misunderstandings. This will empower couples to “become as one” as Jesus⁸ and True Parents have both admonished them to, not only “one in flesh”, but one in heart and spirit, like never before. This will also become a catalyst for religious peoples to come together into oneness, gravitating again toward their newfound “center”. Marriage and society will be dramatically impacted by their newfound “center”, going forward.

⁸ Mk 10:8

8. Revealing Purpose in History

While a few historical thinkers, such as Karl Marx, believed that there was purpose in history, for the most part scholars have seen history as simply a string of uncoordinated, but interrelated, political, sociological and economic events. Many Christian people see little connection between Old Testament events and God's preparations for Jesus' life and mission. It is common to find Bibles which contain only the New Testament scriptures, omitting the Old Testament altogether.

Father Moon revealed incredible new layers of meaning and purpose in even seemingly minor details of the Old Testament history, leading up to Jesus. He explained how the resolution of jealousy, anger and resentment between elder and younger brothers, as in the story of Jacob and Esau⁹, and between Joseph and his brothers,¹⁰ played a crucial part in the preparations for Jesus' coming. These were historically linked to the original failure of the elder brother, Cain, and the younger brother, Abel, to overcome similar struggles after the fall of their parents, Adam and Eve.¹¹ *The Divine Principle* offers a detailed explanation of this.

⁹ Gen 25:23

¹⁰ Gen 37:10; 45

¹¹ Gen 4:8

In addition, Father revealed the historical and providential accomplishments of key women in Jesus' lineage¹² and explained how they paved the way for his sinless birth. Such revelations, plus many others, are revolutionary and add incredible value to our understanding of Jesus as both a man and as God's son. The recurring successes and failures in God's providential efforts to set the spiritual and practical conditions for a new Adam¹³ to be manifested on the earth, and the ongoing war between the forces of good and evil in pioneering every stage of the providence to save fallen man, as revealed by Rev. Moon, all explode man's understanding of God's hand in history and of where man has come from and where he is going.

Not only that, but Father Moon explained amazing parallels in Biblical and post-Biblical history which will be discussed later, further revealing God's purposeful work in history, behind the scenes.

This understanding of the purpose and direction of history will challenge the imagination of scholars for many generations to come and cause historians to rethink history and revise their understanding.

¹² Mt 1:1-17; Lk 3:23-38

¹³ 1Cor 15:45

9. Re-Defining the Nature and Personality of God

While many skeptical people doubt the very existence of God at all, those who do believe in Him often differ greatly in their views about what God is like, or who He really is. Fallen humanity has defined God in many ways that are in error, according to Father Moon's teachings.

For example, fallen man has claimed that God is impersonal, indifferent, always happy, in control of even the smallest of human events and decisions, unknowable, completely self-sufficient, the author of both good and evil, harbors some of man's fallen personality traits, requires blood sacrifices, and needs nothing from us, etc. etc. All of these and more, Father Moon has taught, are incorrect.

Jesus once said, "Why, even the hairs of your head are all numbered. **Fear not; you are of more value than many sparrows.**"¹⁴ From this, he was intimating that God was aware of even the most obscure aspects of our being, and moreover, that this is because He cares so much about us. Father and Mother Moon expanded upon that and explained that God is far from impersonal and indifferent, and that He actually feels all of our joys and sorrows and pains and is, therefore, a deeply grieving God over the state of fallen humanity. (see Chapter 19)

¹⁴Lk 12:7

Furthermore, Father Moon pointed out that God is not in control of our decision-making and lives, and they are not predestined in that way, but rather each person is responsible for his or her own decisions and actions. The fact is, Adam and Eve disobeyed God, and there are a multitude of passages in the Bible **which speak of God’s “if” statements** to man (If you obey Me, you will be blessed. And, if you do not obey me, you will suffer.)¹⁵ Thus, each of us makes choices. God is not micro-managing our lives.

Neither is God “unknowable”¹⁶, as some would insist. Father and **Mother Moon explained that we think God’s ways are different** from our own ways and that He is unknowable to us because God operates according to the logic of true love, whereas fallen man does not. But, once we also grow to have His true love, we will know Him, think like Him, and understand His ways perfectly.

The notion that God is self-sufficient and needs nothing from man is also wrong, according to Father and Mother Moon. They explained that God needs one thing which only man can provide; He needs an object to love, and one who can reciprocate His true love **back to Him. Only man can do that. We are created to be God’s “Love Partner”**, as they described it. No one can experience love by themselves; not even God.

In addition, Father Moon explained that the relatively harsh image of God, as portrayed in the Old Testament scriptures, was largely due to the fact that God had to work through angels, which are still not yet perfected in heart, to manage and orchestrate His providential Will with humans. When Jesus, God’s son, came with God’s perfected love and heart, he could reveal to mankind a crystal clear insight into the tender loving heart of our Father in Heaven.

¹⁵ Lev 26; Deut 28

¹⁶ Is 55:8; Rom 11:33

Father explained that God's son has a far more intimate, heartistic relationship with his Father in Heaven than do angels. Angels are servants and messengers, and are wonderful creations of God whom He loves dearly. But, the relationships between God and angels, and between God and His Son, are very different.¹⁷ The Bible indicates that some angels have fallen into sin¹⁸ and even Lucifer, described as a leader of angels, rebelled against God and seduced Eve into sin in the Garden of Eden.¹⁹ Father Moon teaches that a being perfected in God's love and heart would be incapable of such rebellion and sinful treachery. Thus, we can see that angels have yet to reach the perfection of heart and love which God has, and which Jesus described and lived and admonished us to also have. Thus Jesus, God's son, could reveal the tender, loving heart of our Father in heaven, unlike the many less-loving expressions we received by way of His angels in the Old Testament writings.

