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INTRODUCTION

In recent years, the work of Sun Myung Moon has stirred a remarkable amount of interest. His emergence as a prominent international figure has caused an increasing number of people to seek to understand the message he proclaims and the vision he offers. In response to this need, this book has been created.

The overriding themes of Rev. Moon's work are unity, love, and the human character and actions required to achieve these ideals. As you will see, he stresses the need to achieve unity on all levels—individual, familial, societal, national, and international. Only through unity can God be effective in the world. Rev. Moon states, for example, "However lofty or high God may be, without His connecting man and the whole universe in oneness, He cannot exercise His power".

"Connecting man and the whole universe in oneness" might seem an impossible task. Yet, in later paragraphs, it will be seen that today such a goal is not unrealistic. In any event, it is in the context of this broad vision—one that links the individual with the family, nation and world—that Rev. Moon's teachings and activities can best be understood.

I

Without doubt those who have found truth in Rev. Moon's teachings, from mature Christian leaders to young idealists, have also discovered a very real sense of God. This inner experience is the heart of the Church. In each case it is gained through the individual's response to the ideals and vision presented through Rev. Moon. The strength and integrity of this vision are deeply inspiring.

Rev. Moon speaks of unity. Beneath our skepticism, do we not all yearn for unity? He works for a noble Ideal. Despite

disillusionment, do we not all, in our inmost selves, seek ideals? The things of which he speaks are ultimate things—and that which is ultimate in us responds. He speaks of universal concerns—and that which is universal in us responds. He speaks to that which is of God in us.

II

Rev. Moon speaks of God's desire to bring unity on all levels, and ultimately among nations.

At all costs, even at the expense of ourselves, we must establish the

Kingdom of God on earth. The whole earth will be one country. With all nations brought together, there will be one people in God.

As mentioned before, talk of world unity raises much skepticism. However, there is reason to believe it can be realized.

In this century interaction among virtually all nations has been vastly intensified through jet travel and instantaneous worldwide communications. The world has, in fact, been compressed into a "global village". In this newly bonded community, the various members affect each other as never before. There was a time when activities of the Arab nations had no effect on American driving habits. And there was a time when one nation could explode a bomb for its own purposes without affecting other countries. Those times have passed. Interdependence among nations is now a reality.

As various separate elements become more related, they tend to become more organized. It is the only way they can survive. Starting in this century, humankind has been struggling for greater organization. The League of Nations and United Nations are indications of this struggle. Nations and races have organized themselves into blocs and are beginning to interact as such. According to this historical

pattern the next step is the building of a world bloc. This step is as necessary as it is difficult. Man must unite to guarantee his own survival. The possibilities of nuclear warfare, resource depletion, and world food shortages make it imperative.

In such an era, then, Rev. Moon has emerged. He comes promoting values and ideals urgently needed in our Age. His message is truly a message for our time. He comes, indeed, as a prophet—a prophet who has been saying since 1954 "God's will is unity for all people and now is the time".

III

The following material is excerpted from Rev. Moon's talks in the United States from 1965-1974. It does not represent the totality of his thought—it is simply an introduction. The book is organized by section and topic, with quotes within any one topic arranged according to a logical progression. Therefore, the reader will benefit most by reading the topics from front to back.

With the conviction that this message has critical relevance for our world today, and with the hope that each person might find deep personal significance in it, this book is offered.

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God and Man

We are the products of some Cause. Therefore, a Cause must exist which is the essential reality. Whatever name you choose for that Cause doesn't matter. The most important thing is that it exists.

What is creation? It is the Creator, God, projecting Himself into a substantial form. He made Himself incarnate symbolically in the universe, and directly in man. The ultimate purpose of creation is to have a visible, finite manifestation of God. This is man.

You are not happy because a flower exists, but because you see the flower. You are not happy because there is music, but because you hear it. You are not happy just because there is someone beside you, but because you can see him, talk to him and be with him. So, happiness requires a relationship. This is true of man and also true of God.

Love cannot exist by itself, but only through the give and take between subject and object. God could not create love by Himself.

We say that God created man as His object, but not just an object to look at. We were created to be objects of His love. Nothing less, nothing more, nothing other than love.

You can be so confident as to say that without you God cannot be happy.

In what relationship to God would you put yourself? The relationship which is primary is parent-child. But, sometimes you want to make God your friend; sometimes you must feel like having Him as your brother. In an absolute love, He can be just anything to you.

God will permit man to love him horizontally as well as vertically, having a relationship not only of father and son, but also of oneness. The vertical relationship of father and son is up and down, whereas in

the horizontal relationship, they are not only side by side, but also completely one.

Because there are many different dispositions and many different ways of feeling, your heart is the only place where you alone can meet God. Also, God wants a place where He can meet you as an individual who has an entirely different way of thinking, and a different way of feeling. You come to that place in your heart.

There are as many different ways to be one with God as there are individual faces of mankind.

Who is your closest friend? Your closest friend is your own mind. It is your closest friend, but it is not yours. It is seeking the infinite Source of energy which is God.

Are you satisfied to have God as the closest friend of your mind? Most of you will say "Yes," but I am not satisfied. Your mind is capable of being more than a friend of God.

Through give and take action of love with God, your mind can dwell in the Source of perfection, thus achieving oneness with God.

We were designed to be God's temples. When we attain this status, His spirit dwells in us completely. We shall then be perfect because the force that is guiding and directing us is the perfect force.

The dwelling of God within Jesus was total. But God does not want only Jesus as His son. All mankind is created to be able to say, "I am in the Father and the Father is in me."

In the path of true love, on the way of heart, either happiness or grief will be found. When love is created there is happiness. But when the loving heart is lost or wounded, there is grief. The loss of love made God grieve.

God cannot dissolve His grief by Himself. He was not the cause of human sin; the

dissolution of His grief must be done by man, who committed the sin. Can God undo the sin Himself? No. We must do that.

If you can relieve God's agony, there is no more that can be expected of you. This involves restoring yourself, your family, your nation, and the whole world back to God.

If you should shed tears, sweat, and blood for the sake of the whole world, you will find God has been shedding tears, sweat, and blood for you.

You, as the perfect man, will be intoxicated in the love of God. Every cell in your body will explode with joy. Your eyes and ears, the tissues in your face, your arms and legs—everything will be in a rapture of joy.

In perfection you don't need prayer. You live heart to heart with God. You no longer need religion, nor do you need a savior. All these things of religion are part of the mending process, the process of restoration.

A man of perfect health does not need a physician.

Significance of the Individual

God, being invisible, cannot do everything as He would want. He needs you.

Through you He will give things to mankind. Through you He will make the world good. Without you, He can do nothing.

God, having created everything, is the central point of the whole universe; man is the core or center of all the creation.

