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THE LATE REVEREND  
DR. SUN MYUNG MOON



## REVEREND MOON'S UNIFICATION CHURCH

# A COOL RELIGION

This Aug. 9 to 13, some 30,000 leaders, members and followers of the Unification Church from over 65 countries gather in Seoul, the South Korean capital, for a "Peace, Security and Development" summit under the aegis of the Universal Peace Federation, (UPF).

The huge gathering is actually a commemoration of the second death anniversary of Unification Church's and UPF's charismatic founder and evangelist, the late Reverend Dr. Sun Myung Moon. It also marks the 60th year of the Unification Church.

Both the Unification Church and the UPF were founded by Reverend Moon and his wife. UPF is not church-based. It operates like an NGO in propagating the ideals, doctrines, and ideas of its late founder.

Reverend Moon died two years ago, Sept. 3, 2012, a Monday, in Gyeongju, South Korea, from complications of pneumonia and kidney failure. He was 92.

The Unification Church Dr. Moon founded is one of the most traditional and conservative. Nobody can argue with its ideals and teachings – no premarital sex, belief in marriage, fidelity in marriage, family values, education, and help and giving for others, love of country, unity among peoples and nations, global thinking, among other traditional but solid values.

"A people without tradition will fail. Tradition is the soul that allows a people to continue; a people without a soul cannot survive," Reverend Moon wrote. Also, "a people will fail if it does not educate its descendants. Education gives us the power to live with new knowledge and objectives."

"The family whose members love each other is a model of how humanity can live together in harmony," he wrote in Chapter 8 of his autobiography, "As a Peace Loving Global Citizen", a bestseller. "A global leader is someone who loves humanity as he loves his own family."

### Cool

This makes the Unification Church such a cool religion, from a country that has of late been the source of cool pop culture and products – Gangnam Style, Korean tv dramas, K-pop songs, as well as the smart phones, pads, tvs, cameras and other 21st gadgets of technology behemoths like Samsung and LG. Not to be outdone are the cars of Hyundai and Kia.

The onslaught of such Korean products and cultural icons has been described as the



**DR. CHUNG Sik Yong,**  
Regional Chair for  
the UPF Asia, lectures  
with passion and vigor.

Hallyu, the Korean wave. This is Korea's soft power to sell its phones, cars and religion.

Dr. Moon propagated and expanded his religion with the passion of a true believer, the vision of a strategic thinker, and the audacity of a warrior. "Mr. Moon courted world leaders, financed newspapers and founded numerous innocuously named civic organizations," said the *New York Times*' 2,750-word obituary on him.

Born dirt poor and incarcerated and tortured as a young man in North Korea, his birthplace, the young Moon worked hard and became enormously wealthy.

"When conducting business, we must always be honest, and we must never take a profit of more than 30%," he wrote. Money earned "must be spent prayerfully... with a clear purpose and intent." His business began with a Japanese-made lathe

in a coal briquette storage room in 1962 and called it Tongil Industries. The next venture was a fishing boat, because "water is the source of life" and two-thirds of the world is water. Next, Moon focused on exporting dancers because dance has a 5,000-year tradition.

Dr. Moon envisioned Tongil would grow, along with Korea's defense and automobile industries.

From Korea, Moon's religion leapt to Japan, South Korea's enemy. A church was established in Japan in October 1959, by Bong Choon Choi. The following year, missionaries were sent to the United States. "He saw the US as the world's salvation," said the *New York Times*.

In 1965, Reverend Moon himself embarked on a global tour, his first trip outside Korea, and visited 40 countries in ten



THE LATE REVEREND MOON and his widow, Hak Ja Han



**DR. LEK Thaveetermsakul,**  
secretary-general of  
the UPF in Thailand

**JULIUS Malicdem,**  
UPF Philippine  
National Leader

**DR. ROBERT S. Kittel,**  
Director of  
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UPF Asia

**URSULA McLackland,**  
Secretary General of  
UPF ASIA

months. He wanted to implant his religion in 40 countries in just two years—the US, Canada, Central and South America, and Europe, "the cultural sphere of the Vatican." By the early 1970s, Reverend Moon had sent missionaries to 127 countries.

Today, the Unification Church's reach and influence are difficult to fathom. There are no exact figures. Core members are

counted differently from those who have attended its preachings or teachings whose number are ten to 15 times more.

The Unification Church has strong, well-educated leaders. In Asia, the church is led by Dr. Chung Sik Yong, the regional president of the Universal Peace Federation. Under him are 19 countries. One of the oldest UPF churches in Asia is in Thailand.

It is headed by Dr. Lek Thaveetermsakul, vice president of UPF Asia.

Mrs. Ursula McLackland, a German national, is the secretary general of UPF Asia. Dr. Robert Kittel is the director for education of UP Asia. He is an American.

The Philippine operation is headed by Dr. Julius Malicdem.