And on and on. Father Moon revolutionized our understanding of the real, living God in these and many other ways. **Volumes could be written about all the details of God's providential, historical work as revealed by Father Moon.** *The Divine Principle*, and many speeches given by Father, explain this in detail.

Among the many consequences of such monumental misconceptions about the reality of God and His nature is the fracturing and division within religious communities. In addition, our misconceptions have also limited man's ability to relate with God. One cannot form a vital, living relationship with a fictitious God. Furthermore, such misconceptions have limited the ability of

¹⁷ Heb 1:5

¹⁸ Jude 6, 7

¹⁹ Rev 12:9

religious people to effect real change in their own personal lives, as well as in society and the world. Because of the damaged vertical relationship with God that mankind has suffered as a result of the Fall of Adam and Eve, fallen man's ability to love one another has suffered, as well.

Like God's son, Jesus, the True Parents have been able to give mankind a crystal clear view into the heart and personality of the real living God. According to True Parents, God is a loving parent, the ultimate source of both masculinity and femininity, and the greatest scientist. He does not decide man's fate, does not make man perfect after his physical death, did not create hell, loves even Lucifer and all fallen people and angels and wants to restore them all to their original goodness, is logical, rational, operating according to the "logic of true love", and needs every single person to become His eternal and cherished love partner, etc., etc. .

Look how much the world changed because Jesus introduced God as "our Father". How much more the world will be revolutionized by each and every one of Father's many clarifications and redefinitions of who and what the true and living, loving God really is.

10. Enabling the End of Formal Religion

Many non-religious people have wished to see the end of religion, sometimes viewing it as a negative force in the world. Because of man's fallen natures, leaders of religions and religious people have often acted in unholy ways and given a bad reputation to both God and religion. The crusades of the Middle Ages and the Inquisition are classic examples. Other examples might include the lack of concern, on the part of religious leaders, for the suffering of laborers in the early stages of the industrial revolution, and also the inhumane treatment of Native Americans by European settlers who professed to be Christians, not to mention the enslavement of black Africans by many Christian landowners. Today, continuing racial prejudice on the part of religious people, plus such radical faith-



based movements as ISIS, and other groups, challenge the fabric of our societies.

But, True Parents have reminded us that formal, institutionalized religion is a consequence of the Fall of man. Both God and mankind have been using religion as a bridge to help them reconnect with each other and to prepare the way for the new Adam and Eve, who will regenerate the human family. Thus, Father Moon, as a religious leader, introduced the revolutionary concept of the “end of religion” as one goal and consequence of God’s Providence of Restoration. In God’s original plan and ideal, there was no thought, nor need, for institutionalized religion. So too, in the restored world of God’s kingdom, formal, institutional religion will not be needed.

This does not mean that people will not be “religious”, in a sense, but they will be experiencing such an intimate and profound “oneness with God” in their everyday lives that formal, or institutional, religion will be unnecessary. God will live “in us” and “among us” in our marriages, in our families, and in society.

This is truly revolutionary and points to a totally new kind of world to come.

11. Salvation Expanded to Restoration

The Christian concept of “salvation” refers to the saving grace of forgiveness made possible through belief in Jesus and his sacrifice on the cross. Of course, there are two aspects of this salvation; namely justification and sanctification. Christians are justified before God through their faith in Jesus, and they believe they are sanctified either by God’s grace alone, or together with their own efforts to live according to God’s word and purify their life from the effects of sin. In this way, Christian people define themselves as being “saved”. It is acknowledged that there is more to the story of salvation awaiting us when the Lord should return, namely the “redemption of our bodies”, as explained by St. Paul.²⁰ It is commonly thought, however, that this too will be done for us by the returning Lord, and not something that we, ourselves, must actively participate in accomplishing.

However, Father Moon explained that this sense of salvation is limited and does not encompass God’s complete goal of saving man. Father taught that complete salvation includes the practical healing and restoration of fallen man back to his original state before the Fall. Man needs to purge himself of his fallen natures and habits, and he must perfect his love. Most of this is man’s own task to accomplish, with the help of heaven and the Messiah. All this Jesus talked about and taught, but it was not understood as one complete package of salvation until Father and Mother Moon came to finish the ministry

²⁰ Rom 8:23

begun by Jesus, and to empower people to actually be able to fulfill it.

When Christianity understands and accepts this, an entirely new Christianity will emerge; one with a clear vision and new power behind it to embrace man's God-given portion of responsibility and fulfill his purpose of creation. A whole new super-Christian culture and world will result; one which can embrace, and bring fulfillment to, all the other religious cultures and traditions in the world, and even transform the non-religious world, as well.

