
**A Mother's
Point of View**

Peggy Moffitt just recently spent twelve days at the National Headquarters of the Unification Church of America on 4 West 43rd Street in Manhattan. She is the mother of Larry Moffitt, the Master of Ceremonies for Sunburst. A registered nurse and a resident of Midland, Texas, Mrs. Moffitt was born in Wewoka, Oklahoma on September 21, 1926. She grew up on a farm and was raised in a Methodist family.

She has been happily married for 29 years and is the mother of three boys. Her sons are John, 28, Michael, 25, and Larry, 26. The family was raised in the Episcopal Church.

Mrs. Moffitt has an interesting story about her career. Sixteen years ago, she prayed to God and asked what she should do with her life. She strongly felt that God was directing her toward a career in nursing. She pursued God's direction and began her education at Oklahoma University. She received her R.N. at the University of Wyoming at Laramie and has served people as a nurse ever since.

She has an interesting testimony about her experiences with the Unification Church.

First of all, let me say that I came here to visit my son, not because I was worried about him or concerned about his activity in the movement. I knew it was a Christian movement. I want to live a Christian life and I desire my son also to live as a Christian, I want Larry to be a good citizen of our great country. (Rather I want him to be a citizen of the great country that God intended it to be and the great country it could be. But right now, America is turning into a jungle. Anyone who doesn't realize this fact has their head buried in the sand.) I want my son to live a happy life and desire him to become a good parent. I also want him to be strong both physically and emotionally. Before Larry joined Reverend Moon's Crusade he was not fulfilling all of these things. I loved him so much and I desired in my heart for all of these things to be fulfilled in his life someday. My husband has all these qualities and I knew that because he admired his father so much, he would become like his father. My husband and I merely waited for Larry to mature both spiritually and physically, so that we could feel that we have fulfilled our obligations to Larry as his parents.

Larry is now twenty six years old. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Radio, Films, and Television Communications and a



Larry and Mrs. Peggy Moffitt at the reception following the New Hope Festival in Saddle Brook, New Jersey.

Master's Degree in Mental Health Communications. From the viewpoint of society, these achievements are good. From our viewpoint, we have done what we could for our children. But the question always came in my mind, "Have we really?"

My husband and I didn't exactly contribute to Larry's spiritual growth. We stressed a few basic facts in our family, but the whys and the wherefores were missing. We did not stress the importance of the Bible and its teaching.

I always told the boys that they should love God and talk to God. I also told them to show their love for God by thanking Him for their blessings and by helping their fellow man. I felt that they could truly say, "Thank You God, I appreciate You and what You have done for me."

Even though we emphasized these things, my husband and I failed to convey these truths to them in a way that they could apply these truths to their daily lives. As parents, we did not set the highest example, so our words to our sons were merely words. We as parents could not convey how much we loved God in our own home.

Larry is now on his own out in the world. He has his own free will to look toward his God or to look away from his God. What I did not realize is that he has been searching for God for a long time. Likewise, I have been on that same search, wanting to know the answer to so many different questions.

About a year and a half ago, Larry happened to meet some Unification Church members. They invited him to hear the "Divine Principle," the teachings of the Reverend Moon. Reverend Moon is said to have talked to Our Lord about many things. This Divine Principle teaching is a composite of the things revealed to Reverend Moon through these meetings with

Jesus Christ. Some of the revelation is material that we might have studied in Sunday School, but much of the teaching is new.

The basis of the Divine Principle is love of God and love for your fellow man. This love is not just limited to words or expressed on some special day of the week. But this love and service is one that requires all of your heart, mind, and being. When you have something good like this, the next step is to share this gift with everyone in the world, not to keep it for oneself. Like Christians and holy people of other religions, they (the Unification Church) desire one World under God and yearn for mankind to live and love as one with Him. Is this so difficult for parents and the press to understand?

Ten days ago I was lonely and wanted to see Larry. He was in New York, a city I have never seen before and wanted so much to see. So I got on a plane and came to New York to see my son and to see the city. As soon as I arrived here, I was welcomed into their house, into their meetings, into their prayer sessions and into their rehearsals. (My son is a member of Sunburst.) My home for the next few days was the U.S. Headquarters for the Church. I've never received so much genuine love and attention. These people here were truly wonderful to me. And I can truthfully say that these people I've met here are everything we had hoped our young people would be. It is hard to believe God gave me a son that is such a fine person.

So, if you can trust my judgment, please do what I did. Go visit your young people, spend some time with them, and give them the love and support that they are starved for. They (Unification Church members) are not hypocrites, or puppets, and they are not brainwashed. That is a bunch of hogwash. They really feel deeply about what they are doing and are dead serious that their cause is good. But most importantly, they are doing this out of their own free will and truest desire. They are not made to do anything against their will.

Let your young man or woman know that you are interested in his or her church, see them if possible, and above all, open up your hearts and "let the sun shine in."

Now, I just want to get down on my knees and say, "Thank You God, God Bless Reverend Moon and his people for bringing You to so many young people that might have never found God, for Reverend Moon has done what I was unable to do for my son." Amen.