Since no one person is all-powerful or all-capable, God calls upon us all to act as one supreme person, in true unity. One man acts as the hand of this humanity, someone as a leg, another as an eye, and so on. Since you are all one, then everyone's effort is your effort. On the day of victory we will all rise to the same throne and celebrate the same thing.

The whole of humanity is to be as one perfect person. You are one cell in the whole body of humanity. In another sense, the whole cosmos can be compared to a human body with God as the head. If the cells are corrupted and decayed, the whole being will lose life. You are playing the role of one cell to the whole body, and each cell is so important as to be a part of the life of the whole.

We have two purposes in our life. One is the purpose of our own lives. The other is the purpose of our lives in relation to others—to our family, our nation or the whole world.

There must be balance. If too much stress is placed on individualism, then collective virtues are lost: love of the nation, brotherhood of the people, family integrity, relationships between parents and children and finally even the value of individuals themselves.

It is always a problem to connect the smaller parts to make the whole. If an individual cannot recognize that he is responsible to the public, he can never find a happy place where he can live in harmony with others.

Whatever we say about the world, or nation, it is the aggregate form of individuals; in the end everything about them depends on the condition of the individual. Only if individuals are on the side of good can the society become good.

The most important thing is not all the complicated problems of the world but finding the self that is not divided and does not struggle. God also must find an individual who can be eternally united with Him and who cannot be destroyed by anyone or anything in this world. Therefore, through the course of history, God designed His providence to uncover one such man from among all people.

Since we are living apart from ultimate good, it is difficult to adjust ourselves to the ultimate goal. Any individual must first have a solid foundation of goodness in order to go straight to the goal of goodness. In order for any person to progress to broader levels, the ground of goodness must be set up on the individual level. This is not an easy task.

Why are we here? We must revolutionize ourselves before being able to revolutionize our nation and the world.

Take pride. You are not living your life alone, but for God. Your life is one of universal significance.

In everything you do, feel that your acts are on a universal scale rather than confined to just yourself. When you eat a meal, feel that you are doing this for the entire 3 billion persons on earth rather than just for yourself.

Don't be a spectator to history, but be the host.

You must be awakened to the fact that you can be the True Ancestor to your future generations. You can be the central point of God's love emitted from you, and the starting point of the purging of the world.

That you trust God is less important than His trusting you. The words "God loves me" are more important than "I love God"

After you have finished here, when you go to the next world, if you tell God that you would not go to Heaven but would stay in Hell to work, well, God would bring Heaven down to you for you to live in, wouldn't He?

Good and Evil

As all things develop from an original point, and this world is not the one all mankind desires, we may conclude that our world started from the wrong point. In order to achieve the goal of God we must correct this. The goal cannot be reached by correcting this resultant world, but by correcting the original point.

This evil world results from an evil cause. The original cause was the human fall.

If man had not fallen we would have been the true descendants of True Parents—unfallen parents. Is there anyone who can say that he is the descendant of unfallen parents? Fallen people came to be false parents.

Where did the human fall start? Man fell because he wanted to be served rather than to serve. In the fall, each wanted to utilize

the other centered on his own interests; this was the beginning of evil.

What is evil, what is sin, and what is the enemy of mankind? Separation, rather than unity. Separated, you will become satanic; united, you will become divine.

Human sin doubled and became many falls. Instead of multiplying God's nature, human beings after the fall began to do the opposite. We are the other way around from what God intended us to be.

Goodness is acting for the benefit of other people. The motive of any good individual, good family, or good society is to do things for the sake of others.

God's definition of goodness is total giving, total service, and absolute unselfishness. You live for others and others live for you. God lives for man and man lives for God. Husband lives for wife and wife lives for husband. Here, unity, harmony and prosperity abound.

In human society the more you do things for the sake of others, the more good you become. If you keep doing things for other people, you will come closer and closer to the central point—God.

Then, what is evil? It is the emergence of selfishness. God's principle of unselfish giving was twisted into selfish taking. The ungodly position of desiring to be served rather than to serve was thereby established.

If you do something for your own sake, you are not doing good. However beautiful a song you may sing for others, if your motivation is greed or jealousy or pride, you are wrong.

If we think only of our own salvation we are not in accordance with God. If we focus on benefiting our own families alone, or our own nation alone, we absolutely are going against God's will.

Where does the basis for good and evil lie?
It does not exist in the outside world, but
within yourself.

In order for you to be good, you must be the
origin of good things.

Young people are apt to say, "We are
inclined to be evil because the society is
evil". They want to shift the responsibility to
the outer world. But the family, nation, and
world are the accumulated form of
individuals. Our conclusion is that only if
individuals are good, can the society be
good.

Chastity and purity are the greatest things.
They are like a blossom before it is opened.
The sweetness is kept within. So, before you
are blessed in marriage, you must be like a
blossom shut tight, bearing the fragrance
deep within you. This is God's principle.

In being recreated, we come to be in the
position of Adam and Eve before the Fall.
With them, God's intention was not

accomplished; so we must accomplish it through ourselves.

Adam without sin and Eve without sin. Every male is in the position of true father and every female in the position of true mother.

However far you go, if you go the wrong way you have to come back. Where does Satan lie in ambush? He is always close to the main road, the true way.

Good did not destroy evil. Evil attacked good. Good has been suffering and submerged. Therefore, the prophecy of God is again and again, "Until the last day, good men will suffer; but those who endure to the last will be victors."

Challenge and Faith

After long experience, I realize one thing:
The way to heaven goes underneath hell.

Each of us may experience a painful course, but you can overcome the pain by digesting it with the power of love. Happiness and love are promised at the end of hardships.

The blessing of God is always a blessing of promise. He gives the promise first and then the responsibility. The blessing becomes reality upon fulfillment of the responsibility.

The more challenging the situation is, the more progress you will make. You may say that in order to go to San Francisco, you must ride in a bus, an airplane, or a train. But you must have no such fixed notion. If you really want to go to San Francisco, you must be able to walk there.

You have seen many successful people in history. In their backgrounds, they have many adventures. The more they have had to overcome in their lives, the greater they are. If someone has had even one more such experience than another, he is a little bigger person than the man with less experience.

When you encounter hardships, I want you to remember that God, our Father, has had more difficulties, more bitterness, and more hardship than you are having. Gather yourself together remembering that He is ready to give you strength if only you are ready to receive it.

To survive adversity, remember that the whole universe will come to your aid. If someone pulls out one hair of your head, does that part alone feel the sting, or your whole body? Every human being is a part of the universe, and if one part fails, the whole universe will ache over that failure.

The life of faith looks intangible and unreal, but it is in fact the eternal and substantial

life. While the reality of this world is vivid and can be sensed, it cannot be trusted; it is ephemeral and inconstant. The life of faith in God has the quality of constancy.

There will be a collision at some point between your changeability and unchangeability. Unchanging elements will overcome changing elements and changing elements will vanish. If you pass through this stage then you will connect with God.