12. Bridging the Gap Between Science and Spirituality

Especially since the Middle Ages, there have been times when the worlds of science and spirituality diverged and refused to meet. Each insisted that their interpretation of reality was correct and exclusive of the other's. Today is also such a time. Major religions are claiming the world was created in a very short time,²¹ while science says its evolution took billions of years and even happened by itself, without a pre-existing God to effect it. A relatively new field of interest, called "intelligent design theory", offers a refreshing new opportunity for these two worlds to converge. Through it, many intelligent and formerly skeptical or agnostic people are beginning to see the hand of a "designer God" at work behind nature in new and creative ways. Among these are some scientists who have identified more than 150²² precise balances in nature which are essential to the existence of life as we know it. These experts are beginning to see that the balanced intricacy and complexity of nature is beyond what can be explained without the input of higher intelligence from the very beginning.

Father has shown that there is only one objective reality, and that science is to be respected and not rejected. But, he also showed that science is not complete because it has not acknowledged the existence of spirit, purpose, intention, the spiritual world, and the spiritual laws and principles that govern it.

²¹ Gen 1:31

²²<http://www.reasons.org/articles/fine-tuning-for-life-on-earth-june-2004>

In a similar way, religions have rejected science because they have stubbornly held on to traditional beliefs that all scriptural assertions are to be taken literally, and not figuratively. Father has shown clearly that when the reality and structure of both the physical and spiritual worlds are accepted by both science and religion, then the two will be able to embrace each other and finally end the senseless conflict. Father said many times that “perfection cannot come through ignorance”²³. He has paved the way for this miraculous convergence to finally take place, now and forevermore.

²³Cheon Seong Gyeong, First Edition, Book 8, Ch 2, (22-242, 1969.5.4)

13. Beauty Finally Explained

If you could ask all the budding artists in art schools what their definition of “beauty” is, you would likely get as many definitions as you have artists. If you ask the philosophy professors who teach courses on “esthetics” for a definition of beauty, you will again find a diverse field without consensus or agreement among them. Then, how can we hope to create a beautiful life, beautiful music, beautiful art, a beautiful culture or a beautiful world if we can’t even decide what beauty is? Enter Father Moon.

As a part of the philosophical work called Unification Thought, based on Rev. Moon’s teachings, a remarkable explanation of esthetics is revealed. The basis of the unique explanation is the School of Love, which is the family, and all the interrelated experiences that a person would, and should, have in the context of that family.

For example, it is explained that a person will develop both a sensitivity and appreciation for the beauty and goodness of small things, as well as an ability to express and create beauty in the form of small things, based on his or her life experiences with small children, small creatures, small things, etc. beginning in the family. If the person experiences a love for such small people, creatures and things, then this will be directly reflected in their ability to sense and appreciate beauty in the details of a work of art, or of nature, as well

as small or delicate artistic expressions and creations. This could apply to music, dance, sculpture, painting, etc.

In a similar way, if a person grows up experiencing a deep motherly love and character, with its warm embrace and kindness, then that person will also be able to sense and appreciate expressions of nature, art and beauty which exhibit or demonstrate such a warm, comforting, embracing motherly love and character. In addition, such a person will be able to also create works of art and beauty which express such a character and heart for others to also appreciate. And, the explanation of beauty from Unification Thought continues to describe the various emotions, expressions and characters and virtues which derive fundamentally from human experiences in the School of Love, or the human family.

Such an explanation of the nature of beauty is revolutionary. It brings together many previously disjointed pieces of the human experience and harmonizes them into one. As the human heart grows and matures closer and closer to the ideal which God had originally envisioned for us, then certainly the world of art and beauty will see a new renaissance, the likes of which has never been seen before, or even dreamed of. The world of music, dance, theatre, art, even life itself, will take on a beauty soaked with God's divine love, moving deeply in the hearts of people like never before. And, such a renaissance will grow and expand endlessly. How revolutionary is that?

14. Unlocked the Secrets of the Bible and Other Sacred Scriptures

Since ancient times, thinkers and scholars have been trying to understand the breadth and depth of the Old Testament scriptures. Christian scholars have also been trying to decipher the New Testament record. The same is true for all other Holy writings. What is the result? Much controversy. Some agreement. Many unanswered questions. As far as seeing the various scriptures of different faith traditions as being from the same living God... now that is far from being achieved by any measure.

Enter again Father Moon. Father's spiritual quest resulted in incredible insights into the meaning and Principles behind the Old and New Testaments, and other Holy Scriptures. The actual meaning and relevance of the Biblical story of the fall of Adam and Eve; the repetitions of the Cain/Abel struggle in providential history and the questionable women who laid the spiritual foundation for Jesus' sinless birth are all explained clearly. In addition, the mistakes and shortcomings of all of God's "key figures", and the "What was supposed to happen?" side of each providential story; etc., etc. are all interrelated and made clear in Father's teachings. How incredible Father's contribution to our understanding is. It gives



clear purpose and new meanings to the Old Testament writings. It clarifies the life and teachings of Jesus. It explains, for the first time, the meaning of the Last Days, and on and on and on.

Not only that, but the same Principles can be shown to underlie the writings of other scriptures, such as the Holy Koran, the Bhagavad Gita, the Analects of Confucius, and others. Father's insights show us clearly how God has been working in the various faith traditions and how He intends to bring them all together into one family of mankind under Himself. And, to facilitate that, Father revealed the similarities and commonalities between the various scriptures and beliefs, so that they can one day come to recognize that they were all products of the same living God, no matter how they might have characterized Him. The book Father commissioned, entitled: *World Scripture – A Comparative Anthology of Sacred Texts*, is one fruit of that work. *The Divine Principle* is amazing because it comes from God through the mind and heart of Father, a revolutionary pioneer-of-pioneers and true Son of God.

