

Replies to Sun Myung Moon's Watergate Declaration, Forgive, Love and Unite

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Dear Rev. Moon:

What a happy coincidence - on the final day of my receiving the *Los Angeles Times* - which I cancelled because of its constant magnifying hatreds and vilification of our President, there is your glorious call for "Forgive, Love, Unite."

As a Christian Scientist, this, of course, has been my constant prayer. I have written each member of the Watergate Committee and my senators and congressmen, saying, "Who among you is without sin- let him cast the first stone." Our United States is a generous, good country but forces of evil from within -- re-determined to destroy and the only way it can be done is through a breakdown in morals, the family, church, and constant rabble-rousing of hatred. "One with God is a majority" and I know the one God is the only power- now and forever. Bless you, and let us unite as children of God to heal the wounded spirit of this great country.

Respectfully,

Jane McPhee
(South Pasadena, California)

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Dear Rev. Moon,

Please excuse this handwritten letter which I am writing at the breakfast table after reading your statement on Watergate which appeared this morning on page 28 of the *S. F. Chronicle*. You have kindled a fire which I hope will explode and will spread across our nation with great speed. Your statement should be on the lips of every speaker in this country whether he be preacher or politician. I congratulate you for this wonderful message. I will do all that I can to promote your theme to Forgive, Love, and Unite.

Sincerely,

Herber C. Leney, Mayor
(Corte Madera, California)

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Dear Mr. Moon,

I have heard much of you and agree with a united religion.... I feel a change is taking place in the world. A new age is about to dawn and I am not quite sure what shape this new age will take. I like your approach. In the full page ad in the *Tampa Tribune*, my heart was warmed by what you wrote so I sent in the coupon asking more on this movement. One thing please consider. I can forgive, I can pray and will do so, but has Mr. Nixon asked forgiveness? Has he confessed any wrong? He has stated all along he has done no wrong. One word goes before forgive: repentance. In the Old Testament cities and nations repented. I have sinned and I have asked forgiveness; shouldn't Mr. Nixon do the same?

Sincerely yours,

Terrence Peterson
(Yankeetown, Florida)

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Dear Rev. Moon,

My husband and I were at the Atlanta airport on our way to Scotland on Nov. 9th the day 'you left for Korea. I had been reading about you in our papers and we were approached and asked to buy tickets-we did but were unable to attend. I have just finished reading your "Watergate Declaration" in our *Constitution* and my husband and I want to say thank you from our hearts to you for coming "in the name of Jesus" to our America. We truly must "forgive", love each other unconditionally as God loves us and unite in Jesus in these end days. How beautiful that God has touched you and called you to preach His Word! We will be lifting you up before His mighty throne. Jesus has transformed both of us and we stand ready to be used of The Lord in any way He chooses. My husband is a layman but truly has been chosen by God to be an evangelist. We love Jesus-He is real to us and we feel very humble to be a part of His Church. Thank you again for the burden you have on your heart for America. God has placed it there and He will bear it for you! Eagerly waiting for our Precious Lord's return!

In Christ's Love,

Malone and Jim Tumlin
(Atlanta, Georgia)

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Dear Rev. Moon,

There was an American Methodist preacher by the name of Moon from Media, Pennsylvania, when I joined the church in about 1912. I am writing to you to compliment you for your earnest and sincere actions and your desire to bring understanding and progress to our country. Billy Graham was on TV in this vicinity but he was on too late for me and the channel was not working on my set. He was supposed to talk about problems of our country but I didn't hear him. My husband who passed away over 3 years ago said there would be a man from another country who would bring peace and unity to the world. I hope it will be you. This is the first call for people to unite and work for the progress of our country. I'll try to pray for your goals but although I am retired I try to keep busy and not let my thoughts get the better of me, so I'm trying to write when not otherwise engaged. I'm a former adult education teacher preparing aliens for naturalization, so I am interested in your life and devoted efforts to this great cause. When you have the qualifications, 5 year residence in this country, I'll be glad to send you needed material to study, but you show a greater understanding of our country than some native-born Americans.

Merle N. Jossim
(Tampa, Florida)

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Dear Rev. Moon,

I just read this morning in the *Tampa Tribune* for Thursday, November 30, 1973, the "Statement by the Reverend Sun Myung Moon on America in Crisis: Answer to Watergate, Forgive, Love, Unite." You have expressed my sentiments exactly. I quote the following: You said, "All thinking American people feel grave concern for the future of their country. Some even believe America has been struck a fatal blow. However, at this critical moment in American history, it is disappointing and strange that no one is asking, "What is the will of God?" If America was conceived as "One Nation under God," then the answer must come from Him. Have we stopped asking?" At this time let me quote a letter which I wrote from my address in Dundee to the *Winter Haven Daily News Chief*. 650 6th St., S. W., Winter Haven, Fla. 33880." I mailed it with an article I wrote on Nov. 7, 1973, and requested a receipt. The receipt was mailed back to me the next day, Nov. 8, 1973, so I know they received it, but I have not heard from them since. I said to them,

"Dear Sirs:

"The Bank advised me to contact you about the publication of an article I wrote for all the people of the United States of America." It is for every citizen that professes to love the United States of America from the President down, and the least up, all who want a true and lasting Peace for our Nation and the world, starting with our generation. "The Saviour said, 'If a Kingdom (or any nation) be divided against itself, that Kingdom (or nation) cannot stand.' (Mark 3:24-25.) "Our Nation is divided against itself today, because the Household of Faith is divided against itself in the United States of America, where all people are free to think for themselves and to choose whom they will serve- their Creator, or Satan who has deceived the whole world. The Saviour said, 'God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in Truth.' (John

4:24.) 'He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is Love.' (I John 4:8.) "This Watergate scandal has proved that we are divided against ourselves and do not know our Creator, and except we repent, as a Nation we will perish. This is why I have written the article "Our Time". Our President is no worse than all of the people, neither is he any better except he repent. We all must forgive as we would be forgiven. So let us all repent and forgive each other freely."

I have written to churches, evangelists, preachers and pastors, but they love their idols of wind and confusion more than they do the Truth and their Creator.

Sincerely your Brother in Hope,

Isaac N. Cramer
(Dundee, Florida)