

Why We Need a Revival?

Dennis and Doris Orme

March 1972

The Unification Church of England



Only the stars, beaming from afar, penetrate the black stillness of the night. Nothing moves in the compound, the prisoners are huddled together in unlit huts, it is their only hope of keeping warm. A gentle breeze blows from the North, and the Arctic wastes of Siberia. It moves with deadly intent, freezing the moisture onto ice covered walls. It is winter 1949, the place -- a man made hell called the Hungnam Chemical Camp in North Korea. Here beneath the starlit sky and the majesty of the heavens, a man kneels in prayer. In this merciless pit of hell most of the prisoners die within six months, yet one man lives. Night after night the others watch him kneel and pray. He sings quietly to God, his words are kind as he talks tenderly to the Creator, "Do not worry about me, I am all right Lord, I shall always love you, you are so good..."

The other prisoners have lapsed into unconsciousness. They are pleased that fatigue has taken them out of this hell. Some will never wake up. One man prays on, quietly comforting God, telling Him not to worry. When they wake up, prisoner 596 is still praying in his tattered clothes. His name is Sun Myung Moon. The Korean Revival is underway. He is destined to be released by the United Nations Forces in the Korean War.

In March (1972) he spoke at Friends House, London, giving three lectures during which a member of the audience had a vision. She saw George Fox and other Quaker elders kneeling with their faces to the ground. On being asked, "Why don't you look at Mr. Moon?" George Fox replied, "I was so sinful in my life that I cannot look directly at him, so bright is his light. I envy you and all the others who can." Then he said, "During my life I detested the ringing of church bells, but tonight I wish that every church bell in London would ring to announce this man."

Why should anyone receive such a vision? The answer lies in the fact that, if this land is to prosper and wake up, then first the Christians must wake up, secondly we must build upon our great heritage. Millions of men died to preserve this peaceful nation, that we might build it in a better way. Sun Myung Moon talks with great clarity about the purpose and plan of God. What in practical terms does this mean?

We are a Christian nation, our heritage is Christian and the philosophy of Christianity is that man should be in the image and likeness of God. For man to be in the image and likeness of God he must be free from domination, the domination of evil or Satan. In real terms this means that we should be free from material domination or economic need, free from political domination, free from military domination and free from spiritual domination. These are the freedoms our forefathers fought for and painstakingly preserved

in Two Great World Wars. Our British way of life containing as it does the great principle that the law be administered by unarmed men in a peaceful manner. This has evolved through great endeavor. It is not the result of any ism, Marxism, capitalism, or socialism but the result of men being inspired by God. Are we to carry on in the same tradition? It is for you to answer.

Sun Myung Moon would say that this great endeavor was the very foundation of western civilization. He would say that God blessed Britannia and the navy because they protected other people's freedom. They drove piracy from the high seas, then they pursued the slave traders, establishing the right for all nations to trade upon the oceans free from aggression. God blessed the Empire not because it was British, but because we spread Christianity, we brought justice and education which, together with technical aids, laid the foundation for future self-government and freedom. Yet today we have fallen from grace. Why? Perhaps we do not understand the great principles of God? One of these principles is that unless you protect others God will not protect you. In the Soviet Union the destruction of religious freedom is a well-documented fact. Even Solzhenitsyn, the Nobel Prize Winner raises his pen in protest. Does our government seek to aid the Christians in Russia?

Do they seek to promote East -- West detente by getting permission to sell Bibles in Russia? Reports have it that frequently there is only one Bible between three churches and that on the Black Market a Bible in Moscow changes hands for over 100 pounds. After forty years of Marxist propaganda the Soviet Union cannot possibly be scared of the Holy Bible. Yet we cannot expect the government of this Christian nation to stand up for their fellow Christians in their hour of need if the established churches also turn away. We are supposed to believe in freedom, yet we are too knock-kneed to promote even religious freedom in the Soviet Union. We allow the import of Soviet magazines-cultural Marxist magazines, yet where, oh where is our endeavor to help our Christian brothers and sisters in their land. If we promoted religious freedom then there is a chance that a great revival may take place in the Soviet Union and a true peace would be established.