15. Clarification of Jesus' Life and Mission

Most contemporary Christians have been taught to believe that Jesus was born with the purpose of being rejected and crucified, and that everything that happened in his life was meant to happen just as it did. Other people think Jesus was just an unorthodox teacher among the Jews of his time. Still others are not convinced that Jesus really even existed.

Father Moon and Jesus are like brothers, and Father came to know him intimately. Father re-characterized Jesus' life and true mission for us, while also revealing the true heart of Jesus. Pointing to the same Biblical narratives and testimonies available for two thousand years, Father revealed the truth of how Jesus was frustrated and blocked from accomplishing his original and fundamental mission which was to initiate the literal Kingdom of God on earth. He explained that this was primarily due to the failures of key people in his life. And, he revealed what was really behind the agonizing heart of Jesus as he prayed to his Father in the Garden of Gethsemane - something that most Christian people have sadly never been able to understand. *The Divine Principle* explains all of these, and other points, in detail.

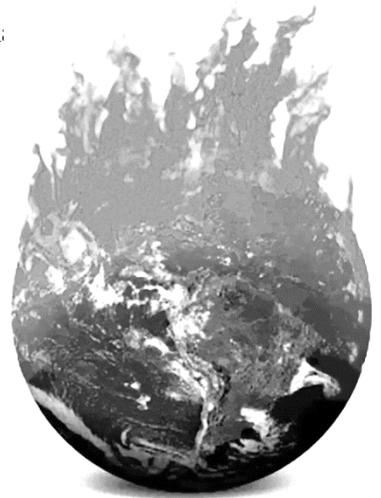
This revolutionary understanding of Jesus' life and mission will be the foundation for the renewal and the unification of the many factions of Christianity in the future, and also for the liberation of other religious cultures, as well.

16. The Real Meaning of the “Last Days”

Numerous faith traditions have had various concepts of an “end of the world”, or “Last Days”. Christian understanding of this is also diverse, and few Christian scholars claim to have confidence as to what to expect, based on the many references to it in the Bible. The long-held notions of dead bodies recomposing, and the “rapture”, are losing their appeal for many contemporary Christians today.

Father Moon clarified that the Biblical “Last Days” actually refers to the practical and systematic transformation of the current fallen world into the world of God’s ideal. It will not be a cataclysmic catastrophe in which supernatural events happen, such as stars somehow falling onto the earth, etc. No. But, in order to understand the Biblical “last days”, one must also understand what God’s original and unchanging plan has been for humankind, from the beginning. *The Divine Principle* explains all of this in inspiring detail.

Father outlined some fundamental aspects of the process of this great transformation-to-come, including the intercultural and inter-racial Blessing Marriage, the change of blood lineage, and the creation of a Principled culture leading to the complete removal of all of



the personal, sociological, economic, political, cultural, racial and religious barriers and artificial walls that fallen man has constructed. God's love and personality manifested in the hearts and minds of the world's peoples will result in a new renaissance of culture, art, theater, dance, music, business, government, etc. The end result is envisioned as "Cheon Il Guk" in the Korean language, or the "Kingdom of God" on earth. It will be a worldwide culture of one family of man under God, a world of interdependence, mutual prosperity, and universally shared values. How revolutionary is that? It is not only idealistic and visionary, but because of True Parents, it is realizable, and the process has already begun.

17. Change of Blood Lineage

Although evidence for, and references to, man's fallen lineage can be found in the Bible and in Jesus' words, it has remained largely unrecognized by Christian theologians and thinkers. Jesus said, "You are of your father the devil..."²⁴ and he clearly explained in the context of this passage that there are two fathers: God and Satan. Christianity indirectly acknowledges this problem of lineage through the sacrament of Holy Communion wherein the faithful symbolically receive the body and blood of Jesus. Christians are also called "adopted children" of God in the scriptures,²⁵ which also implies a different lineage from God's own. In addition, the sacrament of Baptism also acknowledges the lineage problem, basing its relevance on the Original Sin of Adam and Eve and our subsequent bondage to it.

But, only the True Parents have offered the solution to this intractable problem – the change of blood lineage through the Blessing Marriage. Father, alone, spelled it out clearly in countless speeches so that the lineage problem has become logical and clear for all to understand. It underlies the reason for True Parents, who had to literally restore the unstained positions of both Adam and Eve, and addresses the limitation of salvation and grace through Jesus' crucifixion. It is based on the need for a new, pure seed for humanity to be regenerated by, and engrafted into, in order for all of mankind

²⁴ Jn 8:44

²⁵ Gal 4:5

to be eventually transformed as God’s true sons and daughters, without bondage to the lineage of sin. It is about “rebirth” and the need for both a Divine Father and also a Divine Mother to effect that rebirth of fallen humanity, not only on a spiritual level, as Jesus and the Holy Spirit have already done, but also on the physical level.²⁶ It also sheds light on the reason for Jesus’ painful prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane and his broken heart, because the family-level providence of salvation was blocked by his sacrificial death on the cross as an unmarried, single man. As a result, Christians have thus far been able to receive only an individual, personal salvation.

So many crucial mysteries have been cleared up by this absolutely revolutionary and essential breakthrough in God’s providence to fully restore humankind.

