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17. The Power of the Truth

Who, then, has the ability to confront this Kingdom of evil and emerge victorious? The churches may seek to be such but, as just mentioned, they are not able to do so. Oftentimes, the scholars are locked into their own intellectual worldviews, and are more "scholarly" than "activist," especially if they are "dupes" of the socialist program. I believe that it is only individuals equipped with the Divine Principle and Unification Thought who can measure up to the task. Sadly, rather than being a "bastion of the truth," as they could have been, with a more thoughtful study of Unification theology and Unification Thought, the Christian churches have tended to persecute Rev. Moon and members of the FFWPU. This persecution was certainly applauded by the cultural communists. Initially, the Church's reaction may be somewhat understood since their theologies are different from Unification theology, and they may have been worried about a "new" theology. But, what was to prevent them from sincerely studying Unification theology to find out what it really was saying? I think the answer to that question is abundantly clear. Many young people who came to study Unification theology and Unification Thought found in this worldview new hope, new life, and the inspiration to work to establish a better world. Couldn't Christians have done the same? Sadly, too many of them were and are blinded by their theology.

The Divine Principle and Unification Thought are very clear and logical. I have been privileged to have had the opportunity to study both of them to some extent, and to teach them for a number of years. Among scholars, I am reminded of a professor, Dr. Sebastian Matczak, who taught philosophy for many years at the Unification Theological Seminary. He also read and studied Unification Thought, and came to realize its value for our world. He would often "chastise" us for our lack of understanding. The reason I mention him is that he is an example of how Unification Thought can inspire a true academic. People may not be concerned with religious concepts as they are presented in the Divine Principle, or they may be biased for or against, as many Christians are, but any modern, rational person who is concerned about the society and world can find in Unification Thought a new source of energy and understanding, as did Dr. Matczak. If and when scholars begin to see the value of its teachings on God, on education, on the family, on values, on the human being, etc., then Unification thinking can sweep the world like an intellectual

tsunami. Once that happens, many things can start to change, this time in a good direction; we can begin to counter the demonic forces at work, and we can bring the presence of God and godliness back into the world.

I see no conceptual or pragmatic (related to practice) worldview aside from Unificationism, with the vision set forth in Unification Thought and Divine Principle, which can adequately cope with such an evil world, and the forces acting within it. The practice of true love and living for the sake of others is the most powerful philosophy, especially when it is practiced, or lived. Especially, Unification Thought has logical and systematic ideas, presented philosophically, which can compete with, and win over, any other worldview. The issue is the practice. We must begin to live the ideas, to embody them in our lives, and in our families.^[1] True Father, Rev. Moon, has poured his heart out hundreds, if not thousands, of times teaching us what we must do, and still people have not really responded that much. That is a great shame.

18. The Problem

People are too much influenced by liberal ideological concerns. Their theology, or philosophy, or other views they may hold have been "tainted" with various degrees of liberal or dogmatic ideas. It is pointed out in the Divine Principle that those people who live in the time of the Last Days:

should not be strongly attached to conventional concepts but rather should direct ourselves to be receptive to the spirit, in order that we may find the new truth which can guide us to the providence of the new age. We should cultivate a humble heart and make the utmost effort to receive divine inspiration through prayer.^[2]

How many Christians have such an attitude today? The minds of many people, even religious people, have been influenced by demonic forces. Of course, they don't always appear as "demonic," and believers would rarely, if ever, imagine that they have been, or even could be, "influenced" by "demonic" forces. That would be too obvious. But these demonic forces affect them, nevertheless, and appear more subtly through people's pride, jealousy, arrogance, complaint, lust, and other aspects of their (fallen) nature. That is one way, among others, in which evil works.

19. Our Calling: to Save a World

Unlike Marx, who wanted to "change" the world, we are called by God to "save" the world. In more colloquial terms, we are called to become good, moral individuals, to establish wonderful ethical families of love, and inspire other people to do the same. But, in order to do so we must fulfill our portion of responsibility. We must market the good ideas we have, and get these amazing ideas into the minds and hearts of people, so that they can be inspired to change their lives. On an academic or intellectual level we must inspire philosophers to understand the profound concepts being presented by Unification Thought. Rev. Moon says that the key issue throughout history has been the existence of God. He says, too, that "the final destination of philosophy is the discovery of God."^[3] Today, even while atheism has been promoted by scientific authors,^[4] there are appearing important new ways to think about the existence of God. For example, among the relevant books promoting a more theistic viewpoint are Antony Flew, *There is a God* and Eben Alexander, *Proof of Heaven*.^[5] Flew is a philosopher, and Alexander a medical doctor (neurosurgeon).

20. What Will Happen in the Future? It depends on Us, and It Is A Serious Responsibility

The Divine Principle states that:

It is inevitable that the Third World War take place; however, there are two possible ways it may be fought.

One way to bring Satan's side to surrender is through armed conflict. The other way this war may be fought is as a wholly internal, ideological conflict, without the outbreak of armed hostilities, to bring Satan's world to submission and unification in a short time. By which of these two ways will the Third World War actually be fought? It depends upon success or failure in carrying out the human portion of responsibility.

From where will the ideology essential to the resolution of this conflict and the establishment of the new world come?...It must arise out of the democratic world, which is rooted in the Abel-type view of life; a hitherto unknown ideology will emerge from within the democratic world.^[6]

The culture war in which we are now engaged could degenerate into a hot war, fought with fearsome weapons, such as nuclear bombs, some exotic germ, or a deadly chemical substance. Or it might be fought as a war of words or of values, based in a worldview. The latter option is obviously far more attractive than the former. No one wants war, with its untold death and destruction. It is clear that we must win the battle of worldviews in this culture war. James Canton, a futurologist makes our situation crystal

clear:

This will be the decisive battle in the twenty-first century, waged by America and its allies against the forces seeking to turn back the clock. The authentic threat that lies at the heart of global terrorism, and even more conventional wars, is not the battle over religion, power, or even politics. It is the battle over the ideology of the future-whose idea of the future will dominate the planet.[\[7\]](#)

One's worldview is very important. Unification Thought is such a worldview, and it is thus necessary to disseminate its ideas, its values, and its view of the world, as widely and as quickly as is possible.

21. Unification Thought Can Solve All Personal, Psychological, and Social Problems

Unification Thought important, not just as a worldview, but as a practical philosophy, one that can be applied in everyday life, to solve practical issues.

The purpose of Unification Thought is to achieve the goal of creating a global family and to realize the everlasting ideal world of God's true love by solving fundamentally and once and for all-all the numerous and difficult problems that afflict humankind.[\[8\]](#)

Thus, Unification Thought has the philosophical acumen to be able to address all the problems mentioned previously: Islamic jihad, communism, media, politics, economics, etc. That is on the theoretical level. The problem is with practice, how we apply that philosophy in our daily lives. Even within the Unification Movement, Dae Mo Nim, at Cheongpyeong, repeatedly emphasized to us the fact that we "know Divine Principle, but we do not practice true love." This is a very serious issue, and must humbly be reflected upon by every member of the Unification Movement. To the extent that we truly practice true love, people will be drawn to our blessed families and, in time, people will be able to see the value of this worldview.

Unification Thought shows us what must be done in order to become good people of true character, with mind and body unity (unity between spirit mind and physical mind). It also shows very clearly how to construct an ideal family that is filled with the love of God, and extend that tradition over the generations into the future. It shows us what an artistic life is like so that we may begin to live lives of beauty and prosperity. It explains what a true society is like, and a true nation. Unless and until all nations in the world understand clearly about the worldview and vision of Unification Thought, and begin to practice or realize that worldview, all of the Cain-type mentalities and forces actively working in the world at all levels will hold sway, and there will only be increasing misery, poverty, violence, and corruption. No one has the mental, intellectual, and spiritual equipment necessary to overcome such forces except the blessed families of the Unification movement. This is the great responsibility to which we are called, and which we must absolutely accomplish. We have no other option. "I" am called by providential history to fulfill "my" destiny.[\[9\]](#)

The problem that we face, practically, however, is that most blessed families are under considerable stress. They are struggling with family problems, health problems, financial problems, and many other problems. If we can overcome these problems and move forward, there can be a bright future. The only way to defeat the kingdom of evil, and to genuinely save the world, is to practice true love and demonstrate to the world the value of a life of true love. That is an enormous task, and I do not know if Unification Church members are capable of rising to the occasion and accomplishing their responsibility. We are sincere people, and trying to do well, but it is very difficult, and we are burdened with fallen nature, not to mention financial and spiritual challenges. Beyond that, our society is a challenge.[\[10\]](#)

I began with Marx, and I will close with Marx. It is true that philosophers have only understood the world, whereas the point is to change the world. That much is true, but it was not until Unification Thought came on the scene that we were able to truly understand the world. Unification Thought gives us, for the first time, the correct worldview, the true worldview. Now our responsibility, indeed, is to the change the world, but do so in accordance with the truth that we now understand so clearly. I will close with an exhortation echoing Karl Marx: "Unificationists of the world unite! We have a world to save!

[\[1\]](#) In virtually every speech she delivers these days, Hyo Nam Kim (Dae Mo Nim as she is known by FFWPU members) emphasizes the importance of practicing, not just learning. The practice of true love is what will "save" the world

[\[2\]](#) HSA-UWC, Exposition, 108.