Instead what do we find, only an embarrassed silence. The young who would follow a courageous leader, or an Archbishop that hammers on the door of No. 10 with anger at betrayal of spiritual values, find only platitudes and excuses. We pray for the protection of the Queen, of the pope, yet we do nothing to protect others. Why should God listen to our prayers? The great and lasting principle is that so long as you struggle and fight for people's freedom God will protect you. If you forsake others, He will forsake you.

Our children who go to university to study sociology read not the great sociology of this country. The stories of men divinely inspired Baden Powell, General Booth, John Wesley, Lord Shaftesbury William Wilberforce, Winston Churchill, John Bunyan, Grace Darling, Elizabeth Fry, Florence Nightingale, Sir Thomas Moore, John Hampden etc., etc. The names of great men pour forth from our history, yet these are forgotten. Instead our youth study a foreign sociology; that of Marx, Engels, Lenin, Freud and Pavlov. They do not study the difference between a God centered conscience and a Marxist class war orientated mind. As we teach our children so will they be. We train our youngsters in Marxism and through their energy and drive they will build the future.

An embarrassed silence hangs over the Christian Church. They are accused of great wealth on the one hand and little endeavor on the other. Have we Christians the dedication, the clear understanding of God's will to build a Better Britain? Are we transfixed by our own inward looking Church Hierarchies? We are young people. We are growing up into a world that causes us to search our consciences. Are the atheists more dedicated than the Christians? If they are, they deserve to build a Marxist Britain. Have we inherited a very great tradition, great institutions of education, freedom of movement, freedom of expression, merely for our own self-indulgence and pleasure? Certainly not. We have been given all this, and we know that unless we recognize and value the struggle of our forefathers, men who translated the Bible at the risk of their lives etc., it will all be taken from us. Sun Myung Moon outlined with great clarity what we young Christians must do, for the sake of God of this nation and the world. If we are selfish, lazy and only interested in our own pleasure then in the next life we will be scorned not only by God but by those who see and endeavor we have betrayed. Does a father love his children if they betray their own fellow children? He too will come to despise them and even disown them. To inherit what our Fathers wish to pass on to us, we must be worthy to receive. God is calling us because He wants us to inherit the great blessing He has given to this nation.

In your town or city today are young people who over a period of years have sacrificially given everything to lay the foundation for a nationwide campaign. Some of us are professional people, others housewives, engineers etc. We come from various backgrounds: atheistic, Roman Catholic, Anglican, Methodist, Baptist, right the way along to Quaker. We have established training centers where people, particularly young people can come and stay for a weekend to learn what Sun Myung Moon is really talking about. We have training centres where you can learn to work with others and with God. We must take God's Principles into every field of endeavor, into the entertainment world, in the business world, into diplomacy, into politics, into justice and legal work, into education. Unless we do that we cannot build a God centered land. We are not interested in Church differences, only restoring this nation to God.

On leaving this country Sun Myung Moon said "I am telling this to you because I want you to be strong to fight for the sake of God. I want you to go to the battlefield of Britain. You must be the shields to protect your nation from the enemy guns. You must be able to play the role of bullets to attack the enemy camp, to win the victory. You must be able to fight for the sake of God, for the sake of yourself and for the sake of whole nation.

If you are thus prepared you will not be afraid of the enemy and you will be ready to go out and the victory will be yours, because God and the whole spiritual world will be on your side.

If you are resolved as this, and if you would go out in the field, the wilderness, the spiritual wilderness of Britain your fight will not be that of the vanquished. Even if you may die there, you will be a victor, and in the spiritual world you will have pioneered the way for your followers. You will blossom like flowers in the Garden of Our Father."