A key feature of the Church is what is called Blessing, a wedding of two people whose marriage had been arranged by Reverend Moon himself, by shuffling pictures of the prospective newlyweds. The weddings "were in keeping with a central tenet of his theology, a mix of Eastern philosophy, biblical teachings and what he called God's revelations to him," said *The New York Times*, adding:

"In the church's view, Jesus had failed in his mission to purify mankind because he was crucified before being able to marry and have children. Mr. Moon saw himself as completing the unfulfilled task of Jesus: to restore humankind to a state of perfection by producing sinless children, and by blessing couples who would produce them."

"Marriage was a key part of achieving salvation, and for a couple the marriage was as much a commitment to the church as it was to each other."

It is estimated that Reverend Moon must have married more than 300,000 couples.

# Reverend Moon a True Father

From WIKIPEDIA



**S**un Myung Moon (Korean; born Mun Yong-myeong; Feb. 25, 1920 – Sept. 3, 2012) was a Korean religious leader, business magnate and media mogul.

A self-proclaimed messiah, Moon was the founder of the Unification Church and of its widely noted "Blessing" or mass wedding ceremony.

Moon's extensive business interests included News World Communications, an international news media corporation which founded The Washington Times and owns other media in several countries, and Tongil Group, a South Korean business group (chaebol) active in manufacturing, pharmaceuticals, tourism, and publishing.

Born in what is now North Korea, Moon and his family converted to Christianity when he was a child.

In 1954, he founded the Unification Church in Seoul, South Korea based on conservative, family-oriented teachings from new interpretations of the Bible. Moon outlined these principles in his book, "Explanation of the Divine Principle."

In the 1960s and 1970s, Moon was a leading figure in a wave of new religious movements that raised controversy on several issues. Followers, who were then sometimes called "Moonies", considered Moon their True Father while critics labeled him a cult leader.



Crowd at the celebration of the 1st Death Anniversary of Rev. Moon held in Cheongshim Peace World Center in Korea August 2013



**FATHER and Mother Moon together with their children and grandchildren**

Determined to spread his influence beyond religion and improve the church's image with the public, Moon became active in conservative politics, courted world leaders, founded numerous civic organizations and expanded his business interests and affiliated organizations. An ardent anti-communist and advocate for Korean reunification, his support helped turn *The Washington Times* into a respected newspaper in conservative circles.

#### Early life

Sun Myung Moon was born Mun Yong-myong on Feb. 25, 1920, in modern-day North Pyŏngan Province, North Korea, at a time when Korea was under Japanese rule. He was the younger of two sons in a farming family of eight children. Moon's family rejected the Shinto faith pushed by the country's Japanese rulers and followed Confucianist beliefs until he was around 10 years old, when they converted to Christianity and joined the Presbyterian Church. When he was 15, Moon said that Jesus Christ anointed him to carry

out his unfinished work by becoming parent to all of humanity.

In 1941, Moon began studying electrical engineering at Waseda University in Japan. During this time he cooperated with Communist Party members in the Korean independence movement against Imperial Japan. In 1943, he returned to Seoul to marry Sun Kil Choi and they had a son, Sung Jin Moon. Following World War II, Korea was divided along the 38th parallel into two trusteeships: the United States and the Soviet Union.

In 1946, Moon was living in Pyongyang, then the administrative center of the Soviet occupation zone, and in 1948 became the capital of North Korea. Pyongyang was the center of Christian activity in Korea until 1945. From the late forties 166 priests and other religious figures were killed or disappeared in concentration camps, including Francis Hong Yong-ho, bishop of Pyongyang and all monks of Tokwon abbey. Moon was arrested by the North Korean authorities on allegations of spying for South Korea and given a five-year sentence to the Hŭngnam labor camp.

In 1950, during the Korean War he escaped and fled to Pusan, South Korea. In 1953, Moon and Choi divorced and he had a child with another woman in 1954.

#### Founding of Unification Church in South Korea

Moon emerged from his years in the labor camp as a staunch anti-communist. His teachings viewed the Cold War between democracy and communism as the final conflict between God and Satan, with divided Korea as its primary front line. At his new church, he preached a conservative, family-oriented value system and his interpretation of the Bible. In 1954, Moon formally founded the Unification Church as the "Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity" in Seoul. He quickly drew young acolytes who helped to build the foundations of church affiliated business and cultural organizations.

#### Moon as messiah

"The Divine Principle," the main text explaining Moon's theology, blends Bible-

based Christianity with Eastern philosophies like Confucianism and Korean shamanism. It makes the core statement that Moon was sent from the East to be the messiah and finish Jesus' mission.

Moon stated that during the vision he had when he was 15, Jesus Christ called upon him to carry out his unfinished work - his failure to marry. Jesus was divine but not God; he was supposed to be the second Adam who would create a perfect family by joining with the ideal wife and creating a pure family that would have begun humanity's liberation from the sinful condition caused by Eve's illicit sex with Satan. When Jesus was crucified before marrying, he redeemed mankind spiritually but not physically. That task was left to the "True Parents" - Moon and his future wife - who would link married couples and their families to God.