The moment of truth will be in an opportunity to be unchanging and changing at the same time. This is a time of confrontation and challenge. That is when the truth emerges.

We are standing in between two lines representing God's side and the world's side. These lines will narrow down. You will create a new realm of happiness and blessing when you overcome the point of being narrowed down, and when you can open a new door to your relationship with God.

You must remember that before a high mountain there is a deep valley. You have to train that way.

It is natural that victory and success will belong to those who do things with the willingness to risk their lives.

If you are prepared to die, you will not die. Victory will be yours.

On Happiness

As isolated individuals we can never find happiness; rather, we need another element with which to bring it about—another person, material things, or an intellectual goal. Unless we find other things or people that stimulate us, we cannot make progress in life. The problem always is, "How can I establish a relationship between myself and my object that will bring happiness?"

Be a somebody! Set your own individual goal of perfection and your own standard of achievement. Decide what you best can do, and what you need to achieve your goal—physical, educational, and financial needs. Then fulfill them.

Think. Your life is only one spark of a dream, and the dream will end someday for you. But that moment will be the moment of your victory, and it will last forever. A monotonous, colorless, unexciting dream is nothing to talk about, but either good or

bad dreams are. So live! Live an exciting dream!

What is happiness in the true sense? In a word, happiness can be found in the position where you can give in your own unique way. You are happy when you can give to other people. You are happy when you can share your position, your wealth, your knowledge, or whatever you have that is virtuous with other people. If you can share love with each other, that makes you feel happiest of all.

Happiness comes over a period of time as we strive to reach a high goal or ideal.

I warn you not to be overjoyed when happiness comes to you; and don't try to escape when misery and heartbreak come. All of it is for you.

You are responsible for everything that comes to you; and if you can meet with it and win over it or conquer it, you are going to be the victor.

The four seasons come right after each other. If you insisted on always living in summer, never preparing for the winter, you would have a problem when winter arrived. This is exactly how it happens in our lives. In the world of change, the problem is to digest what we encounter and make it something good.

Everything goes in cycles. After spring, summer comes; after summer; autumn comes; then winter and again spring. If you go up, you must be prepared to come down. Man cannot go up and up forever. Everything comes around. So, after one has gone to the top, one must know how to come down again.

Looking at the Hudson River you know that deep water runs silently. But upstream there have already been many events: the water has swirled in deep eddies, it has pounded down on the rocks, as in waterfalls and it has rushed past big rocks and over small pebbles to be gathered into

the ocean. In your life, too, there are such variations. You may very possibly be like the waterfall or the water running past the rapids. In any event, you must not become discouraged by the roughness of your course. Only by having gone over the rocks and waterfalls can you lead yourself to the heart of the ocean.

On an uneven road, ups and downs are to be expected; where there are peaks, there are valleys at another time. When you find yourself in a dungeon, you must expect that in the next moment, God will bless you with the most grace.

People are seeking happiness for everybody except God. However, unless it is God-centered, there is no happiness. They speak of peace. Unless it is God-centered, there is no peace.

The universal principle requires that we give to others. Through this secret you can own the entire universe. Consider the analogy of an atmospheric condition. When

a low pressure area develops, then the surrounding high pressure air rushes in from all directions and fills the void. So, by giving everything away, you empty yourself and all of the universe can come in.

in the love of God we will enjoy everlasting happiness. So it is only natural for us to conclude that we can attain the goal of human happiness in a dimension, and that it will last forever.

Sacrifice

Western culture is characterized by individualism. However, selfish individualism is doomed and sacrificial individualism will blossom. Individuality in itself is good. God gave each one of us a unique way to serve. But individualism without God can only build castles on the sands of decay.

Today, a self-centered philosophy and a self-centered way of life will fling you head over heels down the tragic road of self-destruction. But if you will live your life in service to others, you will find prosperity.

It may seem that such a route would lead you to ruin, but it will not. The only reason it may not always bring prosperity to you is because you do not give to the very end. In that case, the good result never materializes.

I can see a great change coming to America—not by fire, not by bullets, but by God's truth kindling a revolution of men's hearts. The answer lies there, in the quiet revolution from selfishness to unselfishness.

When God created the universe and man, He set the principle of life as an unselfish relationship between a subject and object.

Without sacrifice, God's will cannot be realized.

It is one of the fundamental principles of God that when He chooses an individual, he pushes him up to the trials and difficulties of battle. When he chooses a family, he lets them suffer for the nation. When He chooses a nation, He lets the nation suffer for the world.

When you have trouble, don't ask Him to help you. Instead, say "Father, help the whole world." This kind of heart is similar to that where there are many brothers, and one brother says to his parents, "Instead of

helping me, please take care of my brothers and sisters." That attitude is so precious to the parents.

We must all work for the ideal way of life. I exist for my family, my family exists for our society, our society exists for our nation, our nation exists for the world, the world exists for God, and God exists for you and me.

In this great circle of give and take there is harmony, there is unity, and there is an eternal process of increasing prosperity. Furthermore, since in this circuit all existence will fulfill its purpose of creation, there is abundant and profound joy. This is the kingdom of heaven.

Total giving is the way of prosperity because it is the way of God.

Leadership

Great leadership consists of knowing the circumstances and controlling them for a certain purpose.

A religious leader is a mediator between God and man with the mission to connect them. Neither party wants to lose anything. So, you must be strictly in between, belonging to both sides and neither side.

As a leader, you must be a friend both at the worst time and at the most joyous time. At the most sorrowful time and at the happiest time: be a friend.

Any individual who sacrifices for his family will become the lord of his family. Anyone who is willing to sacrifice for his society will become its leader. Those who are willing to sacrifice in order to save their nation will be the leading group of that nation. Any nation which sacrifices and serves in order to restore the world will lead the world.

A leader does not exist for himself. You may dwell on your authority as the leader. However, your authority is not set up by you, but by those under you.

The people around you or under you will determine your power based on the deeds you have done.

Those under your leadership will live or die based on one word from you. However unhealthy a branch may be, it wants to shoot out towards heaven. So, therefore, you must nourish those under you well.

The central figure will determine the balance of all others. To keep that balance, you must be straight and balanced yourself. You must be like a upright tree. If the trunk is straight, the branches extending to every direction will be well balanced. The branch tips must be headed for heaven.

To become greater, we must give to those smaller than we

Whether you are indebted to others or have them indebted to you will decide your success or failure.

It is the quality of leadership that matters, not numbers.

A leader cannot be made overnight. He has to endure many trials.

Your utterances, your heart, your acts— those three must be one within you. There must not be a difference between what you say and what you do.

Everyone has weak points and strong points. You have to get your friends, co-workers, brothers, and sisters to supplement your weak areas so you can be perfecting those areas. They will fill the gap of your weak points. The only way to do this is by loving them, respecting them, and working with them. Then you will recognize how important they are to you.