²⁶ Rom 8:23

18. Revealing God's Broken Heart

Fallen humanity has identified with God's love, God's joy, God's wrath, God's strict legalism, God's righteous indignation, God's mercy, etc., but mankind has never really understood the suffering and broken heart of God. Jesus alluded to it in his parables of the Lost Sheep²⁷ and the Prodigal Son.²⁸

Father Moon revealed, far more clearly, how much God was devastated by the Fall of Eve with Lucifer, the subsequent Fall of Eve with Adam, and then by the fallen lineage they created together. Finally, Father explained, God was even more devastated to witness the rejection and execution of His second Son, and new Adam (Jesus), on the cross.²⁹ Plus, God suffers every minute of every day as we, His children, continue to endure the limitless scars and injuries related to sin and fallen nature in our lives. He shares every pain that his children feel.

What are the consequences and value of this discovery? First of all, not only True Parents, but all of us share the responsibility to help comfort and liberate God from His suffering, and become the objects of His joy and love that He has longed for since the beginning of time. This awakening and realization will undoubtedly affect the character and life of every human being in the future.

²⁷Lk 15:4-9

²⁸Lk 15:10-32

²⁹1Cor 15:45

But, secondly, this revelation will also help people everywhere to realize the immense value that each person has as God's potential love partner and object of His unfathomable heart. How revolutionary is that?

19. Explaining the Mechanisms of the Spiritual World

While most people may say that they believe in life after death, or in the spiritual world, few would say that they understand much about it. Some believers within Christianity think that the dead will wait in their graves for the rapture, hoping to be included in it and go to Heaven, or remain on a “new earth” forever. Others believe they will be assigned by God to either heaven or hell. Still others believe in a progressive realm of the spiritual world called purgatory.

There are many other beliefs about spirit world outside of Christianity. There are faith communities that believe in attending, or even worshipping, ancestors, while others view such behavior as evil. Emmanuel Swedenborg, Arthur Ford, and others offered many helpful insights into it, but also left many unanswered questions and gaps in our understanding.

Father Moon clearly proved himself as the master in his knowledge of the spirit world. He gave practical definitions to such things as resurrection, returning resurrection, spiritual growth through growing stages, interaction of ancestors and angelic beings with humans and also with God, and clarifying the proper relationships between them all.

Father also explained what helps such interaction and growth, and what hinders and damages it. He explained good and bad spiritual conditions and taught how we can effectively change our fortune and destiny by nurturing and managing the spirit world

influencing us. This is not to mention the removal of barriers and limitations in the spirit world which Father, himself, did between races, cultures, religions, etc. Father explained that each one of us is responsible to create our own “heaven” and also taught how, as a combined singular spiritual entity, a fully united husband and wife will live eternally together in divine love.

Father has closed the gaps and holes in the valiant efforts of others before him to explain the spiritual world. Humanity will change dramatically because of these revelations.

20. Opening Eternal Marriage

While some faith traditions believe in eternal marriage, or believe that it is possible, Jesus seemed to indicate in Matthew 22:30 that marriage does not extend to life after death.

Why is this so? Father Moon explained that, because of the fall of Adam and Eve, all people have been limited in their ability to develop their love. No one could achieve the “perfection”³⁰ of which Jesus spoke in what we call the “Sermon on the Mount”. However, not only is our love lacking perfection, but because of the Fall, mankind has acquired fallen nature, which further impairs our relationship with God, and also hinders even more our ability to relate with one another with God’s love and virtue. Add to this the



³⁰ Mt 5:48

spiritual lien Satan retains on fallen man's lineage through the original sin,³¹ and eternal marriage becomes impossible.

However, with the coming of True Parents and with the Blessing Marriage, eternal matrimony has now become a reality for those who will receive it. Truly, if love is considered to be eternal, then it should be the case that a marriage, fully endorsed by God and filled with His divine love, would also be eternal.

This does not lessen the responsibility of husbands and wives to strictly practice purity before marriage and fidelity within marriage, to become one in love, and to rid themselves of fallen nature, and but eternal union in marriage is now possible for everyone.

This will have a huge effect on the dynamics between husbands and wives, and within families, for evermore. It is more than revolutionary.

³¹Jn 8:44

21. Providential Parallels in History

There is little precedent for the discovery of the amazing parallels in Biblical, and also more contemporary providential history, which Father Moon gave to humanity. They are not exact and mechanical parallels, but neither are they intended to be. Rather, they record the history of people's successes and failures in fulfilling their portions of responsibility, and of God choosing replacements to fulfill those roles and responsibilities which remained undone. It also illustrates the providential mechanism by which God's saving work has been orchestrated and accomplished. It can, and should be, studied in great detail in *The Divine Principle*.

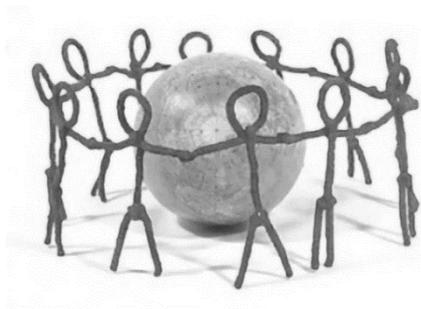
It is a magical revelation which indirectly shows what many have called the "footprints of God" in history. It has given people a rational, logical form of deductive evidence that God really does exist and is very much involved in the affairs of men. And, it offers hope to fallen man in a very dark world that God's providence and providential Will is somehow at work, in spite of how bad the world may seem, from man's perspective.