#### Marriage to Hak Ja Han, True Parents

Moon married his second wife, Hak Ja Han, on April 11, 1960, soon after she turned 17 years old, in a ceremony called the Holy



Marriage. Han, called Mother or True Mother by followers, and her husband, together are referred to as the True Parents by members of the Unification Church.

#### Blessing ceremonies

Moon was renowned for presiding over mass "blessing ceremonies", the most famous ritual of the Unification Church. The ceremonies gained international attention for joining thousands of identically dressed brides and grooms - many who had never met before - in matrimony. Meant to highlight the church's emphasis on traditional morality, they brought Moon fame and notoriety in equal measure.

36 couples participated in the first ceremony in 1961 for members of the early church in Seoul, South Korea. The ceremonies continued to grow in scale; over 2,000 couples participated in the 1982 one at New York's Madison Square Garden, the first outside South Korea. In 1997, about 30,000 couples took part in a ceremony in Washington, DC.

In church doctrine, the wedding (or marriage re-dedication) ceremony removes couples from the lineage of sinful humanity and grafts them into God's sinless lineage.

After the third generation of intra-Unification Church blessed marriages, any children born will be free from the consequences of original sin. For single members of the church, the ceremony is the culmination of a process towards an arranged marriage. Romantic liaisons are forbidden until the members are ready to be matched.

Moon matched couples from differing races and nationalities as part of his belief that all of humanity should be united: "International and intercultural marriages are the quickest way to bring about an ideal world of peace.

"People should marry across national and cultural boundaries with people from countries they consider to be their enemies so that the world of peace can come that much more quickly."

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### World fame

In the 1970s, Moon, who had seldom before spoken to the general public, gave a series of public speeches to audiences in the United States, Japan, and South Korea. The largest were a rally in 1975 against North Korean aggression in Seoul and a speech at an event organized by the Unification Church in Washington D.C.

In 1971, Moon moved to the United States, which he had first visited in 1965. He remained a citizen of the Republic of Korea and maintained a residence in South Korea. In 1972, Moon founded the International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences, a series of scientific conferences. The first conference had 20 participants, while the largest conference in Seoul in 1982, had 808 participants from over 100 countries. Participants included Nobel laureates John Eccles (Physiology or Medicine 1963, who chaired the 1976 conference), and Eugene Wigner (Physics 1963).

In 1974, Moon asked church members in the United States to support President Richard Nixon during the Watergate scandal when Nixon was being pressured to resign his office.

Church members prayed and fasted in support of Nixon for three days in front of the United States Capitol, under the motto: "Forgive, Love and Unite." On Feb. 1, 1974 Nixon publicly thanked them for their support and officially received Moon. This brought the church into widespread public and media attention.

In 1982, *The Washington Times* was founded by News World Communications, an international media conglomerate associated with Moon which also owns newspapers in South Korea, Japan, and South America, as well as the news agency United Press International. Bo Hi Pak, Moon's chief aide, was the founding president and the founding chairman of the board. The political views of *The Washington Times* are often described as conservative. *The Washington Times* was a favorite read for President Ronald Reagan, but never a financial success. By 1991, Moon said he spent about \$1 billion on the paper (by 2002 roughly \$1.7 billion), which he called "the instrument in spreading the truth about God to the world."

In August 1985, seven years before the fall of Soviet Union, the Professors World Peace Academy, an organization founded by Moon, sponsored a conference in Geneva to debate the theme "The situation in the world after the fall of the communist empire."

### 1990s events

In April 1990, Moon visited the Soviet Union and met with President Mikhail Gorbachev. Moon expressed support for the political and economic transformations under way in the Soviet Union. At the same time the Unification Church was expanding into formerly communist

nations. In 1991, he met with Kim Il Sung, the North Korean President, to discuss ways to achieve peace on the Korean peninsula, as well as on international relations, tourism, etc. In 1994, Moon was officially invited to the funeral of Kim Il Sung, in spite of the absence of diplomatic relations between North Korea and South Korea.

### Twenty first Century events

In 2000, Moon sponsored a United Nations conference which proposed the formation of "a religious assembly, or council of religious representatives, within the structure of the United Nations." In the same year, he joined with Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan in sponsoring the Million Family March in Washington D.C., a follow-up event to the Million Man March held in 1995

### Universal Peace Federation

On Sept. 12, 2005, at the age of 85, Moon inaugurated the Universal Peace Federation with a 120-city world speaking tour. At each city, Moon delivered his speech titled "God's Ideal Family - the Model for World Peace".

In April 2008, Moon appointed his youngest son Hyung Jin Moon to be the new leader of the Unification Church and the worldwide Unification Movement, saying, "I hope everyone helps him so that he may fulfill his duty as the successor of the True Parents."

In 2009, Moon's autobiography, "As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen" (Korean: As Peace-Loving World), was published by Gimm-Young Publishers in South Korea. The book became a best-seller in Korea and Japan.