Spiritual Growth

We are all looking for the ideal man or ideal woman. However, having looked at the people of the whole world, you will come to the conclusion that there is no person who can truly be the model for you. Ultimately speaking, however hard you try to find such a person, you will not find one. You must finally decide that you had better find the perfect model for you in yourself. Then you have started in search of your original self.

When you look into yourself, you will find something of vast value which is something like the Source, the Origin, God.

What is the original self? Our original self must be unchanging. It must be true, it must be unique, it must be eternal. If you find that this is a measure for everything else, so that you can measure other things by this as a standard, you will take great delight in this self. If there is anything like this, then

you can safely say that this is the original self.

Will it be further to reach out to the whole world, or to reach back to your original self? If it is further to find your own self, then you have to leave all other things in search of it.

You have to discard all the rest to find this original being of higher value, broader dimension and greater closeness to the Source. I am confident in saying that there is such a self of yours. You can discover it and restore it.

If you set out on a journey to find the self which resembles God, then you will touch God and you won't let Him go and God will cling to you and won't let you go.

In that case, you are the real son of God, and even though you may say to Him "I am better than you Father," He will be delighted.

If and when we restore our original self, we can cry out to the whole world: "Here am I, capital I!" After this, our five senses will dance in the sensation. Our eyes will see what we have not seen. Our ears will hear what we have not been able to hear. We can say that "God is in me, God is abiding in me, I am the ultimate subject of the whole world." If there is the possibility of restoring yourself like that, would you not throw away everything else and try to find your own self?

Do you realize the greatness of the title "Son of God"? It is greater than such titles as "Senator," "President," and "Secretary-General of the UN."

Sometimes, when you see the sunrise, the glory of the sunrise, you can cry out to the sun, saying, I will make you glorious, because I am the son of God! I will make you really glorious, shining over all men, as I do spiritually!"

When we analyze ourselves we find that there are three elements: intellect, emotion, and volition. These are actively searching for truth, beauty, and goodness. Our inner selves are marching toward a goal which has been set up by Someone behind us.

To become perfect as God is, to become one with Him, we have to become one with Him in truth, in personality, and finally in love.

If you know the truth it will free you.
Perfect truth will bring perfect love.

Some people try to grow spiritually, develop their own spiritual life and reach God through meditation, self-discipline, etc. This is not the way. The one who goes to God fastest and achieves the closest position is the one who loves others.

The highest spiritual gift is intuitiveness.

Unless you find unity within yourself, it will be of no use to try to encounter Divinity.

If you are a real son of God, whatever the humble place you may lay yourself down, it is a palace. Our clothing is no problem, and the place we sleep is no problem, because we are already rich. We are the princes of God.

The great saints and holy men of the world have always separated themselves from the world they belonged to, and have proclaimed something new. Then, at the sacrifice of themselves, they tried to influence all mankind. Always they longed for God.

Anything alive has to grow. Cessation is the beginning of retreat.

**the
family**

On Love

Up to the present time, people have thought religious life belonged to some airy plane far above human life, and imagined that God would just sweep them away to heaven with His power. But the way to heaven is to broaden the scope of our love by loving the people in our homes, by loving our neighbors, by loving our friends, relatives, clans, nations, and the whole population of the world.

Love is the power to unite.

Love is the highest law and the sacred bond bringing two or more beings into harmonious oneness.

Being loved by God, and knowing God's love, is the starting point of finding yourself.

To experience being loved you must have unity within yourself.

For any existing system there is only one central point. All other elements surround this point uniting with it. Then what is the universal central point? God, we can safely say, is the central point. Godly love is the center of everything.

What should you do if you really want God's love? As an individual, you must be internally united. That is the basic thing. With that done, uniting with other people will make God's love within you deeper and broader.

If you can love one person, God's love will be there in proportion to the depth of that love. If you can love many people like this, God's love will come in proportion to the greatness and depth of that love.

To love a person as you would love God is the point. If in your lifetime you have loved ten people to that standard, then you have loved the whole world.

There is one principle to giving yourself well: You must bear the love of the Father, the heart of the Father, and take on the role of a servant. Your heart must be the Father's heart, but your body must be a servant's body.

Unity is the beginning point of love, the point where love can come to abide. For example, when your mind and body are united into one, then you can love your whole self.

If two beings are attracted and unite, God's love abides in their unity. He will just melt those two loves into one.

This theory applies beyond the family level. If there is unity among nations and the people of the world, then God's love will surely abide in them.

When your two eyes are focused on one thing, then one unifying vision emerges. If your eyes focus on two different things, you can't see anything at all. Likewise, when

any subject and object are united, then God's love emerges.

In finding God, you must have three kinds of love: love from your parents, love of your mate, and love for your children. These three loves must be combined in one in you.

Age-wise, you must unite the three loves within your own heart—love for the old, love for the middle-aged, and love for the young. You must be able to experience those three types of love.

Anything in the world can be understood only by your own experience of it. Unless you give birth to your own children, you don't realize fully the love of God in you.

What is treasure? When we call a thing "treasure," it's something never changing. We think highly of gold and diamonds because they never change. Out of the whole humanity, is there one who can never change? In this changing world, we can say

that parental love alone never changes. So parental love is the treasure.

The sun is heat in itself. Because it is heat itself, it has light. Likewise, when you have love, that love produces wisdom.

Many writers in history have described the beauty of the eternal kind of love. No writer has ever felt moved to glorify the kind of love that changes night and day.

We may be deprived of material wealth, family, friends, and all these things, but still we can live on. But when we are robbed of love, we cannot live.

You may not have material things to give them, but you have heart. By giving your heart, you are not going to lose anything. By giving your love to others, it will be multiplied.

I want to teach you this; love God and love people at the price of your life. Then you

can gain your own life and gain all people also.

We were created masculine and feminine. Unless man and woman are united there is no way for God to express His love ultimately.

Unity is the measure of your love, and the source of your joy.

Between man and woman is the action of give and take; if that is done harmoniously, there is no "you" and "I" but only the whole universe in beautiful harmony.

By their uniting, they will feel the whole world is united into one around them.

If Adam is one with God, and Eve is one with God, neither one can say, "I am higher than you." There is no higher or lower, but only complete oneness.

Husband and wife becoming one in love means that the husband's love, life, and

ideal become the wife's, and the wife's love,
life, and ideal become the husband's.

Marriage and the Family

The family is the fundamental unit of society. If you cannot find the ideal in your homes, you can never create a society or nation which is ideal.

Marriage is like heaven and earth uniting, centered on you. On the horizontal level, you are responsible for the whole nation in marriage. In loving your wife, it means you love your nation and the whole earth—because she is the closest one to you out to the nation and the earth.

Circular motion is the motion of unity. When you interact, the give and take action creates a circular motion. Circular motion alone can be eternal, because there you will find no end. Therefore, all of God's creation is based on a pattern of circular movement, since He created for eternity.