The providential parallels of history are truly revolutionary and scholars for years and generations to come will be dissecting them for additional insights and meaning.

22. One Global Family of Man Under God

With all the myriad social divisions mankind has created over the ages, few people in history have envisioned a world with one common culture and even one common language, all coming together happily under the one true and living God. Such a vision, in itself, bears testimony to who True Parents are as the son and daughter of God - the long-awaited return of the Messiah. This is not the thinking of a common man or woman.

But, not only have True Parents been envisioning such a world, they have been aggressively working to lay the practical and spiritual groundwork for its realization. Through clarifying the nature of the real living God, prescribing how to resolve the problems of sin, plus revealing the hidden truths and commonalities of all the major faith traditions, promoting intercultural and interfaith work in social and political circles, and through the cross-cultural Blessing Marriage, the foundations for a unified world of mankind under the real living God has been laid. It is our calling and our privilege to build on, and extend, this earth shaking, historical foundation.



23. Definition of Good and Evil

Philosophers and theologians alike have long been searching for, and arguing over, just what the definition of good and evil should be. Many definitions have been put forth, but none have settled the debate.

Today, many contemporary philosophers and theologians, as well as some educators, are belittling the concept of absolutes. Students throughout America and around the world are being told to reject traditional moral values and define their own moral standards. Mankind cannot possibly find peace in a world where everyone is creating their own standard of morality and right and wrong. Whose standard should be adopted? Each faith tradition would no doubt answer that their own definition should be the norm. However, clarification of what God thinks is right and wrong, or good and evil, is the only solution to this dilemma. In a world which is loudly crying out for relativistic morals and situation ethics, Father “drew a line in the sand” on the definition of good and evil in a way that will eventually put the argument to rest.

Father Moon brought to us God’s own definition of right and wrong, based on the original Principles God used to create this world and the people who live in it. Based on these Principles, a formal definition of evil would be: “anything that makes a common base with Satan”. But, Father Moon also gave more description in explaining that good and evil are determined by a combination of

factors, including motivation, direction and also purpose. He explained that all three must be aligned with God's Will for a thought, feeling or action to be considered "good". Therefore, to discern the correctness of one's life, a person must first have a clear understanding of God's providential heart and will; i.e., one must have a Principled understanding and viewpoint.

This basic framework becomes clearer and more implementable the more one studies *The Divine Principle* in depth, as well as the many speeches given by Father. A wealth of detailed description can be found in those readings which will enlighten and empower us in the understanding and discernment that is needed.

But, from those many speeches which Father Moon has given on the subject, a more "user friendly" extrapolation of this would be to say that any thought, feeling or action that serves oneself at the expense of others will always be considered evil. Whereas, in the same vein, any thought, feeling or action which serves others, even at one's own expense, will always be considered to be good. This provides a very simple, yet razor sharp, tool for discerning good and evil in our everyday lives. Thus, Father's singular commandment to all mankind is: "Live for the sake of others."

Ultimately, without the help of Father's insights, fallen man cannot discern right and wrong, or good and evil, because fallen man does not think as God thinks. As stated before, Father and Mother Moon explained in their public speeches that "God and His ways are unknowable to man because God operates according to the logic of true love, and fallen man does not." Herein lies one reason why the definition of good and evil has been so elusive.

Clearly, True Parents' definition of good and evil will have immeasurable beneficial repercussions for humanity going forward.

24. Clarification of the Relationships Between God, Man and Nature

With some exceptions, mankind has generally held the belief that God needs nothing from man and has an existence far above, and separate from, lowly people. Father Moon shattered this notion by explaining that God is not such a being; that He, in fact, desperately needs something that can only be supplied by each one of us, His children. What is it? Of course, the answer is love.

Father explained that God created us out of a need for a love partner, so that God Himself could experience love and the resultant joy that it brings. Thus, we find a God with a broken heart, due to the reality of fallen man's distorted and broken state of affairs. Man became separated from God through the Fall. God inspired religions to help "re-bind" man and Himself. But, as was said previously, this also tells us that each one of us embodies incredible value to God and is precious beyond words to Him in our eternal potential to be His partner in love.



The other side of the relationship between God and man, though, lies in man's portion of responsibility. Never has man fully

understood his portion of responsibility for the fulfillment of God's Will in human life. Most people have long thought that everything was in God's hands, and mankind was just waiting for Him to make His move(s).

Father revealed – in more detail than anyone has been able to before - that man and God are in a partnership, and that God has actually been waiting for man to do his part. This will have an enormous effect on the future of humanity.

In addition, Father clarified man's relationship to nature as not only one of good stewardship, but as a mediator of God's love to the creation, and as a co-creator with God once man embodies God's love and character. St. Paul echoed similar sentiments when he said, *“For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God.”*³² The “children of God”, spoken of here, are those who hold the full and perfected love of God in their hearts.

Thus, God's blessing to Adam to “have dominion”³³ takes on a practical meaning, but one which could only be realized with God's love as a pre-requisite. This will eventually serve to put in check the fallen tendency for man to selfishly and cruelly relate to creation, causing untold pain and destruction of our environment.

³² Rom 8:19-21

³³ Gen 1:28

25. God's Love is so Great it Can Even Embrace Lucifer

It is generally unthinkable, in any major faith tradition which believes in the reality of Satan, that God could do anything other than to hate him. God and Satan are considered to be totally irreconcilable; something like oil and water; in a state of total and absolute contradiction.

