

THE MOONIES

OR — THE HOLY SPIRIT ASSOCIATION FOR THE UNIFICATION OF WORLD CHRISTIANITY

The Bible is positive! personal! powerful! and what it teaches results in a personal relationship with God thru Jesus Christ! a person is spiritually born again! is confident of his relationship! John 1:12-14. It is based on God's Word, the Bible! 1 Peter 3:15. It can be trusted! is sufficient!

But — there are many who take a stand against this positive truth! who present "**another gospel**"! Galatians 1:8-9. It is to be especially true in what we call "the last days"! a rejection of the authority! the inspiration! of the Bible! 1 Timothy 4:1.

One of those groups that has captured the minds of many around the world **began with many joking** about the name of the man who started it all! He called it the **Unification Church** and its founder was **Sun Myung Moon**. And now — **people aren't laughing!** They went to work putting up posters, button-holing people everywhere, urging America and the world to join them in love, forgiveness and brotherhood. People sat up and took notice . . . they blitzed with full page ads, mass rallies . . . and thousands . . . have joined their ranks! Thousands of full time workers do the work of "evangelists" for this Korean man.

With a slogan, "**This could be your rebirthdday**", they swept many people into their "fold". They backed Mr. Nixon, they helped sagging Americanism, they received the endorsement of many and varied leaders — public and religious!

You see them nearly everywhere! Selling their wares . . . giving the idea that the peanuts or flowers or whatever are being sold to finance projects with youth! They do it with a straight face, sincerely, for they believe in a doctrine called "**Divine Deception**" . . . that if you do it for the right reason, it is quite all right! 2 Corinthians 14-15.

How did it all begin?

The official biography of Mr. Moon states that he was born in North Korea on **January 6, 1920**. He was raised in a Presbyterian home . . . but was very interested in spiritualism and mysticism from early life. Then, it states, that on Easter Sunday, 1936, Christ appeared to him and told him that he was to finish Christ's work on earth. In the next seven years he studied in Japan, delved into the Bible and developed what he calls "**Divine Principle**". During this time, he claims to have spent time in the Spirit with Jesus Christ.

In 1945 he began preaching . . . and he ended up in a slave labor camp until freed by the United Nations forces in 1950. Moving to South Korea, he worked as a harbor laborer until he founded his church known as the **Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity**. This was in 1954.

In 1972 he claims God appeared to him and told him to come to America and prepare the people for the Second Coming of Christ. The American headquarters were established on a 22 acre site in Tarrytown, New York. His message was this: The Messiah is on his way and the salvation of the world depends on whether America repents and turns to God in this decade.

With such a great assignment — it is important to know what they do believe! They have used mind control to grip thousands of young people! Are they Christian? Do they have doctrinal beliefs compatible with Christianity? What is the power behind the brilliance of "the Moon"?

There are basically two sources of information. One is the book, **DIVINE PRINCIPLE**, and the other is, **DIVINE PRINCIPLE AND ITS APPLICATION**, by Young Oon Kim. In the latter book in its preface the writer states:

p. iii: "At this historical turning point, man needs new insight. The world will be in great turmoil until this transitional period is over; man needs God's new revelation for his guidance."

On this new revelation the followers of Moon build their lives and future:

p. v (ibid): "In the Christian churches there is no way to prepare adequately for one's eternal life. The churches are not capable of giving any content whatsoever to the idea of immortality."

This certainly was not the idea of Paul in Philippians 1:6 or 2 Timothy 1:12 or John in 1 John 5:11-13. Even the words of Jesus do not agree — John 17:1-5. What Moon claims to have received is on **page vii**:

"Until recently no one had received a full revelation which answered all the problems that mankind has been pondering thru the ages . . . a complete revelation has now been given. The ultimate view of life and the universe has been revealed."