[\[3\]](#) FFWPU, Cheon Seang Gyeon, 63.

[\[4\]](#) Richard Dawkins, The God Delusion, John Hitchens, god is not Great, etc.

[5] Antony Flew, *There Is A God*; Eben Alexander, *Proof of Heaven*,

[6] HSA-UWC, *Exposition*, 376-77.

[7] James Canton, *The Extreme Future*, 351

[8] UTI, *Essentials*, 8.

[9] HSA-UWC, *Exposition*, 187

[10] Reinhold Niebuhr, *Moral Man and Immoral Society*, New York: Scribner's, 1932. He argues that although individuals might be righteous and moral at the beginning, once they become involved in an immoral society their efforts are largely neutralized. That is to say, individual Christians can love, but it is impossible to apply Christ's law of love to large social groups. Society is always more immoral than its members as individuals. A society may never become loving, but at least it can be just. Niebuhr was a life-long advocate of social change. As Unificationists, we have a whole new concept of love, true love, and we know how that is realized. Unification Thought also claims that justice is the practice of love (true love). That is an insight not available to Niebuhr. We have the means of going beyond Niebuhr, and to actually realize a moral society, filled with moral (loving) people.

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Part 1

1. Introduction

Bringing this chapter to the light of day was not an easy matter. This is not because it was academically difficult, but because there were a number of spiritual struggles involved. I struggled a lot with whether or not I should pen these contents. I have, of late, become a student of culture, and I find cultural studies fascinating. Having reflected upon our modern culture, there was something I wanted to express, but the contents may be rather controversial for some people. Especially, some of my fellow Unificationists and Unificationist friends may feel somewhat uncomfortable, and may not even agree with what I say. A few years ago, at the Unification Thought Symposium, in Tokyo, Japan, a colleague raised some questions about my presentation at that time, which had some similar content,

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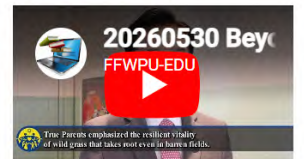
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but the more I research and reflect, the more strongly I feel that there are important events happening in our world, events concerning which we must pay very close attention, since we ignore them at our own peril. Thus, I offer this chapter with some conviction, since I feel that what is expressed here is accurate and important, and I sincerely invite you, the reader, to convince me that I am wrong.

The point of this chapter draws upon the sentiment, as Karl Marx famously stated: “The philosophers have only interpreted the world in various ways: the point however is to change it.”^[1] It is the “change” part of this statement that is the most worrisome. I think we need to take Marx’s statement very seriously. Marx (along with Lenin) was the founder of the Communist movement, and history is a testimony to the enormous impact which Marxism-Leninism had upon the world. Now, in 2018, it is imperative that we correctly understand what kinds of changes are taking place, and, more importantly, the impetus behind these changes, if we are to be successful in our quest of establishing, or bringing about, an “ideal world.” At the Unification Thought Symposia, scholars present papers, often of a very philosophical nature, and we discuss them to some extent, and then we return to our home countries, and continue our academic careers. I often wonder: do we genuinely understand that Unification Thought is not just an “insightful” philosophy, but that it has an urgent message, and that message is this: we must solve the various problems in our societies as soon as possible if we truly want to realize an ideal world for our posterity. It does not say that we should merely think about, or even just discuss, these problems, but that we must solve these problems. The problems which we face today are unprecedented, in both their severity and their ubiquity. If it were just a matter of solving a few problems “in our spare time” in a “value-neutral world,” making a better world might not be such an urgent demand, but the fact is, we do not live in a value-neutral world. We live in a world in which forces totally inimical to what we are seeking are actively and strategically working against us.

2. Background

To understand more correctly what I intend to say, it will help to consider the historical background and context, specifically the Divine Principle explanation of the providential time of the preparation for the Second Advent of the Messiah. In this section of the Divine Principle, there is an explanation concerning the philosophical developments over the past 400 years, and up to 1918.^[2] In the Period of Religious and Ideological Conflicts (1648-1789), various philosophical perspectives were developed, including two schools of modern philosophy, empiricism and rationalism. I mentioned these schools in the early part of this book. Some of these philosophical perspectives eventually “gave birth to a view of life” which played a significant role in drawing peoples’ attention away from God, and more towards the supremacy of human reason. This view of life is thus called the “Cain-type” view of life, because it drew people away from God. This was a very serious development. Deism (founder: Edward Herbert), as well as G.W.F. Hegel, D. F. Strauss, and Ludwig Feuerbach, all played a role in the development of this perspective, which culminated in the thought of Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels, that is to say, “Marxism,” which was to become “the cornerstone of the communist world of today.”^[3]

On the other hand, of course, the Abel-type view of life developed and culminated in the Democratic world.^[4] Thus, we arrived at the “two worlds” of our modern era. In the Divine Principle view, in Adam’s family, Abel had to subjugate Cain in order to establish the Foundation for the Messiah and, on that foundation, receive the Messiah who comes on behalf of God to restore the world. The ideal, God-centered family has an important role to play in the establishment of that ideal world. Expanding this scenario up to the global level of today, Abel (Democracy) must “subjugate” (win over) Cain (Communism), in order to establish the global Foundation for the Messiah. For that to happen, that is to say, for those two worlds to come into being, two views of life (Abel-type and Cain-type) which would materialize into these two worlds, needed to come into being. This historical emergence of two quite different views of life occurred during the period from 1648-1789. This, in brief, shows us the importance of the last four-hundred years of human history. This is the assumed background of the Unification Thought view of history. What is most important for us to understand, however, is not just to understand how we arrived at this point in history, but to understand what we are responsible to do from this time forth. This is where the worldview of Unification Thought comes into importance.

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The democratic world has continued to develop during the past four-hundred years, bringing forth cultures and societies which have opened the way to achieve incredible and unprecedented freedom and prosperity for many people. Individuals who have strongly believed in God have guided and managed good societies. Among the many individuals who might be mentioned, let me refer to the Puritans, and to the father of America, George Washington. Here is what Rev. Moon has stated with regard to such people:

The story of the American Pilgrim Fathers is one of a kind in God's history. It fits into the pattern of the righteous people of history, such as Abraham, Isaac, and Moses I am sure that the faith of the Pilgrim Fathers touched the heart of God. They never lost their faith in God and their vision of the future God intervened to save His people here in America. This is my belief.

George Washington tasted the bitterness of defeat in many, many battles. When he finally faced the last heart-breaking winter at Valley Forge, he was serious. I am sure George Washington prayed God. You liberated us and gave us freedom Let me give you my pledge. I will build one nation under God the victory won was a victory for God.[5]

There are numerous individuals whom one might mention with regard to the growth and development of the democratic world (the Abel-type world), and the various ways in which God has blessed it. But my purpose in this chapter is to examine the development and fruits of that other world, the Cain-type, or communist, world. We need to become much more aware of its nature and development, especially as to the way/s in which it manifests in our modern times. We might then better understand what situation we are in. We live in, and enjoy the blessings of, the democratic world, but there are many "Cain-type" forces which oppose us. It is this Cain-type world which we of the democratic world must "subjugate" or overcome if we are to see the realization of a better world in the future.

To Be Continued

[1] CAUSA Institute, CAUSA Lecture Manual, New York: CAUSA International, 1985, 79. "Marx summed up his view of philosophy as practice when he wrote, as one of his theses on Feuerbach," this well-known statement

[2] HSA-UWC, Exposition of the Divine Principle, New York: HSA-UWC, 1996, 347-361.

[3] HSA-UWC, Exposition, 355

[4] HSA-UWC, Exposition, 347-361

[5] Sun Myung Moon, Christianity in Crisis: New Hope, 53-7

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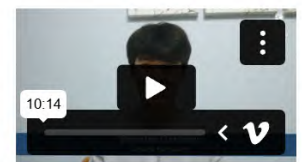
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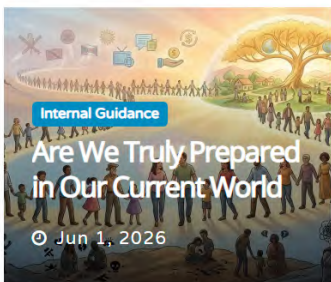
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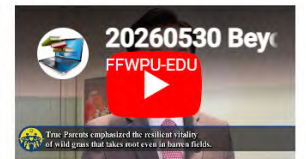
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3. The Current Situation of Communism

As just noted, Communism and Democracy came into being based on the two types of worldview which emerged earlier, and for many years, there existed a rather tense relationship between these two worlds. I can remember from my high school days (1960s), when this tension was at a very intense point, and many people in America were concerned about whether or not they should be building a bomb shelter, in the event of some major conflict between the two worlds, represented at that time by America (Democracy) and Russia (Communism). Of course, since that time Communism has “declined.” Many people credit United States President Ronald Reagan for the “downfall” of the “evil empire” when, in reality, it was the combined work of Rev. Moon and President Reagan which brought the actual collapse. I am sure that President Reagan contributed a great deal, especially with his proposal of SDI (which, according to a recent lecture at the Cheongshim Graduate School of Theology in March, 2014, by Bo Hi Pak, actually originated from Rev. Moon) and credit can rightly be accorded to both individuals. What is important, in any case, is that “communism declined.”