When you want to serve your spouse and do things for his sake, you will gain

something in return. However, if you are both greedy, then neither will receive the affection of the other. Everything will break apart. So, we reach the conclusion that good will prosper and increase while evil will diminish and die.

The husband must be able to love his wife as her father, brother, son, and husband. Likewise, the wife must be able to take the position of mother, sister, daughter, and wife. If you have mastered all those loves, then you are qualified for the Kingdom of Heaven.

Love is like water. It has to flow downward from a high level. If the husband finds his wife has a flaw he should be like water, filling in the place of her imperfection.

See what will happen when you complement her with part of you. She will love and respect you 100%. Then you will find your wife or husband to be the most beautiful, most perfect one in the whole

world. From that point you will start as an ideal couple.

Heaven is not what we are given but what we must make.

Your parents, your spouse and yourself, and your children, make three levels in one family. Your parents are the origin, you and your spouse represent the present world, and your children represent the future. Only love can unite those three generations—past, present, and future.

By only loving each other, a couple is not entitled to enter the Kingdom of God. When they love their parents and their children as dearly as they would love God, they are entitled to the Kingdom.

On the vertical level, you must be able to love your parents and love your children. On the horizontal level, sideways, you have your brothers and sisters. Rear and front, you have your people and your nation—nation in the past and nation in the future.

You must be able to adjust yourself to all these, in order to solidify your foundation in the center. This will be the Kingdom of Heaven for you.

The central point represents Divine Love. In the family unit, for instance, if the husband and wife love each other dearly, their children, their parents, their friends, and their relatives are all happy.

You must realize that marriage is more for your descendants than for yourself. Think back. Love itself is the source of your lineage and your life. Love being more than your life, your lineage must be more to you than your life. Love your family more than your own life. Matrimony passes on the tradition of your love to your descendants.

In loving your spouse, you transcend your two lineages. Remember that your spouse is the fruit of past generations and the starting point of future ones. You must put such vast value in your husband or wife.

See what your mate's parents' love towards him is like and what his brothers' and sisters' love is like also. You must love him more than they. Love him as God would love him.

Mentally, you can shout to her parents, "Here is the man who will love your daughter more than you have. I am the source of love."

The love in your home should be more than you have experienced in your past life. By building this type of family you will be qualified for heaven, the Kingdom of God.

The love between the spouses will form the horizontal line, and love from God can draw the vertical line, leaving 90° on both sides. When those two meet at one point, drawn by each other, then where would God's love rest? It will become mingled into one point—the family.

The kingdom of heaven is prepared not for individuals, but for the family—for the father, the mother, and God's true children.

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America

If there be a God at all, He would look for a nation in which the people are concerned to save the whole world. If a certain nation is armed with that kind of ideology it will be the world's leading nation.

In America, you must not think that you have such wealth because you yourselves are great. The blessing of God came so that God could use this nation as His instrument in saving the world.

The ideal that can lead the whole world must come from the spirit of sacrifice for the greater cause.

America must go to the underdeveloped countries and the underdeveloped countries must follow America. In the center of that unity, God dwells. Then one peaceful, ideal world can exist.

America must go beyond America!

When I first came to America, I stood on Fifth Avenue during the rush hour in New York until suddenly tears began pouring down my face. I looked at the wonder of the Empire State Building and the magnificence of the city—the tallest buildings in the world. But I asked myself, "Does God dwell in those buildings?"

America has been known as the "melting pot". Do you know who provided the heat for melting? God was that heat. Without God, you could never have melted your people together.

For 6,000 years God has been working to build this nation. The future of the entire world hinges on America.

This nation is not the American nation, but God's nation.

A revolution of heart must come. Individualism in America must be tied into a God-centered ideology.

We can decide whether or not a nation will prosper or fall by looking at its young people. It is not because of a wonderful president that a nation prospers. If the young people of the country are promising, bright, and of high morals, then that nation will prosper.

On Social Issues

Unless the leadership of this nation lives up to the mission ordained by God, many troubles will plague you. This is God's warning.

Today there are many signs of America's decline. Why are problems with drugs, crime, the breakdown of families, race, and the economy occurring? These are signs that God is leaving America. I can read the sign which says "God is leaving America now!" If this trend continues, in a very short time God will be with you no longer.

In ten years time, the United States will face great peril. The Soviet Union, Communist China and North Korea are aiming at three areas: corrupting Christians, corrupting young people, and breaking down the family.

In the American family, there is already much disunity. In California the divorce rate is greater than the marriage rate.

If Christianity collapses, then the underlying ideology of this nation is gone.

Even though Christianity collapses, and the family unit breaks down, there is a way to save the nation if the young people are stable and healthy. But they are corrupting themselves through the use of LSD, heroin and other drugs.

In Germany, six million Jewish people were killed. Here, young people are being killed in larger quantities by drugs. If we let it go on, it will spread out and corrupt the whole nation.

I made my first trip to America in 1965; the difference in this country between that time and now is so vast that it might be compared to Heaven and Earth.

Think of your forefathers, who founded this nation. Without their struggle and labor, could you enjoy life in the United States? If you didn't have money to buy drugs, could you use them? Your forefathers worked hard to make an environment for you to enjoy. Are you repaying them properly?

In the Western world, we have the mistaken idea of our not being indebted. However, we are indebted. With this knowledge we cannot sit still.

What percent of the world's population are white people? Twenty per cent, maybe? You must know that God's blessing of the white people is not for the white people alone. If you were in God's position, would you desert the other eighty per cent for the sake of the white population?

If there is a God at all, He would have the whole world consist of families where all races are united into one. In the United States, all races and nationalities are present. We must melt them together.

Before you are black, white or yellow, you are brothers and sisters under one common parent.

If we are going to make a team, I would have one black, one yellow, and one white. If they are truly united into one, God will be glad and will abide in them. They will be able to erect the Kingdom of God right there.

America's cities are becoming more and more cities without God. They are cities of crime. I see so much immorality and so many signs of godlessness—things that are intolerable in the sight of God.

As you well know, you cannot walk on the streets after midnight. This is a horrible fact. Compared to that, Korea is like a Kingdom of Heaven.

All of your pride, your wealth, your cars and your great cities are like dust without God. We must bring God back home. In

your homes, your churches, your schools
and your national life, our work for God's
purpose must begin.

Someone must give himself up for the
purpose of God. We must finally create a
new society, a new spiritual nation where
God can dwell.

Communism

Communism is the true antichrist of this age. We cannot defeat Communism on the physical level alone. We must win with a superior ideology. We battle by proclaiming our inner ideology. We proclaim the power of Christ so that the power of the antichrist is automatically doomed.

Today the free world defends freedom under the banner of America. We defend freedom. Under its banner, Communism spreads world revolution. Communism has the power to win, because as long as we only defend, we have no chance to win. In the struggle of ideologies, the free world is losing.