However, once again, Father Moon has sent a powerful message to the world in revealing that God's love and heart are so vast and deep that He even has eternal love for the angel which rebelled against Him, namely Lucifer, who became known as "Satan". God's determination has, in fact, been to one-day restore Lucifer to the goodness he was originally imbued with,³⁴ along with all the other fallen angels who sided with Lucifer,³⁵ as well as all fallen human beings. "Universal salvation" is thus taken to the highest possible level with Father's revelation of this.



³⁴Ezek 28:15

³⁵Jude 6-7

In contrast to the common belief that fallen man is no more than “dirty rags” before the almighty God, Father showed that God loves each and every being He created and is determined to do whatever is necessary to enable them all to realize their full beauty and goodness and potential in His love.³⁶

Thus, the living God is far more loving and incredible than mankind could ever imagine before. Mankind will be forever grateful to Father for revealing the true love of God to them for the first time. It is truly revolutionary beyond words.

³⁶ 1Tim 2:4; Rom 14:11

26. Eventual Eradication of Hell

Most religious people who believe in a hell consider it to be eternal. There are ample Biblical passages which seem to indicate as much. So how can we understand an eternal hell in the context of Father Moon's earth shaking proclamations that hell will be eradicated?

One helpful point is to recall that traditional spiritual wisdom has long understood that unless there is repentance and transformation of a person suffering in the proverbial "hell" - or farthest place from God - then that person's plight will remain unchanged, even eternally. This can help us understand the concept of an eternal hell.

But, with the advent of True Parents, many historical, spiritual breakthroughs were made which will enable anyone - even those in the basement of "hell" - to repent and reform themselves and eventually be liberated from their spiritual prison. Spiritual and cultural walls and barriers, such as those between races, nationalities and religions, which were erected by fallen humanity throughout history, have been broken down and removed. Unprecedented spiritual conditions have been laid. Mechanisms for this liberation have been created, both on earth and in the spiritual world. The more we live according to Father and Mother Moon's teachings, the more this liberation will take place, now and in the future. And, as the numbers of restored and blessed people and families multiplies, the

task will become easier and easier, and the progress more and more rapid, until all are restored.

Since hell has been an unavoidable consequence for much of humanity, this is cause for cosmic celebration, even though the completion of the process of liberation may appear to take an unbearably long time from a human, earthly point of view. In the scale of eternity, it can only be considered overwhelmingly hopeful and liberating. That day will be the cosmic celebration of the Kingdom of Heaven that God and man have been longing for from the beginning of time.

27. Absolute Sex

From the very beginning of creation, God dreamed of the day when His sons and daughters would come together and express His divine love with each other through their sexual union within marriage. But, the devastating tragedy of the fall of Adam and Eve dashed His dreams.

We live in a confused and floundering world which has sadly redefined this greatest gift from God in terms of polygamy, homosexuality, bisexuality, sodomy, incest, pornography, adultery, promiscuity, prostitution, rape, seduction, sex trafficking, wife swapping, open marriage, gay marriage, multiple genders, sex changes, etc., etc., etc. Virtually every kind of sexual experience has become commonplace in the fabric of the human tapestry except the one that God originally intended.

True Parents' legacy in this area is a blinding light in a pitch black world. Today, on the foundation of our literal engrafting into the family of True Parents, and the change of blood lineage, God can once again claim full possession of human beings as His own children. Within that context, when people live a pure and innocent life throughout their childhood and adolescence, and nurture within themselves the true love of God, they will finally have the complete recipe for God's total participation in the expression of that love through the sexual union within blessed marriage. Father called this "Absolute Sex".

It's the ultimate expression and experience of love and joy that God designed to be experienced; not only in this life, but for eternity. That experience is to be shared only between one holy and divine woman, and one holy and divine man. That's it; eternally together, with the spirit of God literally in their union. From that incredible relationship will be birthed God's own sinless and pure offspring, which He has also yearned for since the dawn of creation.³⁷

Father taught us that, within marriage, sexual love is to be strictly protected, with the husband standing as the sole owner of his wife's sexual organ, and the wife as the sole owner of her husband's sexual organ. Father made it clear that there can be only one key to open the "padlock" of love; There can be no "spare keys", he said.

People across every cultural and religious line will someday flock to this revolutionary gift from God and True Parents. Absolute sex – wherein God's uncompromised divine and holy love, and human sexuality, combine together into one. All this so that a life of happiness and joy, which people have yet to experience and which many people cannot even imagine, can flourish within us and among us. How revolutionary is that?

³⁷ Mal 2:15

28. A New Realm of Heaven for Families

Even though Jesus stated that he was going to “Paradise”³⁸, rather than Heaven, the place called “heaven” has commonly been understood to be populated with the saints and all good people. However, Father, in his explorations of the spirit world and in his intimate relationship with God, found that a new and even more glorious realm of the spirit world awaits those qualified to enter it; and this new and empty realm is actually what God originally intended to be “Heaven”. It was to be the destiny of all of God’s children, but has remained empty until now.



This realm is not for individual “do-gooders” and not even for saints. It is a realm reserved only for *families* which God can fully embrace and live in and among; i.e., Blessed Families who have realized the Three Blessings.