In this context, however, I wish to draw your attention to a comment made by Rev. Moon back in 1958. He stated: “when Communism collapses, it will revive through the Arab nations and oppose the democratic world again. What I am worried most [about] is the possible battle between Arab nations and the democratic world.”^[1] At the time people may not have realized how serious these words were. But, in today’s context, this has become a very startling and worrisome prophecy. There are three important ideas in this statement by Rev. Moon: 1) communism will collapse; 2) it will revive through the Arab nations (basically Islamic, just as America is basically Christian); and 3) it will oppose the democratic world again. I believe we today must take this prophetic utterance very seriously. Who could have even known at the time (1958) that communism would, in fact, collapse, when it seemed, on the contrary, to be very strong? One scholar, Dr. Morton Kaplan, when asked by Rev. Moon to announce the end of communism at a PWPA meeting, was at first reluctant, but with Rev. Moon’s insistence, he decided to put his academic career and credibility on the line, and proceeded to announce the end of communism. Sure enough, these prophetic words were realized in the fall of communism. What is remarkable and worrisome, however, is that we are seeing the fulfillment of the second part of Rev. Moon’s prophetic words today, right now, in the form of radical Islamic Jihad. Jerome Corsi, a Harvard-trained scholar, states, concerning the NCRI (National Council for Resistance in Iran):

The NCRI has been identified by the U.S. State Department as a front group for the People’s Mujahedin of Iran (also known as the Mujahedeen Khalq or the People’s Mujahedin, MEK). Thus the State Department classifies the NCRI (in all its various designations) as a terrorist organization... Founded in Tehran in 1965, the MEK has professed a unique blend of radical Marxism and Islamic theology as their unique political-theological signature.^[2] (emphasis mine)

It seems on the surface rather odd that a branch of Islam, a religion which believes in Allah (God), also has an element of radical Marxism (Marxism is, by definition, atheistic and materialistic!) mixed in with its ideology. But this is a part of what Rev. Moon predicted would happen. In the same way that Christianity formed the nature and character of America, Islam has formed the character of the Arab world. Furthermore, it is a fact that radical Islamic Jihad is opposing the democratic world, again, just as Rev. Moon prophesied. America is repeatedly called “the Great Satan” by certain radical Islamic leaders and the unprecedented World Trade Center disaster of 9/11 was just one notable event manifesting radical Islamic Jihad’s hatred for the West, and for America, in particular, a hatred which seems inherent in radical Islamic Jihad. Nov 31, 2017 was a recent expression of this hatred, taking place in Manhattan, in New York City. There have been a number of incidents since then. The group mentioned above (NCRI or MEK), at least, formally professes that it has some Marxism mixed in. That is exactly what Rev. Moon prophesied would occur.

Michelle Gabrielle, the New York Times’ best-selling author of *Because They Hate*,^[3] grew up in Lebanon, and experienced, firsthand, the terror of living in the shadow of an Islamic regime.^[4] She is now writing books warning the Western world, and America specifically, about the danger present in radical Islamic Jihad. She states, for example:

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the West, you must remember this: without understanding the past you will never understand the present and will have no idea how to plan for the future,[5]

The subtitle of her book is revealing: “A Survivor of Islamic Terror Warns America.”[6] Of what is she warning America? She “warns that the United States is threatened by fundamentalist Islamic theology in the same way Lebanon was radical Islam will stop at nothing short of domination of all non-Islamic countries. “[7] Does this sound familiar? It should. This is the same claim previously made by Communism. In another book by Michelle Gabriel, *They Must Be Stopped*, she tells us “why we must defeat radical Islam and how we can do it.”[8] She gives this warning to the world: “We can no longer ignore the growth of radical Islam- we must act soon, and powerfully.”[9] She “challenges our Western and politically-correct notions about Islam, demonstrating why radical Islam is so deadly and how we can halt its progress.”[10] I believe that Gabriel’s books are a must-read for anyone concerned about America in its role as God’s nation and as God’s “elder son nation” and the spiritual work that needs to be done in America.

Notably, in this connection, a fairly recent internet article, apparently seeing the very connection that was long ago prophesied by Rev. Moon would come to appear, went so far as to label Islamic Jihad as the “21st century communism.”[11] The implications cannot easily be avoided.

4. Concerning Islam and Radical Islamic Jihad

Much has been said and written about Islam and radical Islamic Jihad,[12] Nevertheless, in my opinion, based on what I have come to learn about this religious tradition, Islam clearly has an Abel side and a Cain side. The Abel side of Islam is a genuine religion, along with Buddhism, Hinduism, etc., with good Muslims seeking Allah, and trying to raise good families. Rev. Moon has commented on Muhammed on several occasions, and it is believed in the Unification movement that Muhammed and Jesus are close in heart and spirit in the spirit world. Spiritual messages have been received from Muhammed.

Jesus, Mohammed, Buddha and Confucius are called the great saints of history. They left their traditions to posterity, which became organized as the time-honored religions and gave birth to the great civilizations of humankind. What did the founders of religions teach? They taught centered on God. They taught according to God’s teachings and guided their people to do God’s will.[13]

I have studied Islam to some extent,[14] and I have taught Islam in the past as part of my courses on Paths of Faith, so I believe I have some foundation for saying that Islam is a very interesting and genuine world faith. Young Oon Kim, and others, also speak highly of Islam as a world faith.[15] This is the Abel side of Islam and, like all genuine religious traditions it is an uplifting religion leading people along a path that leads to God.

Nevertheless, as good as the Abel-type Islam may be, the Cain side of Islam is just as evil, indeed unequivocally evil, advocating, and practicing, murder, mistreatment of women, sexual abuse, etc. There is little doubt in my mind, that the Cain side of Islam is every bit as evil as the Abel side of Islam is good.

I think we must realize that, just as Rev. Moon predicted, the Communist spirit is working in/through such entities as radical Islamic Jihad (Cain-type Islam). That is why individuals under its influence feel no hindrance against committing such atrocities as they do. But, I must strongly emphasize that that spirit is not limited to just radical Islamic Jihad. That same Communist spirit is also working in/through/with many other individuals, groups, organizations, social structures, and schools of thought at the present time, and through them is working pervasively throughout our societies, some of which I will mention shortly. Before I do so, however, let me make myself as clear as possible. Who is the real culprit behind all of this? Is it communism? Is it Islamic Jihad? Is it Osama bin Laden? Actually, it is none of these. These are merely instrumentalities.

5. The Real Culprit Identified

Who or what is behind “Communism”? Who or what is this “communist spirit” about which Rev. Moon speaks? Is it Karl Marx, or perhaps Lenin, or maybe Mao Tse Tung? Or perhaps it is Kim Il Sung, a man with whom Rev. Moon had some personal experience, or the present leader of North Korea, Kim Jong Un? No, the real culprit is none of these human individuals

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leader of North Korea, Kim Jong Un? No, the real culprit is none of these human individuals. The real culprit is far more ominous. In this talk, I explained how “spiritual” entities can influence people on earth. Here is a prime example of such influence. The real culprit in this case is a spiritual entity: “Satan” (Dae Mo Nim, at the time, the spiritual leader of Cheongpyeong, used this term as a generic label, not a personal name. Thus, we can use the term “Satan” to refer to any evil entity/entities). As a spiritual entity, Satan is able to transcend time and space. This is the spirit that is working today. In short, there is a very real, and very demonic, force behind the communist spirit, working strongly to destroy everything that is of God. This demonic force, in the past, inspired Marx, Lenin, Mao, and Kim Il Sung to develop their ideologies. More ominous for us, however, is the fact that today this same demonic force continues to “inspire” radical Islamic Jihad, as well as many other individuals, and groups in various ways and in various social spheres. I will elaborate on this shortly.

It is this same demonic (purely evil) force that is “inspiring” radical Islamic Jihadists today. Such people are “extremists” in every sense of the word. When I read in the media about a man beheading his wife I can only think that this is evil. When I read about a man cutting his daughter’s head off because she “dishonored” his family I can only think that this is pure, unmitigated evil. Radical Muslims claim that such actions are “honor killings.” To me this is ridiculous; there is nothing whatsoever “honorable” about such actions. Murder is murder; killing is killing. Given what I have said about the family in this book, such actions are nothing less than pure evil. When I read about a suicide bomber blowing up innocent people, including young school children, with a bomb strapped to his/her waist, I can only think that this is unmitigated evil. When I read about a Muslim man having such rough intercourse with his 14-year old virgin “wife” that she bleeds to death, I can only think that this is evil. Koran 65:4 states:

If you are in doubt concerning those of your wives who have ceased menstruating, know that their waiting period is three months. And let the same be the waiting period of those who have not yet menstruated,[16] (emphasis mine)

The “waiting period” in question is that of the time which must pass before a Muslim man is legally allowed (by Shariah law) to divorce a “wife.” First note that the term is plural, “wives.” It is well-known that Muslim men are allowed to marry more than one wife. Second, note that one of these “wives” may be a young girl who has “not yet menstruated.” The reason they “have not yet menstruated” is, of course, because of their young age. In Islam child marriages were very common.[17] There are other instances, quoted in the news, which are even worse than what I have mentioned, but I do not note them here inasmuch as they are simply not appropriate to repeat in any form in a book of this nature.