In the Communist world, the ideal is to unite everyone. But within Communism itself there is a rupture between Soviet Russia and Red China. If it is impossible for them to be united within their bloc, it will

also be impossible for them to form one world under their ideology.

History is at the stage in which the two blocs which have tried to sacrifice each other are tired. The democratic nations are retreating. The Communist world wants to dominate the whole world, but it is itself divided. Therefore, the world cannot be unified by either of these systems. A third philosophy must arise.

The trend is towards the Communist economic system. We have to develop God's economy. The Communist system is for the state, and democracy is for the individual. We must reach a resolution. The nation which develops that resolution will be the ideal kingdom; it will have the ideal system of economy.

According to the logic of Communism, there will be constant struggles as long as there are classes of people. In our ideology, there are no class differences, but only family relationships. Here there is no

discrimination. There are no people above or below, but only the relationship between parents and children, providing order in the family.

The Communist target is to cause a rupture in this nation by fights between black and white. We must defend our ideal, uniting all races and all nationalities into one, proving that the world of love is possible.

In order to fight Communism, we must have the ideology which says that all human beings make one huge family under God as our parent. That ideology cannot be shattered because it is based in divine love as the binding force.

According to Communist ideology, "Mine is mine, and yours is mine." On our part, we must think, "Mine is yours, and yours is the nation's, and the nation's is the world's and the world's is God's—and God's is mine."

The spirit of unification must be greater than the power of Communism. In practice,

in hope and in ideals, we must excel the
Communist bloc.

The Unified World

There is a difference between the East and the West. The East is integrative and the West is analytical. Eastern culture is based on spiritual things, while the West is based on material things. Eastern people are mediators, while Western people are aggressive. This is the time to unify these two sides of human nature. From that union, we can reach higher dimensions.

East and West have set differences, but now is the time for unity in thought, utterance, and behavior. We are at the terminal point.

Western civilizations will never be culminated unless there is a fusion of two civilizations—Western civilization, which is based on science, and Oriental culture, which is based on spirituality. With the Pacific Ocean in the center, the two cultures must fuse with each other to create one

civilization which is perfected, elevated, and noble.

If we make one world by fighting other nations, would we have a peaceful or happy world? We cannot have such a world by conquering others. Because God knows this, He goes the opposite way.

The history of evil has been a struggle in which the stronger has always sacrificed the weaker. This struggle started with individuals and has moved to the family, tribal, and national levels. Now it has reached the international level.

Evil will start with great power, but this will gradually diminish and perish in the end. Good may have to start small, but ultimately it will be broadened and strengthened to win the whole world.

Our desire is the unity of our minds with God, our bodies with our minds, and our whole beings with other people. Only by achieving that unity can we restore

ourselves on the individual, family, national, and worldwide levels.

It is the nature of man to be self-centered and to work for himself. This will not change, but it must be redirected. Man has to learn that in order to benefit himself, he must give his whole self to others. This will bring the change in the world order.

If we really knew that when we do things for others we will ourselves prosper, there would be no one who would not follow the way of goodness. Good will last forever.

In the true sight of God, there is no such thing as America, Korea, Africa, or Europe. God knows one heart, one love, one family of children, and one world.

When you look at a German boy, you must not think that he has German eyes, a German nose, German ears. We must first of all look at others as being the loving children of God. Then we can melt

ourselves into oneness and develop our valuable human character.

Whenever you see men of your own age, you must think of them as your brothers. When you meet women older than you, you must think that they are your aunts or your mother. Toward elderly women, feel as though they were your grandmothers. The outgrowth of that kind of heart will be one family over all the world.

Beyond our control, the world moves toward God's goal. However, our actions will determine whether this goal is achieved within the next 10 years or the next 100 years.

For the providence of God to come to the worldwide level, God is looking for one nation to come forth and sacrifice herself for the blessing of all mankind. He needs such a nation to represent the world. When we find such a nation, we can have hope for one ideal world.

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God's Work in History

A man and wife love each other, and a father and mother love their children. If that love is unchanging, God will dwell with that family forever.

If this life had been realized in the beginning of history, there would have been no need of faith to believe in things that we cannot see or hear or touch. Through the fall, our human ancestors were deprived of the true family pattern.

We have not had the true God. And we have not been living with the true God. Have you ever stopped to imagine how hilariously He would have danced and smiled and rejoiced to see us and to live with us? It is our great remorse not to have been able to live with such a Father, from whom every joy, all dancing, and everything good starts.

People have celebrated birthdays, anniversaries, and national holidays; but never have men in full attendance of God celebrated a day for God. How sorrowful this is—that for so long there was no day to celebrate God, but only men celebrating themselves.

The purpose of all religions is to fulfill the will of God. In order to do this, we must ask, "What is the center of His will?" It is to find a True Man.

The work of God is restoration, always in the opposite direction from His original loss. This means that God first needs to find the true Adam who, instead of betraying God, will become one with Him. And then Adam must restore his bride in the position of Eve. Perfected Adam and perfected Eve, united together, will be able to overcome evil and expel it from the world. In this way, the first righteous ancestors of mankind will begin a new history.

Through history God has been working to find a seed Adam, if we can say it that way, and He is growing that seed Adam to the perfect Adam. This is the central point of His work in history.

The word "messiah" refers to the one who can restore three things: eternal truth, godly personal character, and true love.

There is no possibility of finding these three things from the external world—they are from God. Therefore, God had to set up religion to seek after the internal world; He has tried to set up truth, character and love through religion.

All men on earth need to be repaired. The Messiah comes as the repairman.

The Messiah is the person representing God's will on all levels. Thus, he will teach us how to love God on the individual, family, national and world levels. Because he will express God's will in loving families, nations, the world and the whole universe,

he will be an example to be followed by us. We must be grafted into Him and become one with Him.

The responsibility of the Messiah is to direct mankind toward heavenly love from the individual through the family, tribe, and national levels.

Since the fall of man, God's work has been the restoration of original goodness. God wants to destroy the world of evil and recreate the world of goodness.

We have lost our health. We have become sick. The salvation of God is, therefore, the restoration of man to a healthy state once again.

From God's viewpoint, history is the process of recreation.

Mankind has walked a tangled path away from God, and we must return through the same way. It must be straightened out.

Without love man could not have been created; so, too, we cannot recreate without love.

We have to recreate ourselves. Our first human ancestors fell, and now we, instead of God, face the responsibility of re-creating our own selves.

When one comes into God's love, God sends him back into the world to be sacrificed, to be put into difficulties, and to suffer. This is in order to save more people at the price of one who is willing to sacrifice himself.

We should understand that God did not create the world to end. He always intended the world of goodness to last forever. The God who does not create for eternity cannot be an almighty God.

The God of love did not create hell for His children. Is there anyone among you who, when building your home will build a trash can first? In God's original blueprint, there

was no room for a trash can, because God did not intend any trash of souls.