By 2010, Moon had given much of the responsibility for the Unification Church's religious and business activities to his children, who were then in their 30s and 40s. In 2012, the South Korean press reported that Moon traveled worldwide in his private jet which cost \$50 million.

### Illness and death

On Aug. 14, 2012, after suffering from pneumonia earlier in the month, Moon was admitted to Saint Mary's Hospital at The Catholic University of Korea in Seoul. On Aug. 15, 2012, he was reported to be gravely ill and was put on a respirator at the intensive care unit of St. Mary's Hospital. On Aug. 31, 2012, Moon was transferred to a church-owned hospital near his home in Gapyeong, northeast of Seoul, after suffering multiple organ failure. Moon died on the morning of Sept. 3, 2012 (1:54 am KST) at the age of 92.

### Honorary degrees and other recognition

Moon held honorary degrees from more than ten universities and colleges worldwide; at least one of which, the University of Bridgeport, received significant funding from his organizations.



**MEDIA MOGUL.** Reverend Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Bo Hi Pak with the Washington Times Staff, as the Washington Times begins publication, March 17, 1982.



**IN NORTH KOREA.** Reverend and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon meet with Kim Il Sung, Premier of North Korea, Dec. 6, 1991, Pyongyang, North Korea

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In 2004, at a ceremony on March 23, in the Dirksen Senate Office Building, in Washington, D.C., Moon crowned himself with what he called the "Crown of Peace", in the presence of numerous U.S. representatives. Some lawmakers who attended subsequently told reporters that they had been misled as to the nature of the event.

Moon was posthumously awarded North Korea's National Reunification Prize in 2012 and a meritorious award by K-League. On the first anniversary of Moon's death, North Korean leader Kim Jong-un expressed condolences to Han and the family saying: "Kim Jong-un prayed for the repose of Moon, who worked hard for national concord, prosperity and reunification and world peace."

In 2013, Zimbabwean Prime Minister Morgan Tsvangirai stated: "I remain greatly inspired by people like Reverend Dr. Sun Myung Moon, whose work and life across continents continue to impact positively on the lives of millions of others in the world."

### Politics

In 1964 Moon founded the Korean Culture and Freedom Foundation, which promoted the interests of South Korea and sponsored Radio Free Asia. Former U.S. Presidents Harry S. Truman, Dwight D. Eisenhower and Richard Nixon were honorary presidents or directors at various times.

In 1980, Moon asked church members to found CAUSA International as an anti-communist educational organization, based in New York. In the 1980s, it was active in 21 countries. In the United States it sponsored educational conferences for Christian leaders as well as seminars and conferences for Senate staffers and other activists. In 1986, it produced the anti-communist documentary film *Nicaragua Was Our Home*.

Moon founded the Family Party for Universal Peace and Unity in different countries. Thus, Ek Nath Dhakal, a Member of Parliament (MP) from the party is a member of the Unification Movement and leader of the Nepalese chapter of the Universal Peace Federation. Official events have periodically been held in honor of Sun Myung Moon in the municipalities of Korea. Moon's projects have been lobbied in the National Congress of Brazil by Brazilian

MPs. Moon has held dialogues between members of the Israeli Knesset and the Palestinian Parliament as part of his Middle East Peace Initiatives.

### Business and media

News World Communications, is an international news media corporation founded by Moon in 1976. It owns United Press International, The World and I, *Tiempos del Mundo* (Latin America), *The Segye Ilbo* (South Korea), *The Sekai Nippo* (Japan), *The Zambezi Times* (South Africa), *The Middle East Times* (Egypt).

Until 2008 it published the Washington D.C.-based newsmagazine *Insight on the News*. Until 2010, it owned the *Washington Times*. On Nov. 2, 2010, Sun Myung Moon and a group of former Times editors purchased the Times from News World.

Tongil Group is a South Korean business group (chaebol "Tongil" is Korean for "unification," the name of the Unification Church in Korean is "Tongilgyo."), founded in 1963 by Moon as a nonprofit organization which would provide revenue for the church. Its core focus was manufacturing but in the 1970s and 1980s it expanded by founding or acquiring businesses in pharmaceuticals, tourism, and publishing.

Among Tongil Group's chief holdings are: The Ilwha Company, which produces ginseng and related products; Ilshin Stone, building materials; and Tongil Heavy Industries, machine parts including hardware for the South Korean military.

The church is the largest owner of U.S. sushi restaurants and in the Kodiak region of Alaska, is the area's largest employer. The church owns the only automobile manufacturing plant in North Korea, Pyeonghwa Motors, and is the second largest exporter of Korean goods.

In 1989, Moon founded Seongnam Ilwha Chunma, the most successful soccer club in Korean football, having won a record 7 league titles, 2 FA Cups, 3 League Cups, and 2 AFC Champions League titles.

In 2004, Moon held an opening ceremony of the largest helicopter manufacturer in Asia, with 500 VIPs participating. Called *Washington Times Aviation*, the company produces Sikorsky helicopters on a sub-contract basis.