There does exist an Abel-type Islam, honorable, and worthy of respect, but there is also, very clearly, a Cain-type Islam. Moreover, there is a demonic force acting “behind the scenes” in Cain-type Islam. The communist spirit (and the force behind it) has, indeed, gone to the Arab world and, in our time, that demonic spirit is confronting, threatening, and bringing devastation to the Western world once again, just as communism did before it.

To be continued ...

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[4] Michelle Gabrielle grew up in Lebanon and experienced firsthand the terrors of Islamic Jihad. She even experienced the bombing of her own house. She managed to survive and later emigrated to America, became a journalist, and is now writing books to explain her story and to warn the Western world.

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[14] I have taught classes on world religions and paths of faith for a number of years and, mpre recently, out of the Cheongshim Graduate School of Theology, my colleague, Professor Do Young Yoon and I have conducted a visitation program entitled "God Has Many Names," through which we take students and interested parties to visit and participate in the religious rituals, etc. of various religions. These have included the religion of Islam, which has a mosque in Seoul.

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[16] Dawood, The Koran, New York: Viking Penguin Classics, 1974, 385.

[17] There is also the case of the Koran authorizing, as I understand it, a Muslim man to engage in sexual intercourse with more than 1,000 virgins.



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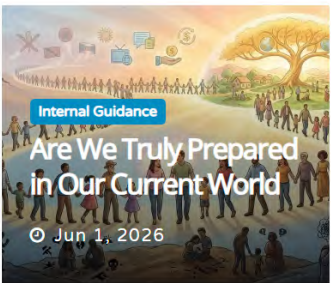
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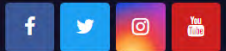
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By David Carlson

“I wish to emphasize the urgent need for the worldview of Unification Thought. While much of this chapter is philosophical, this vision is meant to be lived to create a peaceful world. We do not live in a neutral environment; we are in the midst of an intense ‘culture war’ and face tangible global threats. In this climate, Unification Thought is more than a philosophy— it is a necessity. I appeal to leaders, scholars, and people of goodwill across all sectors to study this vision. I believe it alone holds the potential to resolve our current conflicts, clarify essential values, and realize the world of peace for which we have all longed.”

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6. The World is Changing: What We (Desperately) Need Now

I return once again to the statement made by Karl Marx: “The philosophers have only interpreted the world in various ways: the point however is to change it.”[1] I think we need to take this conviction of Marx very seriously because we are seeing it being played out right before our very eyes! Ironically, Rev. Moon, makes a similar kind of statement, only with a completely opposite meaning:

Please do not forget that the building of the ideal, peaceful world, that God envisaged at the time of the Creation, and that He desired when He created humankind, is now being realized right before your eyes.[2]

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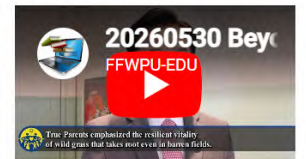
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Our world is being changed right before our eyes. Some changes are hopeful and positive, whereas others are the opposite. Of course, some change is inevitable, and to be expected. The Divine Principle speaks of the necessity for change in the Last Days,[3] and Unification Thought goes so far as to describe the character of “historical change.”[4] A key point in that explanation, however, is the existence of a “good leader,” that is, a leader on God’s side, on the side of righteousness. In order to transform the present “fallen” world into an ideal world of goodness, a good leader and a good people who can and will guide that change toward the good is inevitable. But the extent of such change, and the nature and direction of such change are important issues which are yet to be determined. Honestly speaking, True Parents are that “leader of goodness,” and anyone who will promote Unification Thought are those good people. The Divine Principle states: “Progress in history originates with individuals who, even amidst the vortex of good and evil, make determined efforts to reject evil and promote goodness.”[5] Changes are happening all around us, but today many people are “asleep” (in a Buddhist “unaware”-sense), that is to say, they are not fully “aware” of what is happening around them, the reality around them. Many people are oblivious to the real nature of what is happening in the world. We are too self-indulgent in our physical needs, and immediate desires, not to mention our “fallen natures.” We need to wake up as to what is really happening around us, and throughout the world. As Rev Moon proclaimed, when he first came to America, “Wake Up America! Communism Itself Is Wrong !”[6] Now, we can say: People of the world, wake up! Goodness must be realized!

The world is not merely (passively) changing, but it is being changed, in an active manner, and often by forces which do not have our best interests in mind. Unfortunately, it is being changed, in many cases, by the most malicious forces imaginable,[7] and in a way which any normal, moral, rational person would not appreciate and certainly would not want. That is because bringing, catalyzing, stimulating this change is a demonic, maliciously evil, force, seeking to divide and destroy all things true, good, and beautiful. In this context, in the middle of such changes, what are we Unificationists doing? Are we making determined efforts to reject evil and promote goodness? Unfortunately, I feel that some of us are not; or, at the very least, we could be doing a lot more than we are.

If Unification Thought is, indeed, designed to solve problems, as I have mentioned before, we must become much more active than we have been in the past, since there are some very real, and ominous, problems which are urgently in need of a solution. For example, it seems that more and more American states are coming to legalize gay marriage. One of the biggest headlines/controversies in December, 2013, was the “intense” debate concerning the remarks made by one of the “Duck Dynasty” (television show) patriarchs. Some of the “Hollywood elite” seem to feel it necessary to add their “two cents” worth, as if they were some kind of authority. Those same Hollywood elites are actually a large part of the problem. Some states are legalizing marijuana. Transgenderism is becoming “popular.” We, who adhere to a Godly-worldview, cannot afford to remain quiet. There is no one else capable of solving these problems. These problems cannot be solved by politicians, scientists, or economists. And they certainly cannot be solved by so-called Hollywood “celebrities.” They usually make things even worse; they are hardly role models, much less “experts” on the issues of the day.

Again, one problem is that many people are “asleep” and not aware of what is happening in their society or, even if they are aware of what is happening, they are not aware that what is happening is wrong. There is less and less moral sense in the culture anymore. Relative values, rather than absolute values seem to be the zeitgeist of our day. It is not hard to imagine that such a “spirit of the age” is very similar to how it was when the medieval society was being transformed enroute to the phenomenon of the Renaissance. This complacency is being encouraged by a liberal press and media, which supports liberal causes, putting them in a positive light, and mocking righteous causes, all the while reporting on sheer trivia in the media. Why would the press and media act in such an irresponsible manner, one might ask? I will offer a possible answer to this question shortly.

This demonic force, about which I have been speaking, has had, from the very beginning, the purpose of creating a kingdom of evil, which today manifests in many ways, and forms the social context in which we live. This demonic force is determined to transform this world into a world completely without God, and devoid of all values. This “kingdom” of evil, which is very highly developed today, is present and working very actively through what might be

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is very highly developed today, is present and working very actively through what might be called “cultural communism,” or perhaps a better term: “cultural demonization,” and it is important to realize that it has been, and is currently, very successful. It has been more successful than many people would care to admit. Cultural demonization is, indeed, as Marx stated, changing the world.

I have already commented on how this demonic force has come to animate radical Cain-type Islam in the form of radical Islamic Jihad. But, this same demonic force is working on a much broader, cultural, level beyond its influence on radical Cain-type Islam.

Just as the Renaissance “began as a movement imitating the thought and life of ancient Greece and Rome” and then “developed into a wider movement which transformed the medieval way of life,[8] so, too, this demonic force has today developed into a broader “cultural” force which is changing our very way of life.[9] This evil (demonic) force manifests in many ways, has many labels, and is found in many “schools” of thought, belief, and practice, in our world today. It is called by many names.[10]

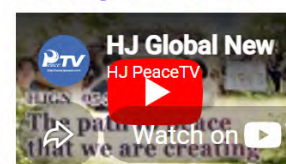
Today, we casually or thoughtlessly toss around such labels as liberalism, secularism, scientism, progressivism, socialism, radicalism, atheism, relativism, evolutionism, deconstructionism, feminism, radicalism, queer-ism (or queer theory, which we learned from Dr. Otani during the 2013 Unification Thought Symposium), homosexuality, lesbianism, transgender-ism, the gay rights movement, the Occupy Wall Street Movement, La Raza, Antifa, etc., to describe these schools of thought, without realizing that it is this same demonic spirit that is animating and manipulating individuals’ thoughts, emotions, and motivations behind the scenes, as well as the people involved. It is very important to realize: what all these various views or “isms” have in common is this demonic spirit which inspires and animates them.

Especially can this demonic influence be found in the realms of philosophy and thought in general. This same demonic spirit is found in universities, in the media, in the court system, in politics, in the entertainment world, etc. It is pervasive as an (invisible) “kingdom” of evil, and it influences individuals in all of these areas. Divine Principle identifies this demonic spirit as originating with the Archangel Lucifer.[11] Interestingly enough, in her recent book, *Demonic*, the conservative American pundit, Ann Coulter includes a chapter on Lucifer, whom she calls “the ultimate mob boss.” [12] Her book is tellingly subtitled: “How the Liberal Mob is Endangering America.” Lucifer has since “come back” to God’s side, but there are numerous evil or demonic spirits still active in society, affecting individuals and families everywhere.