In the last days, God's will is fulfilled on a worldwide scale. God is seeking individuals, families, communities, and nations who can fulfill the world goal.

Because the time of fulfillment is at hand, all religions are close to Heaven. All religions participate in the common goal through "oneness," "peace," or "freedom." The important thing is to have the full, sound, true and powerful principle to bring God's will into reality. Many see the goal but do not know the way.

The fulfillment may be compared to the harvesting season of the year. All religions have come to the harvesting season today and God has sent a worker to harvest each field. The Ultimate One will come to create the New World in the New Age. In the meantime, God has prepared each field to be ready for the coming of the Ultimate One.

God and man both seek one heart, one hope and one love. As we study history, we realize that we have been seeking the very thing that God is seeking for us.

On Jesus

The ability to perform a miracle does not make a Messiah. Moses performed even greater miracles than Jesus did.

There is one great difference between Jesus and other men. Jesus was the direct heir of God, of God's blood line, and born of God.

The Son of God abandoned the crown and lowered himself to the depths of humanity. The Bible explains very little about Jesus' life, but he was the one who wept most.

He came with the heart of a parent and examined everything from the viewpoint of a parent.

Many of the facts about his suffering are unknown. The Bible leaves a scanty record of the thirty years before Jesus' public ministry. If this were a glorious record, we can be sure that God and Jesus' disciples would have revealed it.

Jesus lived in sorrow and grief; he was an obscure figure for thirty years. People were therefore shocked one day when they heard him say, "I am the fulfillment of the Law."

Jesus came as the master of love, the prince of love and the center of love. Thus, he should have received more love than anyone else in the world: from his parents, from his brothers and sisters, from his relatives and neighbors. But he received such love from no one.

The foundation for the Messiah was laid through Jacob, the champion of the family, and through Moses, the champion of his tribe. The Messiah was to be the champion of the nation and the champion of the entire world.

The chosen nation does not refer only to Israel, but to all those who separate themselves from evil, and come to God. With those people as citizens, the chosen nation was to be formed.

If the people had received Jesus, then he and they would have formed a separate nation of faith, and the providence of salvation could have been extended to the whole of mankind.

The purpose of God is not the salvation of one church or one nation alone. He wants to sacrifice the lesser for the greater, the church or the nation for the world.

Jesus had one purpose throughout the three years of his public ministry: Acceptance.

From the very first day, he preached without equivocation, so that the people could hear the truth and accept him as the Son of God.

If God had wanted His son to be crucified, He did not need 4,000 years to prepare the chosen people. He could have sent Jesus to a tribe of barbarians, where he could have been killed even faster.

How happy the social leaders would have been to have had their Messiah recite the Old Testament exactly, syllable by syllable and word by word. But Jesus did not come to repeat the Mosaic Law. He came to pronounce a new message of God.

The people were in a very difficult position. Four thousand years of tradition had been based on the Old Testament. It was very difficult for them to wake up one morning, turn away from the Law, and totally accept Jesus Christ as the Son of God.

It was God's desire to have Jesus accepted by his people. That is why He established His chosen people of Israel. That is why He sent prophet after prophet to awaken the people of Israel to ready themselves for the Lord.

John the Baptist unconsciously witnessed to Jesus when he was moved by the spirit, but he did not dream of Jesus really becoming the Lord or savior. While he had been

preparing the way for the Lord, he expected the Lord to be very different.

Jesus was less than John in many ways. John was highly educated. Jesus was a carpenter's assistant. John was highly esteemed, and was recognized as a great prophet. Jesus was ignorant of academic knowledge. Recognizing those differences in background, how could John follow Jesus? He did not dream of his cousin becoming the Lord, the savior of the world.

At the time of Jesus, to help him realize his mission, God sent three wise men, representing three followers on the worldwide level. They were led to that place by God and should have ministered to Jesus, raising him until the day of his marriage. Then who would have been Jesus' disciples? The wise men.

What about John the Baptist? He would have been the fourth disciple. Things would have been much better. Since nothing like

that took place, Jesus had to look for his own disciples.

There is so much to know, so many hidden truths within the Bible which are not written explicitly. If I revealed some of those secrets I am sure you would be amazed.

I learned them from Jesus. Yes, and I learned them from God. Remember, at the time of Noah nobody could believe Noah. At the time of Abraham, nobody could believe Abraham. By the same token, even though I honestly tell you what actually happened at the time of Jesus, no one will easily believe me.

God wanted to bless Adam and Eve in marriage when they were perfected. As a heavenly couple, they could bear children of God.

That is why Jesus came in the position of Adam. Jesus is referred to as the last Adam in I Cor. 15:45. God intended to find the true

bride and have Jesus marry. The True Parents of mankind would have come in the time of Jesus.

If he were a king, would he have wanted to be king alone? Wouldn't he have wanted to have a queen with him? He would have loved to have his wife with him.

Jesus came in the position of perfected Adam, as the true father. Can he be the true father without marrying a true mother? He came to find his bride, but the people rejected him. He couldn't find his bride and he couldn't realize his ideal.

Why was the time of Jesus to be the end of the world? It is because Jesus came to end the evil sovereignty and bring forth God's sovereignty upon the earth.

The people of Israel could have fulfilled themselves and their nation if they had united with the coming of the Lord. The kingdom of God would have been a physical reality at that time.

Jesus came to establish a perfect world in his lifetime, not over a period of centuries. The Second Coming was made necessary only by lack of fulfillment at the time of the first coming.

Jesus wanted to live and fulfill his mission. It is a tragic misunderstanding to believe that Jesus prayed for a little more earthly life out of the frailness of his human soul.

Young Nathan Hale, in the American struggle for independence, was able to say at the time of his execution, "I regret that I have but one life to give for my country!" Do you think Jesus Christ was a lesser soul than Nathan Hale? No! Nathan Hale was a great patriot. But Jesus is the Son of God.

Jesus did not leave any ideology like Marxism, but by his spirit alone he had such great impact on the world.

The Present Day

What is the end of the world? Just what is going to end? Evil is, that's what! Out of this new beginning will come a new opportunity for man. And the goodness God intended in His original ideal will be made real.

The kingdom of heaven is to be literal and tangible. Jesus told Peter "Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Accomplishment on earth must precede fulfillment in heaven; the kingdom of heaven will be first achieved on earth.

However lofty or high God may be, without His connecting man and the whole universe in oneness, He cannot exercise His power.

We have expected that when the Lord returns, he would come to save individual Christians. But when the Lord comes again, his purpose will be to establish a nation of

faith, through which to restore the entire world.

Always in the providence of God the thing that matters most is the nation, because the nation is the fundamental unit for the world. God is looking for that representative country; through that country He will inherit the world.

Sincere Christians today strive to gain their own salvation and that of their families. We must realize that if we win our nation for God's will, then our families and ourselves will be included in the scope of that salvation.