The same year, Moon launched a \$1.5-billion construction project to build

## As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen



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**REVEREND Moon meets President Arroyo**



**REVEREND Moon with Nixon**



**REVEREND Moon with Gerald Ford**



**REVEREND Moon with Ted Kennedy 1970**



**UNIVERSAL Peace Federation is inaugurated in Manila, Dec.1, 2005**



**ARANETA WEDDING. Dr. and Mrs. Chung Sik Yong, UPF Asia Chairman officiate the Renewal of marriage Vows of more than 13,000 couples in the Interfaith Peace Blessing Ceremony at the Araneta Coliseum Jan. 12, 2013.**

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**A BIG gathering of Unification Church members in Cheongshim Peace World Center in Korea during Foundation Day February 2013.**



**DURING Foundation Day Celebration in Korea February 2013.**

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# Reverend Moon's Unification Church

By WIKIPEDIA

The Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, founded as the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity, and commonly called the Unification Church or Unificationism is the religious group founded in South Korea in 1954 by Sun Myung Moon.

Since its founding, the church has expanded throughout the world with most members living in East Asia.

Unificationist beliefs are derived from the Christian Bible and are explained in the church's textbook, the Divine Principle.

The Unification Church teaches that God is the Creator and Heavenly Parent, whose dual nature combines both masculinity and femininity and whose center is true love.

## The Blessing

The Blessing ceremony of the Unification Church, a wedding or marriage rededication ceremony, is a church tradition which has attracted wide public attention. The church has engaged in interfaith activities with other religions, including mainstream Christianity and Islam, despite theological differences.

The Unification Church has sponsored many organizations and projects over the years; including businesses, news media, projects in education and the arts, and political and social activism.

The church was led by Moon until his death on Sept. 3, 2012. His widow Hak Ja Han had assumed the leadership of the church and has become its spiritual leader. The church's philosophy for establishing the Kingdom of Heaven is family-centered.

## Origins in Korea

Unification Church members believe that Jesus Christ appeared to Mun Yong-myong (his birth name) when Rev. Moon was 16 years old on Easter morning of 1935 (April 17) and asked him to accomplish the work left unfinished because of his crucifixion. After a period of prayer and consideration, Moon accepted the mission, later changing his name to Mun Son-myong (Sun Myung Moon).

The church's official teachings, "The Divine Principle," was first published as Wollu Wonbon (Original Text of the Divine



The Unification Symbol  
Cheon Il Guk Flag

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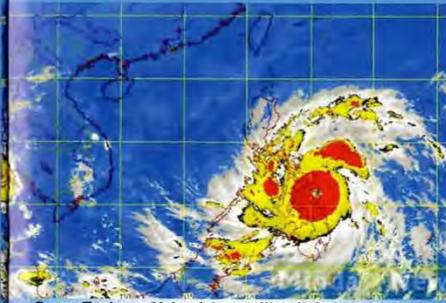
A BIG gathering of Unification Church members in Cheongshim Peace World Center in Korea during Foundation Day February 2013

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NOVEMBER 8 - Super Typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda) strongest typhoon in history that made a landfall



Super Typhoon Yolanda's satellite digital image as it made landfall in eastern Visayas (Nov. 8, 2013)



Principle) in 1945. However, the earliest manuscript was lost in North Korea during the Korean War.

A second, expanded version, Wollf Hesol, or "Explanation of the Divine Principle," was published in 1957. Finally, its most propagated text, the Exposition of the Divine Principle was published in 1966.

Sun Myung Moon preached in northern Korea after the end of World War II and in 1946 was imprisoned by the communist regime in North Korea. He was released from prison by the advance of American and United Nations forces during the Korean War, and moved south along with many other North Koreans. He built his first church from mud and cardboard boxes as a refugee in Pusan.

Moon formally founded the Unification Church in Busan on May 1, 1954, calling it "The Holy Spirit(ual) Association for the Unification of World Christianity."

The church expanded rapidly in South Korea and by the end of 1955 had 30 church centers throughout the nation. In its early days, the church was known as "the wailing church" or "the church of tears" because of the passionate sermons given by the Rev. Sun Myung Moon and his followers learning the way of service and sacrifice for God and humanity.

### International expansion

In 1958, Moon sent missionaries to Japan, and in 1959, to America. Moon moved to the United States in 1971 (although he remained a citizen of the Republic of Korea).

Missionary work took place in Washington, D.C., New York, and California. UC missionaries found success in the San Francisco Bay Area, where the church expanded in Oakland, Berkeley, and San Francisco. By 1971, the Unification Church of the United States had about 500 members. By 1973, it had some presence in all 50 states and a few thousand members.

The church also sent missionaries to Europe. The church entered Czechoslovakia in 1968 and remained underground until the 1990s.

Unification Church activity in South America began in the 1970s with missionary work. Later, the church made large investments in civic organizations and business projects, including an international newspaper.