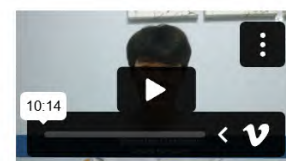
7. The Nature of Communism and How It Uses People

In his insightful writing about the nature and character of Communism, Dr. Fred Schwartz speaks of the labels applied to various kinds of people “involved in the communist movement”: 1) communists, 2) fellow travelers, 3) sympathizers, 4) pseudo-liberals, and 5) dupes. Included among the last three of these groups of people, particularly, one might find almost any given individual. The sympathizers may have the “naïve hope that if the communists are shown a little tolerance and understanding...they will gradually become a benign movement worthy of support.” [13] Is it reasonable to think that such a demonic force really cares about naïve human hopes? The pseudo-liberals are often the “intellectuals,” found in universities, and other places where they work with pure theory every day, and take up “social causes” with great gusto. They are also often, for example, lawyers, and may speak of “freedom of speech,” but they tend to “use the law in order to achieve dubious ends.”[14] Finally, there are the dupes. These are people who are simply duped. A “dupe” is a person who is “easily deceived or cheated.” A dupe is a “fool.”[15] Dupes may even be patriotic, well-meaning citizens but they can be recruited to nearly any “worthy” cause,[16] These terms are an accurate depiction of numerous individuals in our society today. Any given individual may not necessarily be a “card-carrying” communist, or even an “evil” person, but if they are being “used” by groups having such sentiment (dupes), or if they are working in line with communist goals and ideals (fellow-travelers), whatever they might be at the time, they are just as “guilty.” The sad part is that such individuals are often “not even aware” that they may be, however inadvertently, “helping,” “supporting,” or “contributing to” a vicious, evil program. They are “asleep,” thinking and believing that they are doing something “good.” Divine Principle points this out in its prolegomena.

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8. Concerning Radical Islamic Jihad: It Employs Communist “Tactics”

I have spoken of radical Islamic Jihad, and about the nature of Communism. At the risk of dwelling on it too excessively, I want to mention radical Islamic jihad one last time. I return to the comment made by Rev. Moon. As Rev. Moon indicated, “the communist spirit will enter the Arab world and again oppose the Western world.” When one observes the strategy and tactics of radical Islamic Jihad, it is startling to realize just how closely such strategy and tactics do, in fact, resemble the traditional communist strategy and tactics. In communism it was acceptable to lie if doing so would further the goal of communism. The prophecy given by Rev. Moon back in 1958 has become alarmingly true. For example, in radical Islamic Jihad it is an acceptable practice to lie if, in doing so, one is advancing the “cause.” In Islamic terms it is called “taqiyya.” According to Brigitte Gabriel:

Some will say that jihad means only a Muslim’s “inner struggle” to be a better person, and that jihad has no military meaning whatever. Others will acknowledge that Muslims have a religious duty to spread Islam throughout the world, but insist that it is to be spread only peacefully, through dawah- literally “the call”-meaning persuasion and reasoning. However... these assertions are examples of a tactic that Islam encourages in waging jihad; taqiyya or kithman-“lying,” “deception,” “deceit.” Muslims are encouraged to lie if, in the opinion of the liar, telling the lie would be good for Islam.[17]

Gabriel, in another of her books, entitled *They Must Be Stopped*, identifies a number of the “front groups”[18] which are working on behalf of Islamic causes. CAIR (Council on American Islamic Relations), KGIA (Khalil Gibran International Academy), MSA (Muslim Student Association), YM (Young Muslims), YMS (Young Muslim Sisters), MAS (Muslim American Society), IMAM (Iranian Muslim Association of America), AIC (American Iranian Council), NCRI (National Council for Resistance in Iran), ICNA (Islamic Circle of North America), ISNA (Islamic Society of North America), MB (Muslim Brotherhood), HLF (Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development), GRF (Global Relief Foundation), BIF (Benevolence International Foundation), and a number of others, are all supporting the cause of the Islamization of the Western world, some of them actually funneling money to terrorist groups such as al-Qaeda. The problem is, most people do not realize this influence and are thereby being deceived by the “Kingdom of Evil,” and the demonic spirit which works behind this kingdom and these organizations. I need not mention the fact that Communist “front groups” were a significant feature of the communist movement. When I was a student at the University of Colorado, Boulder in the late 1960s, there existed a campus group which called itself “SDS” (Students for a Democratic Society), for example. It sounds innocent enough, but it was anything but innocent. A number of other groups could be mentioned, such as the “Non-Violent Coordinating Committee” or “Weather Underground,”[19] with such members as William Ayers, but I hope my point has been made. Thomas Hayden, Jane Fonda, and William Ayers (a good friend of Barack Hussein Obama in his younger days), are some of the more well-known “radicals” associated with such movements.

True or not, the news came out on the “internet” (Oct 14, 2013) exposing the “fact” that US President Barack Obama had installed members of the Muslim Brotherhood in the highest seats in the US Federal Government, including the following:

- 1) Arif Alikhan (Assistant Secretary for Policy Development for the US Department of Homeland Security)
- 2) Mohamed Elibiary (Homeland Security Advisor)
- 3) Rashad Hussain (Special Envoy to the OIC [Organization of the Islamic Conference])
- 4) Salem al-Marayati (Obama’s advisor, founder of MPAC [Muslim Public Affairs Council], and its current director)
- 5) Imam Mohamed Magrid (Obama’s Sharia Czar, Islamic Society of North America)
- 6) Eboo Patel (Advisory Council on Faith-Based Neighborhood Partnerships)

These various front groups, and these individuals in positions of power, may have values, priorities, and sympathies that are contrary to the true spirit of “Godliness” in America and around the world.

9. What is the Goal?

The goal, in the case of radical Islamic Jihad, is simple. It is, as was just mentioned, to Islamize the world. That is to say, radical Islamic Jihad seeks to advance Sharia law, and re-establish the Islamic Caliphate. Radical Islamic Jihad seeks to take over the world, and transform it into an Islamic world. It does not see the world in terms of “East” and “West,” but in terms of “Islamic” and “non-Islamic,” and it believes it must do everything in its power to change or convert the “non-Islamic” world into the “Islamic” world. Communism had a similar goal, to realize a communist world. In order to accomplish such a goal, the Western world, Democracy, and specifically, America and Israel, as the leading infidels, must be destroyed.

As the Divine Principle explains, in the course of history, especially during the last 400 years, democracies have emerged, particularly in America, and their purpose has been to establish countries on God’s side. On the contrary, the demonic spirit behind cultural demonization is seeking to establish countries on Satan’s side, and is seeking, in the process, to destroy democracy.[20] This is the broad scope of the culture war. In short, this demonic spirit is seeking to remove any sentiment or feeling about God. But, we must consider in more detail the various ways in which this demonic world “kingdom” is seeking to destroy all that is true, good, and beautiful in society. That, in turn, will show us more clearly the important role that Unification Thought must play in our time, guiding us in our concerted efforts to solve all social problems.

To Be Continued ...

[1] Marx, Theses on Feuerbach, 79.

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[6] When Rev. Moon first came to America one of the events which the UC members took in was a memorable rally held near Wall Street in NYC. It took place on the steps of the NYC Public Library and, together with the large, and very obvious banners to the effect that: “Wake Up America ! communism Itself Is Wrong!” It caused great commotion in the city, not to mention the NY Times.

[7] Those individuals who have had occasion to take part in the training in Cheongpyeong, are well-acquainted with the fact that Mrs. Hyo Nam Kim, often called Dae Mo Nim by members, conducts chanyang sessions, and speaks very straight-forwardly about the “evil spirits” which occupy our physical bodies, and which influence our minds. As a result of such influences, there is much pain, disease, and suffering experienced by members. By ” removing” such evil influences, an individual’s life can easily become much more peaceful and happy, and free of many of the diseases which afflict them.

[8] HSA-UWC, Exposition, 351-352.

[9] Mark Stein, America Alone: The End of the World As We Know It, Washington DC: Regnery Publishing, Inc., 2006. “The end of the world as we know it” is the ominous expression used on the front cover of the book jacket, as a subtitle, and is self-explanatory. We in the Western world have grown up in a world of surplus, of comfort, of indulgence, and of opportunity. Stein argues that, if the present state of affairs continues, especially re: the growth of Islam, the world that we have know it will come to an end, and an entirely new world will be our reality. As one reviewer states on the back jacket of the book: In 2525, as some Eurabian scholar throws the last copy of this book into the fire, he will think to himself, “It would have been much different if they had listened.”)

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[10] In an ironic twist, my doctoral advisor, John Nick, wrote a classic book entitled *God Has Many Names*, in which he speaks about inter-religious dialogue and the way all the religions of the world adhere to the same God, but that they experience this God through different “lenses” and so, God has many names, meaning the various religions. This is also the name used by us at the Cheongshim Graduate School of Theology for our outreach to the various faith traditions in Korea. It is almost as if the demonic spirit has usurped this way of thinking and used it in a deceptive and insidious manner.