That means the adults in such a family have grown and matured to not only resemble God as sons and daughters, but even resonate

³⁸Lk 23:43

with Him as perfected people. It is a realm for husbands and wives who together have “become one” in God’s divine love and fulfilled their purpose of creation. Nothing exists between them and God. These are the ones who will fill the empty Heaven which Father found, and this is the Heaven to which all of True Parents global family aspire.

Finally, Heaven is also a very personal thing, at that. Father said that he did not want to describe Heaven in detail, or talk about it too much, because *his* part of Heaven was not going to be the same as *our* part of Heaven. He explained that each person must create their own part of Heaven which fits their own unique personality and preferences. You may desire to have a golf course in your Heaven, while others may prefer a stream in which to fish. Your personal heart’s desires will be manifested in your eternal Heaven. So, how revolutionary is that?

29. God’s Original Plan – A Whole New Vision for Humanity

Many people have wondered what is so different about Rev. and Mrs. Moon’s teachings and tradition compared with other faiths. Certainly, each of the previous 28 topics addressed in this short book partially but significantly address that question. However, there is another very important perspective to include which requires us to step back and take a proverbial “bird’s-eye view.”

Please permit me, if you will, to begin with a very general, broad-brush survey of some of the major religious cultures of the world. I do realize that this is not in any way a scholarly effort since volumes can be and have been written about each religious tradition I will mention. Each of them is deserving of in-depth study and appreciation. However, my generalized overview has a very important purpose. So, I hope you will bear with me.

Let’s begin with Hinduism. Very generally speaking, Hinduism teaches the existence of many, many greater and lesser gods and ideally guides the most devoted followers to seek a spiritual state of being called Nirvana. In this ultimate state, a person achieves total inner peace and harmony by purging themselves of most of his or her human attributes, such as ambitions, desires, goals, possessions, sexuality, etc. Other elevated states or levels of spiritual maturity can include becoming an avatar who invests in the nurturing of others to help them to elevate themselves. Nature is held sacred and is, in

itself, the embodiment of numerous gods. The creator God is but one of many competing deities in the spirit world.

Judaism generally guides believers to connect with God through obedience to laws and the practice of rituals and ceremonies. Jews count and observe 613 such laws, including the Ten Commandments. Obedience leads to blessings; disobedience to curses.

Buddhism generally guides believers to honor their ancestors in numerous ways, including through rituals and ceremonies as well as through more personal attendance. A personal relationship with a creator God is not the primary focus of attention in this tradition.

Islam generally teaches believers to seek God's forgiveness and mercy. They connect with God through the prophet Mohammad (PBUH) and the Holy Koran. Sparing one from the punishment of an angry God because we are all sinners and fall short is their overriding theme while there is a vague understanding of a human Fall or the source of sin.

Roman Catholics generally guide believers to connect with a triune God through belief in Jesus, veneration of Mary and the practice of prescribed sacraments.

Protestant Christians generally focus on personal faith and belief in Jesus plus the rite of baptism. Most are also trinitarian, seeing God as three persons in one, namely God the creator, Jesus as God the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

The Greek Orthodox faith generally strives to connect believers with God and Jesus also through rituals and prescribed sacraments.

Native Americas very generally practice the honoring of ancestors through various rituals, the divinity of nature and the worship of spirit animals.

African Tribal Religions come in many forms but focus generally on interaction with spirits, both high and low, and participation in various ceremonies and rituals.

While perhaps 3 billion people living on the earth today claim to subscribe to one of the above faith traditions, still many religions were omitted in that very brief overview and I apologize to anyone who was thereby offended. But the question can now be addressed: What's so different about the legacy and teachings of Rev. and Mrs. Moon? As you might have guessed by now, the answer is nothing short of revolutionary.

Rev. and Mrs. Moon's teachings begin with an analysis and explanation of God's original plan for man and the rest of creation. The blueprint involves what are called the Three Great Blessings, briefly referred to in the first chapter of the Book of Genesis in the Bible.

Already, just this focus on God's original plan separates True Parents' teachings from all the rest. None of the others of the world's great religions have made this a cornerstone of their beliefs. The significance and relevance of this is that God's original plan is also seen as God's unchanging, contemporary and eternal plan. There is no other plan. The problems of humanity are seen as rooted in the Fall of the first humans as metaphorically described in the third chapter of Genesis, and its myriad ramifications which have degraded human personal and social life. Thus, all of history becomes the consistent narrative of man's victories, struggles and

failures and God's unending efforts to guide man to the fulfillment and realization of His original plan. The dynamics of these victories and failures of various peoples, leaders, nations, etc., create historical repetitions and patterns which have been inexplicable apart from this teaching. The murder of Jesus is seen as an unspeakable failure on the part of key people and leaders of his day, resulting in further delay in God's efforts to help people realize his original plan. Thus, the return of the Christ, or Messiah, is anticipated by most Christians because Jesus was rejected and killed, leaving God's original plan incomplete. Rev. and Mrs. Moon stand today as the True Parents of humanity in fulfillment of the prophesied return of Christ. Through their lineage and legacy, humanity will gradually regenerate anew and realize God's original plan.

As you can now see, from this and all the previous chapters, there is a profound and revolutionary difference between Rev. and Mrs. Moon's teaching and legacy and that of the rest of the religious world. But, in all fairness, this short book just scratches the surface. Dig much more deeply into the fascinating teachings of Rev. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon and find out for yourself how profoundly they can and will transform your own life and the world.

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as you tell people about it...*

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