In the 1970s, Moon gave a series of public speeches in the United States, including one in Madison Square Garden in New York City in 1974 and two in 1976: in Yankee Stadium in New York City, and on the grounds of the Washington Monument in Washington, D.C., where Moon spoke on "God's Hope for America" to 300,000 people.

In 1975, the Unification Church held one of the largest peaceful gatherings in history, with 1.2 million people in Yoido, South Korea.

### 1980s

In the 1980s, Moon instructed church members to take part in a program called "Home Church" in which they reached out to neighbors and community members through public service.

In 1982 the first large scale blessing ceremony held outside of Korea took place in Madison Square Garden in New York City with 2075 couples. In 1988, Moon matched 2,500 Korean members with Japanese members for a Blessing ceremony held in Korea, partly in order to promote unity between the two nations.

In 1984, British sociologist Eileen Barker published *The Making of a Moonie: Choice or Brainwashing?*, based on her seven-year study of Unification Church members in the United Kingdom and the United States.

She rejected the then popular "brainwashing" theory as an explanation for conversion to the Unification Church. The book was given the Distinguished Book Award for 1985 by the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion.

In 1987, scholars with American Psychological Association rejected the hypotheses of those who accused the Unification Church of brainwashing and coercive persuasion, stating that their "conclusions...cannot be said to be scientific in any meaningful sense".



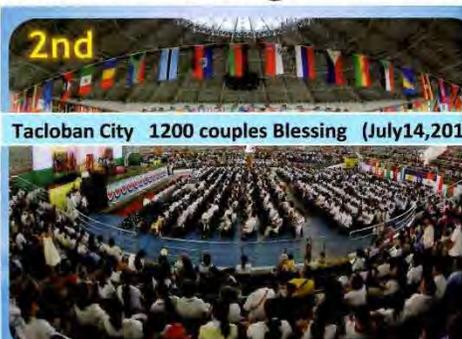
12,000 couples join in the Interfaith Peace Blessing Ceremony held in Sultan Kudarat Mindanao March 31, 2012



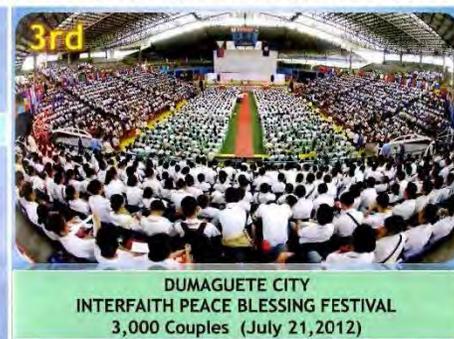
# In the Philippines, the Goal is for the Blessing to become a national movement of salvation



SULTAN KUDARAT MINDANAO  
Interfaith Peace Blessing Festival March 31, 2012



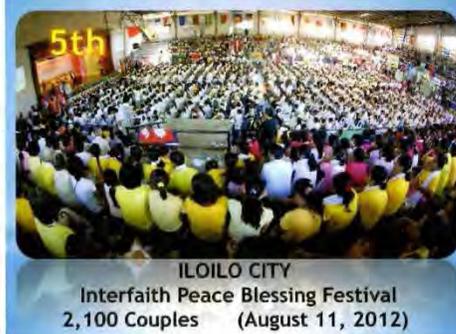
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Tacloban City 1200 couples Blessing (July 14, 2012)



3rd  
DUMAGUETE CITY  
INTERFAITH PEACE BLESSING FESTIVAL  
3,000 Couples (July 21, 2012)



Higaonon Trine in Northern Mindanao  
Interfaith Peace Blessing Festival  
2,100 couples August 4, 2012



5th  
ILOILO CITY  
Interfaith Peace Blessing Festival  
2,100 Couples (August 11, 2012)



6th  
Bacolod Interfaith Peace Blessing Festival  
1,050 Couples August 26, 2012



7th  
Cebu Interfaith Peace Blessing Festival  
1,250 couples October 13, 2012



8th  
Manila Interfaith Peace Blessing Festival  
13,000 Couples Jan. 12, 2013

## 1990s

In 1991, Moon announced that church members should return to their hometowns and undertake apostolic work there. Massimo Introvigne, who studied the Unification Church and other new religious movements, said that this confirmed that full-time membership is no longer considered crucial to church members.

Starting in the 1990s, the Unification Church expanded its operations into Russia and other formerly communist nations. Han made a radio broadcast to the nation from the Kremlin Palace of Congresses.

By 1994, the church had about 5,000 members in Russia. About 500 Russian students had been sent to USA to participate in 40-day workshops.

Starting in 1992 the church established business ties with communist North Korea and owned an automobile manufacturer (Pyeonghwa Motors), a hotel,

and other properties there. In 1998, the Unification Movement launched its operations in North Korea with the approval of the Government of South Korea, which had prohibited business relationships between North and South before; and built a church there.

On May 1, 1994 (the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Unification Church), Moon declared that the era of the Unification Church had ended and inaugurated a new organization: the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU).