[11] HSA-UWC, *Exposition*, 57-65. This demonic spirit is identified in the Divine Principle as the Archangel Lucifer, given the name Satan after the fall of Adam and Eve. This should not be taken to mean that Lucifer’s actual name was Satan, or that Satan is the personal name of Lucifer. As Dae Mo Nim has pointed out, the term Satan can be applied, as a generic term, to any demonic spirit, other than Lucifer, and the Bible also uses the term in this same manner.

[12] Ann Coulter, *Demonic: How the Liberal Mob is Endangering America*, New York: Crown Forum books, 2011, 287-295

[13] Fred Schwartz, *What Is Communism: lecture series*, Long Beach, California: Chantico, 18. 379}

[14] Schwartz, *What Is Communism*, 18.

[15] Definition of “dupe” according to Webster’s New Collegiate Dictionary, Springfield, Massachusetts: G & C Merriam Company, 1974.

[16] Schwartz, *What Is Communism*, 18

[17] Gabriel, *Because*, 149

[18] See, especially, Chapter 4, “The Muslim Brotherhood ‘Project’ for North America,” and Chapter 5, “Madrassas in America and Abroad,” for a more extensive list of organizations. All Muslims are obligated to give “charity” (zakat), and all Muslims are obligated to wage “jihad.” If these are combined, it is easy to see how funding can be offered to groups that wage jihad. The problem is, some of these groups are terrorist groups, which bring death and destruction. Three “moderate” Muslims (Awlaki, Alamoudi, and Khan, to just mention the last names were recently found to be not quite so “moderate.” This was in the news as recently as December, 2013. Alamoudi is even serving as the president of CNA-New York. That, I presume, is the (Islamic) Circle of America. The fact that these groups are operating in the United States, and that individuals connected with such groups are spread throughout all levels of the US government should be of great concern to any patriotic citizen of the United States, and to those who are concerned about the advancement of the providence of God.

[19] The “SOS,” the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, and the Weather Underground are well-known to have been communist front groups. Even as a college student, my naivete at the time was such that I was not aware of the true nature of the SDS. Although I never took part in its activities, one could not avoid its “rallies” as one made one’s way to class. The Weather Underground is also known now as such a front group, and it is in the news lately due to Bill Ayers, now a university professor, and Bernardine Dohrn. Bill Ayers, a violent individual as a radical member of the WU, is known to have been one of Barack Obama’s friends earlier in his life. Most of these groups no longer exist, but their legacy certainly lives on.

[20] It is well-known that some of the more radical groups in the Middle East have made public their determination to “wipe Israel off the map,” and continue to call America “the great Satan.”

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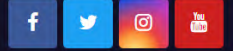
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10. A Shift in Strategy

For a period of time during the middle of the Twentieth Century (ie 1940s, 1950s, 1960s) America was a predominantly family-centered culture, and a strong advocate of morality and ethics.[1] Given such a cultural context, communists realized that there would never be any real chance of success in defeating America through the classic Marxist-Leninist "violent revolution." Therefore, they revised their strategy in order to achieve their goal of "conquering" America. They took another, more subtle, approach. This revised strategy was well-characterized by Dr. Fred Schwartz in his formula: "External Encirclement plus Internal Demoralization Leads to Progressive Surrender." [2] What this meant was that the communists would: 1) surround America with communist nations which they set up (such as

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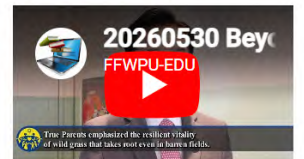
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Nicaragua, Cuba, etc.), while 2) simultaneously internally demoralizing Americans through negative (demonic) cultural influence, including drugs, relativism in values, family breakdown, etc., and the communists believed that 3) these strategies combined together would eventually (it might take decades) lead to the point where America would surrender without a fight. President Reagan and Rev. Moon, together, brought the “end” of communism, and the “external encirclement” part of the equation was checked (at least for a time, but it has now “re-surfaced” in a new form). However, the “internal demoralization” part of the communist strategy has proceeded apace, and proceeds today with ever-increasing vitality. The disturbing thing about this is that this strategy has, in my mind, been quite successful.

11. Has the Strategy Been Effective?

Sad to say, the “communist” strategy has apparently been successful beyond anyone’s wildest dreams. Although Rev. Moon and Pres. Reagan, together, seem to have been successful in bringing an end to the “cold war,” and the “external encirclement” part of Schwartz’s equation for the surrender of America, it is disturbing to take into account the argument, and the evidence presented by Mark Stein, a noted columnist, in his book, *America Alone*, in which he cautions us about the growing demographics and influence of radical Islam.[3] To put it bluntly: the first part of the (communist) equation is (still) in the process of being fulfilled, now not by “communism” per se, but by radical Islam (especially in its radical Islamic Jihadist form) which carries within itself the communist spirit, and the demonic force which animates the whole.

The Communist “to-do” list for the destruction of America has in my opinion, to a great extent been achieved. It is alarming when one sees what is on that list. That “to-do” list included weakening the Western world through drugs, free sex, homosexuality, attacks on the family, trivializing of the media, attacks on Christianity and Christian values, infiltration of the churches, influence on education through high schools and universities, and infiltration into politics, to name just a few spheres of communist activity. Churches have been infiltrated, the family has been undermined, homosexuality, free sex and drugs have been encouraged and are widespread, the media has become an instrument of disinformation, misinformation and trivia, and the universities and court system, and even the government have been effectively infiltrated. The culture war is advancing steadily. Cultural demonization is advancing full-steam. Transgenderism is only the latest “moment” in the surge of the decline in American values.

11.12. Drugs and Free Sex

An important dimension of the communist strategy (and the demonic spirit behind it) to defeat America was the introduction of free sex into American culture. Through such people as Alfred Kinsey, Hugh Hefner, and others, Marx’s “social” revolution was effectively transformed into a “sexual” revolution, and American universities were swamped by that spirit. Drugs were another means. The internet carried the disturbing news in an article on Oct 3, 2013 that the “worldwide war against drugs is being lost.” My home state of Colorado has legalized marijuana. Hard drugs are worse. Philip Seymour Hoffman, a popular actor, was found dead in his NYC apartment, with a needle in his arm and bags of heroin in his apartment. There are now drugs, such as Fentanyl, even more potent than heroin. The entertainment world, which has a huge influence, especially on young people, has also been infiltrated by relative values. One only need consider certain rock stars (no names mentioned) to realize the extent or depth of our depravity in values. Performers often dance half-naked on stage, and keep needing to check in to rehabilitation centers for their pervasive drug abuse. This is not to mention their erratic (and suggestive/immoral) behavior. One popular rock star was filmed on Utube urinating in a bucket, and caused distress when he smoked marijuana on his way to the Sochi Olympics. These “stars” have, sadly, become “role models” for many American teenagers. Rev. Moon has stated:

Women chased wherever he performed. They tried to touch him and grab him and even jump on him. Do singers like and sports champions fulfill a good purpose or an evil purpose? Generally these superstars influence the world in a satanic way. Men and women who carefully groom their appearance and dress in the most elegant fashions generally have a satanic effect on the world.[4]

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11.13. Gay-Rights and the Gay Lifestyle

There is also a glamorization of the gay lifestyle. On television and in movies the moral person is often portrayed as weird or “out of touch” in some way, and the gay individual is “cool,” entertaining, “in touch,” or wise, and someone to emulate. Actor Jim Parsons, star of the immensely popular “The Big Bang Theory,” on television, after winning his third Emmy award, was honored by the GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Network) with its “Inspiration Award” at the 2013 Respect Awards.[5] The series has been renewed (now in 2018- in its eleventh season). Gay individuals are often portrayed in a good light, whereas the moral person is often mocked, and portrayed in a negative light. Helen Degeneres, a lesbian, has her own daily talk-show, and is enormously popular. Suze Orman is a respected financial guru in New York. It is the “cool” thing now for rock stars, sports figures, and Hollywood celebrities to “come out” and declare with some enthusiasm that they are “gay,” and this is being more and more accepted by the American public. Greg Louganis (diving), Billie Jean King and Martina Navratilova (tennis) are just a few of the major sports figures advocating the gay lifestyle. An All-American football player, and NFL prospect, Michael Sam, came out as gay, and even the White House praised him for it. Ricky Martin is another megastar who “came out.” One would be shocked to see the number of Hollywood celebrities who are gay, and who those celebrities are. I can remember when a Hollywood legend, Rock Hudson, became very ill, and finally it was disclosed that he was gay and was dying of AIDS. He had been one of Hollywood’s most famous leading men. Now, it is almost “award-worthy” to “come out.” Irene Wust, of the Netherlands, the first openly-gay athlete to win an Olympic gold medal (in the Sochi Olympics) became big news. Transgenderism is now one of the prevalent social topics.