The present problem is whether we can act as saints in our daily lives—that is the most important thing.

An individual must establish churches; a church must call nations; a nation must call the world; and the world must unify heaven and earth.

We will erect the heavenly kingdom on earth with our own hands. If we have that kind of love, God will come and abide in us and live among us.

If every moment, in the process of loving, you feel that your love has not been enough, and if in repentance you want to have more love to be distributed to others, then the heavenly kingdom cannot but come through you.

We must be open to a new message. Jesus did not come to repeat the Mosaic Law. Just as Jesus revealed himself with the new truth, the Lord of the Second Advent will reveal himself with God's new truth for our time. That truth will not be simply a repetition of the New Testament.

Christians, and Christianity itself, have a final hill to conquer.

The ones who will be most blessed in the Kingdom of Heaven, which is the destination of us all, are the ones who go

through this Calvary of the 20th Century, shedding tears for mankind, sweat for the earth, and blood for heaven. Those who have tasted the heart of the Father here on earth are the ones who will preside as the princes and princesses in heaven.

At the time of the Second Advent, people will again be crying out, "Lord, Lord." At the same time they may be in the process of trying to crucify the Lord of the Second Advent himself if he appears in a manner different from their own expectations.

Then, may I ask, what would you do if the Lord returned to earth not in the clouds but as a man in the flesh? What would you do? I am telling you, the Lord of the Second Advent will in fact appear as a son of man with flesh and bones.

It is important to know how God fulfills His plan. It is not important whether a man or his views are considered heretical or not. It does not matter how I look at the world or

how you look at the world. What matters is how God looks at the world.

The ideal of God is to restore the first God-centered family on earth. With this one model as a center, all the rest of mankind can be adopted into this family. We will become like them, and the first heavenly family will be expanded, multiplying into the tribal, national, and worldwide Kingdom of God on earth.

However far-ranging our human thought, or however varied life around the world may be, we must be set truly on one common goal. We have got to find the ultimate goal toward which all people are headed. If we find that goal, we will be the happiest people.

The great goal that we are headed toward is the love through which God and man can unite into one and live together through eternity. Love is eternal. Those who love each other want to remain eternally in that love.

Biographical Note

On Easter morning in 1936, Sun Myung Moon was deep in prayer on a Korean mountainside when Jesus Christ appeared to him and told him that he had an important mission to accomplish in the fulfillment of God's providence. He was then sixteen years old. For the next nine years, Sun Myung Moon studied intensely and struggled to prepare himself for his responsibility. In those years of prayer, he discovered a series of principles through which it was possible to clearly understand the spiritual and physical nature of the universe, the process and meaning of history, as well as the inner meanings to the parables and symbols of the Bible and the purpose of all religions.

After the end of World War II Korea was liberated from Japanese occupation, and forty years of religious persecution ended. Rev. Moon then began his public ministry, making known to Christians the deep truths

which had been revealed to him. Only a few precious months later, however, Korea was partitioned into north and south, and Communist forces swept into the north, where Rev. Moon was at that time teaching. Suppression of religion, especially Christianity, by the Korean Communists far surpassed even what had been experienced under the Japanese. Christians were expected to conform to the new atheistic society in word and action.

Sun Myung Moon had already gained quite a large following as a Christian leader in Pyongyang, and he soon came to the attention of the Communist authorities. One night without warning, he was taken to the Dae Dong Police Department and was tortured and brutally beaten until he was left for dead in the prison yard. There he was found by his congregation. He soon revived and began to preach again.

Accordingly, Rev. Moon was soon after rearrested and sent to a labor camp further north, at Hung-nam. When he entered the

camp, he immediately knew he had been sent there to die. The prisoners were deliberately overworked and underfed, and they were forced to work long hours mining lime, sometimes with their bare hands, and loading heavy bags for shipment. Usually men did not survive life in that camp for more than six months, but Sun Myung Moon realized the importance of the message he had to give the world, and he was determined that he would endure all difficulties until the day when he was free again to continue his work. Although the prisoners' work quotas were purposely set higher than it was possible for them to attain, Rev. Moon made up his mind to surpass them. He lived in the labor camp for two years and ten months, and he was even given an award for his outstanding work record.

We know very little of his life at Hung-nam from his own words, but Rev. Moon's early followers tell us that the other prisoners seldom saw him sleep. When everyone went to sleep at night, he was already in

prayer, and when they wakened the next morning, they saw him praying again.

He has said that during that time, he could never pray to God in the ordinary way:

I never prayed from weakness. I never complained. I was never angry at my situation. I never even asked His help, but was always busy comforting Him and telling Him not to worry about me. The Father knows me so well. He already knew my suffering. How could I tell Him about my suffering and cause His heart to grieve still more? I could only tell Him that I would never be defeated by my suffering.

Although in prison Rev. Moon could never speak about the Divine Principle, other prisoners were attracted to him by his life as a man of God. Many men had dreams or visions which led them to seek him out. Even in that prison situation Sun Myung Moon found those who had been prepared by God for this time in history. It is from

those men that we have learned the story of his life in the labor camp.

In June 1950 when the Korean war broke out, American B-29's bombed the industrial area around Hung-nam prison. As the United Nations landing party advanced from the sea, the prison authorities began to execute all prisoners. The day before it was Sun Myung Moon's turn to be shot, a naval gun bombardment by the UN forces began at Hung-nam. Under such fire, the Communist authorities fled the area, and he along with the other prisoners was freed by the United Nations forces on October 14, 1950.

The stream of refugees had begun their flight to South Korea, but the roads were impassable because of military operations. Therefore, the thousands of people struggled their way south walking over the mountain trails. Rev. Moon's former followers in Pyongyang had been scattered. He walked the hundred miles back to the city and tried to locate each one. One of his

fellow prisoners had followed him from Hung-nam, but this man's leg was broken, and he could not walk the long miles to the south. Rev. Moon carried this man on his back on a bicycle the six hundred miles to Pusan. There again they began to give the message of new hope.

In 1954 Rev. Moon formally began the Unification Church (The Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity) in Korea. There are now headquarters in more than forty countries and centers in more than 120 cities in the United States.

The Unification Church is formed around the Divine Principle, a set of principles based on the patterns which Rev. Moon found in the Bible during his years of search. He discovered that God has been using a consistent strategy to save man—through the Old Testament and the New—that provides the foundation for Jesus' life and teachings. In the light of the principles of creation and restoration which God is

still using in the world today, Christians can find new insight into the puzzling problems of faith and Bible interpretation—but even more, they will find deeper meaning in the daily leading of their lives.

Visitors to the Unification Church's residential communities often remark on the wide variety of background, personality, and even age of the members who are nevertheless so obviously united in heart. Around the world, people of all ages can be found working together as one family of Christians—transcendent of barriers of culture and even long-standing national enmities—living with the purpose of bringing the reality of God and His love to the people of the world.