It would include Unification Church members and members of other religious organizations working toward common goals, especially on issues of sexual morality and reconciliation between people of different religions, nations, and races. The FFWPU co-sponsored Blessing ceremonies in which thousands of non-Unification Church married couples were given the marriage

blessing previously given only to Unification Church members.

As of December 1994, Unification Church had invested \$150 million in Uruguay. Members own the country's largest hotel, one of its leading banks, the second-largest newspaper and two of the largest printing plants.

In 1996, the Unification Church started the *Tiempos Del Mundo*, a newspaper in Spanish circulating in 16 countries of Latin America; "a newspaper for half a Hemisphere", *The New York Times* called it.

## 21st century

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In 2007, the Unification Church completed the construction of a peace center in Pyongyang, North Korea.

In April 2008, Moon, then 88 years old, appointed his youngest son, Hyung Jin Moon, to be the leader of the church and movement, saying, "I hope everyone helps him so that he may fulfil his duty as the successor of the True Parents."

At the same time he appointed his daughter In Jin Moon as the president of the Unification Church of the United States.

In 2009, Moon's autobiography, "As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen" (Korean), was published by Gimm-Young Publishers in South Korea. The book became a bestseller in Korea and Japan.

In December in Pyongyang, to mark the 20th anniversary of Sun Myung Moon's visit to the DPRK, de jure President Kim Yong-nam hosted the new President in the official residence. The latter donated 600 tons of flour to North Korean children of Jeongju Province, the birthplace of Sun Myung Moon. Also, after the 2011 earth-

quake in Japan, he donated \$ 1.7 million to the Japanese Red Cross.

On Aug. 15, 2012, Moon was reported to be gravely ill and was put on a respirator at the intensive care unit of St. Mary's Hospital at The Catholic University of Korea in Seoul. He died there on Sept. 3, 2012.

## Events after Moon's death

In 2012 Moon was posthumously awarded North Korea's National Reunification Prize.

On the first anniversary of Moon's death, North Korean president Kim Jong-un expressed condolences to Han and the family saying: "Kim Jong-un prayed for the repose of Moon, who worked hard for national concord, prosperity and reunification and world peace."

Following Moon's death his widow Hak Ja Han has been considered the spiritual leader of the church. Most church activities

have continued, although some unprofitable business projects have been reduced or discontinued.

The Family Federation for World Peace and Unification has continuously held its marriage blessings each year.

Sociologist Eileen Barker has reported that Unificationists have undergone a transformation in their world view from millennialism to utopianism.

Recent church activities have included building projects and a revival tour.

In 2014 Sarah M. Lewis wrote that the Unification Church's greatest present influence comes from church affiliated groups such as the Universal Peace Federation, which include non-church members working for common interests and goals.

## Exposition of the Divine Principle

The Divine Principle or Exposition of the Divine Principle (Korean, translit. wonli

# Glimpses from 15-City Philippines Interfaith Peace Blessing and Memorial Tour (April 4-22, 2014)



GENERAL Santos City, April 4, 2014 (2,300 people)



DAVAO City, April 5, 2014 (1,500 people)



CAGAYAN de Oro City, April 6, 2014 (4,000 people)



ORMOC City, April 8, 2014 (3,184 people)



CEBU City, April 9, 2014 (1,500 people)



DUMAGUETE City, April 11, 2014 (2,000 people)



ILOILO City, April 12, 2014 (3,600 people)



INFANTA, Quezon, April 13, 2014 (4,200 people)



CAUAYAN City, April 14, 2014 (3,576 people)



SAN FERNANDO City, April 15, 2014 (1,129 people)



IPLC Tanay, Rizal, April 19, 2014 (4,300 people)



CABANATUAN City, April 20, 2014 (1,037 people)



TRECE MARTIREZ City, April 21, 2014 (800 people)



MARILAD Bulacan, April 22, 2014 (1,900 people)



QUEZON City, April 22, 2014 (3,000 people)

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**Interfaith Peace Blessing Festival in the Philippines held last January 11, 2014 at the Ynares Center in Antipolo City with over 13,000 people in attendance**



**Sprinkling of Holy Water Ceremony as part of the Blessing Ceremony**

ganglon) is the main theological textbook of the Unification Church.

It was co-written by church founder Sun Myung Moon and early disciple Hyo Won Eu and first published in 1966. A translation entitled *Divine Principle* was published in English in 1973.

**Unification theology**

The book lays out the core of Unification theology, and is held to have the status of scripture by believers. Following the format of systematic theology, it includes (1) God's purpose in creating human beings, (2) the fall of man, and (3) restoration—the process through history by which God is working to remove the ill effects of the fall and restore humanity back to the relationship and position that God originally intended.

God is viewed as the creator, whose nature combines both masculinity and femininity, and is the source of all truth, beauty, and goodness. Human beings and the universe reflect God's personality, nature, and purpose.

"Give-and-take action" (reciprocal interaction) and "subject and object position" (initiator and responder) are "key interpretive concepts", and the self is designed to be God's object. The purpose of human existence is to return joy to God.