Many well-known people are included in the number of those “coming out.” A few years ago (12/31/13) a very-recognizable host of the morning television show, “Good Morning, America,” Robin Roberts, came out on public television. Not such a surprise, but very telling was one journalist’s comment about Roberts’ coming out. Speaking of the event in the context of the wider phenomenon of “celebrities” who are coming out, the journalist noted that such people are “helping people, like Phil Robertson, recognize that they are on the wrong side of history.” This is an amazing thing to say. It directly implies that “gay people” and those “coming out” are on the right side of history. That is to say, that is the way things are going to be, even in the future. They have a sense that there is a kind of historical determinism involved with the phenomenon of gay marriage, and the gay lifestyle. Marx, too, held to a kind of historical determinism with his “Historical Materialism.” Those of us who believe in monogamous marriages and the traditional family with a husband, wife, and children, are “on the wrong side of history.” This is a very alarming vision of the way things might become. Talk about changing the world! Even politicians are “coming out” now with little sense of shame or stigma. America, along with other countries, is becoming increasingly tolerant of the gay lifestyle.

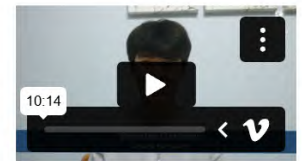
On “Gay Pride Day” there are parades in major cities around the world, glamorizing and celebrating the gay lifestyle. The legal system has virtually made it a “hate crime,” or labeled it as “intolerant” or “hurtful” to even think of criticizing homosexuality, lesbianism, or transgenderism. A Roman Catholic Cardinal recently called homosexuality a “defect” of human nature, and a storm of denunciation from gay-rights groups followed in swift consequence. In a recent news item, an elementary school student participating in a “book fair,” was wearing a T-shirt advertising harmony between heterosexuals, homosexuals, and others, and no one objected. But, wear a T-shirt advertising a rifle, or promoting religion, and you are liable to arrest, expulsion, or detention. In November, 2013, Hawaii became the 17th state to legalize gay marriage. Oregon soon followed suit. In December, 2013, Phil Robertson, the patriarch of the “Duck Dynasty,” a popular TV series, in response to a question directed to him, made a comment about his religious beliefs, which included the fact that he does not approve of the gay life-style. The media, the gay community, and liberals went ballistic in calling “foul.” What they fail to realize is that if the gay lifestyle continues, it means the literal end of the human race. Two women, or two men, cannot reproduce or bring children into the world. Homosexual “unions” may, in the public eye, present a surface appearance of being “comfortable” emotionally, financially, psychologically, etc. but do not “fit” biologically, physiologically, or anatomically.

The institution of the family is today in very serious trouble. Marx and Engels are very clear

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and explicit on this point. In *The Communist Manifesto* it is stated: “Abolition of the family! Even the most radical flare up at this infamous proposal of the Communists. The bourgeois family will vanish as a matter of course....”^[6] Gay marriage is being promoted virtually everywhere, and is being legalized in state after state. Law suits are being filed on behalf of gay couples. In some cases, little boys who want to be(come) little girls can undergo a “sex-change” operation, and then seek legal recourse to allow them to use little girls’ bathrooms. There are adults also, for those aware of Cher’s daughter-become-son, Chaz Bono, who was once prominently featured on “Dancing With The Stars” on television. Even former US President, Barack Hussein Obama, not only came out in favor of gay rights, but proclaimed the month of November, 2013, to be “LGBT Month (Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender Month), while at the same time closing the Veterans Memorial in Washington DC, and many American National Parks.^[7] This is a far cry from the family-oriented sentiment expressed in such classic television shows of earlier decades as “Leave It To Beaver,” “My Three Sons,” “Father Knows Best,” “The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet,” and “The Donna Reed Show.” These shows were family-centered, expounding family values, and were clean, refreshing, and wholesome.^[8] How radically things have changed! The world is being changed right before our eyes. What are we going to do about it?

The media, as indicated earlier, does little to call these cultural changes into question. In the majority of cases, the media seems to take every opportunity it can to encourage such changes, and mocks every change for “good.” That is because the media has become a liberal media, and is more-or-less promoting the liberal agenda. It is almost as if the media wants to deaden peoples’ awareness and sensitivity to anything that is decent. Now we must concern ourselves with “fake news.” If one considers Yahoo headlines from the past six months or so, it borders on the ridiculous and insignificant. Some examples are: Rihanna, Chris Brown kiss; Kate Upton’s favorite bikini; and which party did the Kardashians attend? This kind of “tabloid news” (=trivia) is the daily diet of probably millions of American people. They are living lives of irrelevancy laced with self-indulgence and covered over with apathy. Truly, as Fred Schwartz pointed out, it does seem that America might “progressively surrender” without much more than a small whimper, as it contentedly continues to eat its favorite fast-food, enjoy the latest reality television show, and tries to guess the next episode in the continuing adventures of Kim Kardashian. Or maybe they want to watch “The Bachelor” instead!

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^[1] As anyone who has read the Divine Principle or examined True Father’s life course, would be aware, it is apparent that True Father began his public ministry in 1945, after an intense course of personal preparation. Alive in 1945 were individuals such as M. Ghandi, Mother Theresa, Martin Luther King, Jr. and Teilhard de Chardin. Had True Father been able to communicate with such people about a possible religious council for the new UN, history may have taken a very different path. In reality, True Father was not received, and was forced into a “40-year wilderness course,” and the work of evil was free to work. This is why a short time later, providentially speaking, the family-based culture in America, which was prepared for the sake of True Father, experienced upheaval as demonic forces were able to invade America through the sexual revolution, and we are seeing the mature fruits of this moral decline today. Seemingly, one American state after another is coming to “tolerate” gay marriage, as the family continues to crumble, some even “legalizing” it.

^[2] Schwartz, *What Is Communism*, 24

^[3] Steyn, *America Alone*, 1-40. In this context Steyn argues from a demographic point of view, discussing birthrates and sociological transitions. His concerns become quite evident

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[4] Universal Peace Federation, World Scripture II: World Scripture and the Teachings of Sun Myung Moon, New York: Universal Peace Federation, 2007, 639-40.

[5] This news came via the Internet, 10/8/13.

[6] Karl Marx and Frederick Engels, The Communist Manifesto, New York: International Publishers,

1979, 26-7.

[7] This came through the internet news of Oct, 2013.

[8] These are the television shows I grew up with in the 1950s, 1960s, and 1970s. They were wholesome shows, centering on family values and family harmony, and they also had a moral message which came across very strongly.



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14. The Attack on Christianity and Christian Values

America has always been a “Christian” nation, but lately Christianity is under intense attack. David Limbaugh, in his book, Persecution, documents the many ways in which Christianity is presently under legal attack in the court system of justice.[1] On the other hand, God forbid if anyone criticizes Islam in any fashion, or makes negative comments about its founder, Muhammed. The propaganda arm of “Stealth Jihad”[2] has done its work well. Anyone with the slightest hint of anti-Islamic feeling is immediately branded as being “intolerant,” and there are seemingly spontaneous riots in major Islamic cultures around the world.

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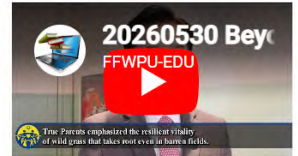
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“Intolerance” is a catchword from liberalism. Other catchwords include “progressive” and “multi-culturalism.” There is even legislation now seeking to make any kind of anti-Islamic statement a crime. This is the work of the propaganda machine of radical Islamic Jihad. Michelle Gabriel calls it “the pc propaganda machine.....of the Islamofascism movement” which seeks to “demonize anyone who dares to criticize Islam.”[3]

Perhaps this is an appropriate place to mention that one of former President Obama’s advisory panel members for the Department of Homeland Security, Mr. Mohamed Elibary, has recently posted on his very public website, the “R4BIA” (a salute with four fingers up), which is a recognized sign of the radical Muslim Brotherhood. Dr. Abdullah Nasif, also, has well-known connections with the radical Islamic community.

Michelle Malkin documents in considerable detail in her book, Culture of Corruption,[4] the extent of the lack of decency and integrity one finds today in the present administration in Washington, DC. Some news items, from the conservative side, even claim that there are up to 70 communists (and they are identified) presently serving in the American Congress and Senate. These are yet more indications that cultural demonization, including radical Islamic Jihad, are filtering pervasively throughout the culture, and social and governmental institutions of the United States. “Progressive surrender” does not seem to be such a far-fetched notion anymore. We are seeing it right before our eyes.

In the educational sphere, it is just as alarming. Schools are encouraged to teach evolution as if it were scientific truth (although it remains only a “theory,” like any scientific theory), but it is frowned upon if one attempts to even discuss “intelligent design.”[5] God forbid if anyone dares to speak the name of God, or even mentions “intelligent design.” You could lose your job. A student who carries a Bible to school, or even wears a T-shirt with some Biblical statement on it is liable to face reprimand, if not expulsion (because of “intolerance”; it might offend the sensibility of someone). The guest speaker in an elementary school classroom may be a lesbian who talks about different sexual positions, or a homosexual man who demonstrates how one is to correctly put on a condom. A grade-school student was put on detention for simply carrying a key chain with a small metal “gun” the size of an American quarter on it. This surely borders on the ridiculous. Of course, transgenderism is an acceptable topic in some cases, and anyone who criticizes it is labelled as intolerant.

