

Smooth Talk and Forgiveness

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St. Paul said, "I am afraid that someone may fool you with smooth talk" (Col. 2:4, Living Bible). Smooth talk? Yes, that's the issue. That seems to be the order of the day in 20th century Christendom. But Reverend Moon and his followers are not content with smooth talk. They are obviously working and sacrificing, and teaching and preaching, praying and studying like crazy, because they, like Jesus, must work the work of Him who sent them while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work. They are changing this world for God.

The teaching of Christ has not been identically the same even among the Gospel writers, to say nothing of the epistle writers, the early translators, and current Christian groups. Where Reverend Moon leaves the teachings of Jesus, the end time Spirit of Truth guides him. Jesus predicted such. It is a foolproof, divinely inspired explanation of man's relationship with God, his universe, and himself. It is the greatest revelation ever, the most detailed plan for the Kingdom of Heaven. Reverend Moon stirs up controversy, but so did Jesus in his time.

The Gospel is the good news of the Kingdom of God (or government or family of God). This is exactly what Reverend Moon is not only preaching, but living and inspiring his followers-be doers- of the Word, and not hearers only. Paul admitted that his knowledge was partial and incomplete (I Cor. 13:9-12). Naturally, his gospel would be incomplete.

Is Reverend Moon preaching the same Gospel? If this means he is using the same fundamentals, yes. The same illustrations and explanations? No. Neither would Jesus if he were here now. The Bible is still the Bible. The Divine Principle extends and clarifies it with foolproof detail.

If Christians don't get any better by studying their Bibles in the future than they have in the past, they ought to try the Divine Principle out of curiosity; it's changing the world.

Satan uses people to imply grave crime without prior trial, and then audaciously deems it unjust to exercise forgiveness in advance.

De facto forgiveness is just as meaningful (and appropriate) as de facto accusation. Jesus forgave even his murderers in advance, even while they cursed him, to say nothing of their not repenting. Maybe that's why enlightened Christians are attracted to Reverend Moon.

Jesus also forgave the thief on the cross. Did he really qualify for forgiveness? Judgmental 20th century Pharisees invoke the strictest interpretation of repentance. Did the woman caught in the very act repent prior to Christ's forgiveness? When religious, bloodthirsty mobsters were bent on crucifying Jesus, Pilate asked, "Why? What evil has he done?" When public opinion by any percentage starts judging our officials prior to trial, the fall of our nation is imminent.

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