This full revelation is known as DIVINE PRINCIPLE. It is what Moon and his followers propagate as the total answer to the ills and failures of mankind. The author goes on to say on p. ix:

"He organized a group in Korea in 1954 and began to make DIVINE PRINCIPLE public. In this group, many have spiritual gifts such as clairvoyance, clairaudience, or perception of spiritual fire, electricity or odor. Some hear exquisite music in a trance, and some do automatic writing of languages they have never learned. Among this group are several who communicate with the highest realms of the spirit world, and some converse with Jesus and God under any conditions."

And on p. x:

"A striking characteristic of this group is its interdenominational and interreligious membership. Some came to this group through the direct guidance of the spirit world. The blessed Mother Mary, Guatma Bhudda and Confuscious are among those in the spirit world who are directing certain of their followers to this group."

We can be sure that the followers of Mr. Moon are directed by the spirits — but not by the Spirit of God — the Holy Spirit — for He leads to the truth about Jesus Christ! John 16:5-16. It is obvious that this group is not based on the **Word of God**, is not in the **Will of God** and is not for the **Worship of God**! It is inspired by evil spirits who deceive the mind, dominate the heart and destroy the soul!

What they basically believe is presented in **DIVINE PRINCIPLE**. Let's look at it and seek to understand their "basics"!

1. **WHAT DO THEY BELIEVE ABOUT THE BIBLE?** It is a basic denial that the Bible is the Word of God! See p. 9, pp 130-132. Compare this with 2 Timothy 3:14-17; 2 Peter 1:19-21.
2. **WHAT DO THEY BELIEVE ABOUT THE DEITY OF JESUS CHRIST?** They do not believe He is God. P. 209, 210, 212. Compare this with John 1:1-14; 2 Corinthians 4:4; Colossians 1:15-21.
3. **WHAT DO THEY BELIEVE ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT?** The Holy Spirit is a female spirit, not God. P. 215, 182. Compare this with John's Gospel, Chapters 14-17.
4. **WHAT DO THEY BELIEVE ABOUT JESUS' DEATH FOR OUR SIN?** The Cross was not essential for Jesus' ministry on earth. In fact, they claim it was a defeat, a mistake. P. 141-143. Compare this with Romans 3:21-26; Hebrews 9:11-12; 1 Peter 1:17-22.

5. **WHAT DO THEY BELIEVE ABOUT THE FINALITY OF DEATH? ABOUT HELL? ABOUT SALVATION AFTER DEATH?** God plans to abolish Hell and many will be "elevated" after death. P. 181, 182, 184-190. Compare this with 2 Corinthians 6:1-2; Hebrews 9:27-28; Revelation 20.
6. **WHAT DO THEY BELIEVE ABOUT THE RETURN OF JESUS CHRIST?** P. 497-536. It begins with p. 497 and is a total contradiction of the Bible's teaching! The manner of this return is presented in p. 500-501, 511, 515.

They believe that this "Lord of the Second Advent" will not be born among Jews, but that —

1. He will be born in Korea, be without original sin.
2. He will find his "Eve", a perfect wife and they will give birth to perfect children.
3. Thru these perfect, sinless children, a sinless generation will inhabit the earth.
4. They will progress from family to tribe to nation to all of the world. It will be a physical rebirth! a physical relationship and it all begins with the "Lord of the Second Advent".
5. Those who have lived before . . . or who have not shared in the physical rebirth, will come back as spirits to live anew thru these people. Thus, all will be saved thru this "Lord of the Second Advent" and his physical family.

Though Moon does not claim to be this "Lord of the Second Advent", the implication is obvious!

WHAT A TRAGEDY . . . that Satan deceives thru a belief like this! It shows that tremendous power of the spiritual forces at work in our world! What a contrast to the fact that Jesus died for our sin! rose again! ascended to Heaven! is coming again! will bring a new Heaven! a new earth!

WHAT CAN YOU DO? Remember:

- Love them.
- Give them the Truth.
- Approach them in God's power.
- Commit yourself in concern.
- Have patience.
- Believe God will use you.
- Share the joy and freedom of knowing Jesus!

"And you will know the truth,
and the truth will set you free."

John 8:32