In the political sphere, the demonic influence in culture is nearly overwhelming. I have already mentioned the individuals appointed to high levels of government by the Obama administration. Michelle Malkin documents in some detail the “Culture of Corruption” of the government in her book, as mentioned. True or not, in October, 2013, according to news on the “web,” a “communist” named Bill de Blasio (whose daughter confessed to being a drug abuser) was elected as the mayor of New York City, succeeding Michael Bloomberg. Furthermore, the “scandals” which kept emerging from the previous administration were very worrisome. There came Benghazi, NSA (National Security Administration), DOJ (Department of Justice), Fast and Furious, and the IRS (Internal Revenue Service), just to mention a few. A former Presidential Security guard has also revealed that the scandals which occurred were simply “unbelievable,” meaning that what was really happening was much more than we read about, and if we really knew the extent of the misbehavior we would be shocked. There was even talk of impeachment against Obama, as well as against Eric Holder. Pretty clearly, there seems to have been problems.

15. The “Kingdom of Evil” Is Still with Us, More Alive, Aggressive, and Dynamic Than Ever

Lest one think that all these cultural dimensions are random, and not connected, perhaps part of a poor family up bringing, or economic difficulty, or something, I feel it must be stated that they are all part of a deliberate program designed to bring down and destroy the Western world and its values. This same demonic spirit is seeking to block, stop, hinder, confuse, and destroy any effort whatsoever, made by anyone whatsoever, which or who is striving to make progress towards the realization of God’s will.[6]

The animating force behind this cultural onslaught is Satan, or “Lucifer,” as Ann Coulter has noted,[7] and this organized effort to infiltrate and corrupt from within has been given the label of “cultural demonization.” There is a demonic force behind the phenomenon of cultural demonization which continues to inspire, stimulate, catalyze and direct, through the medium of countless numbers of individuals (dupes and fellow travelers). It is that same

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demonic force (Satan) that animated the monstrous human beings who committed great evils throughout human history, and which animated Marx and Lenin to give birth to communism, and which animates “radical Islamic Jihadists,” and which animates the various “liberal “[8] causes in today’s world.

Behind all of this, and embracing all of this, is a very real kingdom of evil, inspired and conducted by Satan and other demonic forces, working to destroy everything good and true and beautiful. It has created a kingdom of evil, in total opposition to God, and it is actively changing the world, just as Karl Marx stated. America is going through enormous changes right now; the America that exists now is not the same America that I grew up in. The world is experiencing major economic changes as well. To be fair, it must be pointed out that since we are living in the Last Days,[9] change must occur and can be expected. But this change ought[10] to be such as to lead progressively to the realization of good, healthy families, viable and prosperous societies, and good harmonious nations and a peaceful world, all based on true love. Instead, many changes are of a very destructive nature. What can be done? Fortunately, we now have the worldview of Unification Thought.

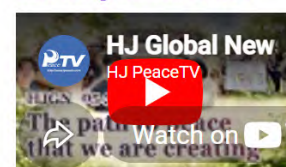
16. The Essential Role of Unification Thought

Clearly we do not live in a neutral world. There are demonic forces virtually everywhere, as has been noted above, seeking to inundate everyone and everything. The important question, then, is this: Is there any force capable not only of competing with such a kingdom of evil, but actually defeating it? Often people, especially in the Christian world, think that is the role of the church, that is, the Christian church.

However, which church can compete with these evil forces? Their different rituals, theologies, etc. have divided and weakened them. Some churches have come to the point now where they ordain homosexual clergy and officiate over gay marriages. The Roman Catholic pedophile priests have caused disturbing, uncomfortable news. The irony here is that perhaps some of these individuals are themselves socialists, or Marxists, or communists who have deliberately infiltrated the churches so as to destroy those churches, and Christianity, from within. If this seems like an extreme idea, let me point out that many years ago, at Belvedere in New York, I was present in the congregation when Rev. Moon warned us that there were communists even in the Unification Church, and that they would work, from within, to bring the Unification Church down. More recently, it was interesting in that he stated that the Washington Times newspaper was taken from him “by communist hands,”[11] and the fact that the newspaper was returned to his hands was little short of a miracle. This is not to say that any of the individuals around Rev. Moon are/were “communist,” but that there is a communist influence, perhaps working at 3-4 levels removed, and that influence is making itself felt.

Aside from the churches, with their spiritual and theological particularities, politicians, economists, scientists, and professors alike cannot compete with the demonic forces operating in our societies. This is unfortunate, since these are “rational” scholars. They do not necessarily have religious and theological biases. Here, however, it is their own intellect that works against them. Many modern people tend to dismiss or “brush off” such “outdated” and “old-fashioned” notions as “Satan” or “evil spirits,” etc., as mere superstition and fantasy. Richard Dawkins (The God Delusion) is a notable example. One might recall that “enlightened” scholars of the Renaissance dismissed notions of “God” as being superstitious and outdated. The same trend can be found today. Oftentimes, nevertheless, these cultural elites are themselves dupes and fellow travelers, as Fred Schwartz would label them. That is to say, many politicians, economists, scientists, and professors are “in the service” of these forces, in much the same way as Marx, Lenin, Hitler, Kinsey, Hefner, and others were. The sad part is that they may not even realize that they are playing along, as it were. As intellectuals they would not think of “lowering themselves” to even entertain such fanatically religious ideas. They are “rationalists” or “scholars,” not fanaticists. This is uncomfortably close to the attitude held by those of the Renaissance and Enlightenment. Where are the Schleiermachers when you need them? Friedrich Schleiermacher wrote a book (1899): On Religion: Speeches to its Cultured Despisers, which put religion in a completely different light than it had ever been expressed, and electrified, in a good way, the “elitist” community of his time. Actually, Unification Thought will hopefully play the same role, and will have the same effect in the future.

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[1] David Limbaugh, *Persecution*, Washington DC: Regnery Publishing, Inc., 2003.

[2] *Stealth Jihad* is the title and is appropriately titled. Islamic Jihad is attempting to infiltrate itself quietly, or “stealthily” into virtually every aspect of American culture, society, and government in a stealth (ie silent, unobtrusive, quiet and unnoticed) manner. Compare the so-called “stealth bomber” which America has created, and which can avoid detection by any radar system.

[3] Gabriel, *They Must Be Stopped*, 214-15.

[4] Michelle Malkin, *Culture of Corruption: Obama and His Team of Tax Cheats, Crooks, and Cronies*, Washington, DC: Regnery Publishing, Inc. 2009. This is an incredible book to read. Far beyond the copious examples of corruption Malkin does describe in her book, the entire culture of the political establishment in Washington, D.C. has seemingly become a culture of corruption.

[5] For a broad, well-researched, and scholarly/scientific elaboration on the controversy surrounding Darwin, evolutionary biology, and design theory, see Jonathan Wells, *Icons of Evolution: Science or Myth ?*, Washington, DC: Regnery Publishing, Inc., 2000; Jonathan Wells, *The Politically Incorrect Guide to Darwinism and Intelligent Design*, Washington, DC: Regnery Publishing, 2006; Ann Coulter, *Godless: The Church of Liberalism*, New York: Crown Books, 2006, esp. pp 198-281; and David A Carlson, *The Dawning of a New Culture*, CheongShim: GST University Press, 2008, pp 90-114.

[6] For this reason the Family Pledge recited by members of the Unification Movement exhorts us to seek, to establish, to represent, to build, to strive, to embody, and to perfect the Kingdom of God, which is based on the ideal, God-centered family. It will not come on its own accord; rather, we must actively participate together in building such a family and world.

[7] Coulter, *Demonic*, 287-295.

[8] I use the term “liberal” here not to direct attention to any specific movement or school of thought in our modern times, but as a more generic term, a label with which to identify any thought, movement or individual working in an antithetical way to the providence of God as it is being played out in our modern times. In the use of this term, I am, to a large extent, drawing upon the tradition as it is eloquently expressed in the works of Ann Coulter, who writes about the “church of liberalism” and who in her book, *Demonic*, describes the way in which the “liberal mob is endangering America.” Taking this generic sense, one might say, to be blunt, and taking after a passage in the *Divine Principle*, that “Heaven” is of God, and “liberalism” is of the world, that is, of the demonic spirit.

[9] HSA-UWC, *Exposition*, 84-95. The “last days” is a time of turmoil when changes take place socially, politically, economically, etc. Change must take place throughout the world in order to transform the world as it is presently into the world God originally designed. These changes are catalyzed by the Messiah, and have the objective of lifting up all good things, and transforming even “evil” things into good things.

[10] I say “ought” to be such, since it is us who should be doing it! The world is going through enormous, even unprecedented changes right now and, as this paper indicates, these changes are deliberate. To counter the changes towards evil, we “good” people, with our “good” intentions need to come to have influence, and guide these changes in the right direction. Reference the comments made in *Unification Thought (Essentials)*, 387-390 where the direction of historical change can be changed to the “good” side if directed by good leaders who are able to win over evil influences. In the absence of such good people and good influences, history will continue to advance in an “evil” direction.

[11] Please understand clearly that in my saying this I am not pointing any fingers, and certainly not indicating any individuals, but in a very general sense, it would not be surprising that there may have been some such influence along the way.

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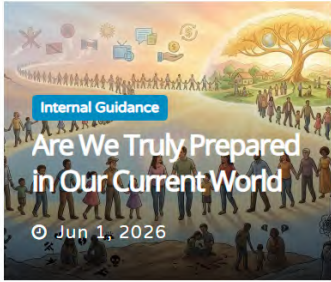
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