The "four-position foundation" is "another important and interpretive concept", and explains in part the emphasis on the family.

Eugene V. Gallagher commented: "The *Divine Principle's* analysis of the Fall sets the stage for the mission of Rev. Moon, who in the last days brings a revelation that offers humankind the chance to return to an Edenic state. The account in the *Divine Principle* offers Unificationists a comprehensive context for understanding human suffering."

**Spiritualism**

The *Divine Principle* upholds a belief in spiritualism, that is communication with the spirits of deceased persons. Moon and early church members associated with spiritualists, including the famous Arthur Ford.

The introduction to the "Divine Principle" says about Moon:

For several decades he wandered through the spirit world so vast as to be beyond imagining. He trod a bloody path of suffering in search of the truth, passing through tribulations that God alone remembers. Since he understood that no one can find the ultimate truth to save humanity without first passing through the bitterest of trials, he fought alone against millions of devils, both in the spiritual and physical worlds, and triumphed over them all. Through intimate spiritual communion with God and by meeting with Jesus and many saints in Paradise, he brought to light all the secrets of Heaven.

**Resurrection**

Unification Church ascribes to the belief in coming back to life after death. There are two concepts of resurrection detailed in the "Divine Principle". The first is the resurrection of people on earth, who pass from death to life, and the second is the return-

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**Around 3,000 people could not enter and joined in the Overflow areas located outside the stadium**



**A total of 218 delegates from 18 nations participated in the INTERNATIONAL Interfaith Peace Conference with the theme, "Transforming Families, Rebuilding Nations, Creating a World of Peace held last January 10 - 11, 2014 at the Peace Embassy, Quezon City, Philippines**

ing resurrection which will occur in the Last Days. The "Divine Principle" reveals the true meaning of these two.

The first resurrection means to pass death to life by living in accordance with God's Will, within the dominion of God's infinite love. The person who was originally separated from God (dead) comes alive by receiving "life elements" from God, which are God's word and God's love. Chapter 5 of "Divine Principle" interprets the Biblical account of Luke 9:60, according to the Unification Church.

The "Divine Principle" posits that departed souls can expiate their sins and achieve spiritual growth by "returning" to earth and cooperating with living people, leading them to fulfill their mission on earth and live in accordance to their conscience.

The text cites a scripture justifying the concept: "Apart from us they may not be made perfect".

Unification Church theologian Young Oon Kim explained that returning resur-

rection is not the same as reincarnation. She emphasized that failure to make the distinction has led many dead people to try to "reincarnate", but wound up only possessing other people - to their mutual detriment.

**Indemnity**

Indemnity, in the context of Unification Church beliefs, is a part of the process by which human beings and the world are restored to God's ideal.

The concept of indemnity is explained at the start of the second half of the "Divine Principle", "Introduction to Restoration".

What, then, is the meaning of restoration through indemnity? When someone has lost his original position or state, he must make some condition to be restored to it. The making of such conditions of restitution is called indemnity. .... God's work to restore people to their true, unfallen state by having them fulfill indemnity conditions is called the providence of restoration through indemnity.

The "Divine Principle" goes on to explain three types of indemnity conditions. Equal conditions of indemnity pay back the full value of what was lost.

The biblical verse "life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth" (Exod.21:23-24) is quoted as an example of an equal indemnity condition. Lesser conditions of indemnity provide a benefit greater than the price that is paid.

Faith, baptism, and holy communion are mentioned as examples of lesser indemnity conditions. Greater conditions of indemnity come about when a person fails in a lesser condition. In that case a greater price must be paid to make up for the earlier failure.

Abraham's attempted sacrifice of his son Isaac (Gen. 22:1-18) and the Israelites' 40 years of wandering in the wilderness under Moses (Num.14:34) are mentioned as examples of greater indemnity conditions.

The "Divine Principle" then explains that an indemnity condition must reverse the course by which the mistake or loss came

**Vision 2020: Directions in the Philippines 2014 and beyond**

**There is no stopping the Blessing Whirlwind!**

**167 Holy Grounds Interfaith Blessing to Reach out to 500,000 participants in 2015**



**2. Plan to Hold 130K Rally in January 2015**  
(National Celebration of True Parents' Birthday)

**"Interfaith Peace Family Blessing Festival"**  
Venue: Marikina Sports Complex  
Date: January 17, 2015

Note: Possibility of having in 3 or 4 different venues

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**8. Expansion in the Regions / Construction of Peace Embassy & IPLC Campus in La Union, Cebu, Visayas and Mindanao**



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The newly constructed and renovated Philippine Headquarters Church will be the central point for the advancement of Vision 2020 National Restoration



The HQ spirit has cascaded to the Regions in the Philippines...

Frontage of the newly opened Peace Building located in the town of Bauang in La Union Province, Northwestern Philippines which was inaugurated last May 12, 2013

about. Indemnity, at its core, is required of humans because God is pure, and purity cannot relate directly with impurity. