

Andrew Love Tells His Conversion Story on National Public Radio

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Andrew Love was Blessed in Marriage to Uyanga Khuukhnee from Mongolia at Rev. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon's mass-wedding ceremony in March of 2012.

For the second time this year, “The Colin McEnroe Show,” broadcast on WNPR-Connecticut Public Radio, invited members of the Unificationist Church to share their experience as Unificationists.

Unificationist Andrew Love on July 12, 2012, talked about his experience converting to the Unification Church from atheism. Earlier this year (Feb. 29, 2012) on the same show, Unificationists Joe Swearson and Erika Menning, were interviewed about their plans to participate in Rev. Sun Myung Moon’s mass wedding ceremony on March 24, 2012.

Love, originally from Toronto, came to the United States in 2003 and joined the Unification Church in California while studying stand-up comedy. He works at the Lovin’ Life Learning Center in New York City and regularly emcees Open Mic Night there, using his comedic skills as a way to promote the teachings of Rev. and Mrs. Moon. He was blessed in marriage to Uyanga Khuukhnee from Mongolia at the same wedding attended by Swearson and Menning, and recently became the Pastor for Lovin’ Life Ministries in Manhattan.

The following is a transcript of Love’s testimony about his conversion experience on the Colin McEnroe Show.

Love said: “I was living in Santa Monica...and was approached by a Japanese sister. She offered me the opportunity to study something that I didn’t really understand, which ended up being the Divine Principle, the core teachings of the Unification faith.

“I didn’t take it very seriously at first, because they were talking a lot about the Bible, which seemed very irrelevant to me. So, it took me about four months until I really got it and wanted to commit my time and effort to understanding more deeply what this was all about. ...I went from being a total atheist to being a missionary for two years. [Laughs] I gave up everything in pursuit to finding out what was true to me. It was a gradual process, and again figuring out what I believe and what I was taught to believe through my parents who were atheist and even my grandma, who was an atheist. It was really about finding out what was true to me, and it was a series of events of challenging the system, my system.

“Everybody [in my family] systematically freaked out and figured out the quickest way to get me away from that church, and they were thinking of organizing some way of extricating me, like a deprogrammer. But at the time I was twenty-seven so they couldn’t really do that. I was an adult. But in the past three years they’ve really come around to appreciate [the Unification Church], once knowing the people and humanizing it, taking it off the page from the internet and putting it into the people that they were meeting. I just got blessed [in marriage] recently in one of the mass weddings and they met everyone, and they were filled with so much joy. And they’re a lot happier now, they still don’t completely get it, I can’t say that, but they’re a lot happier.”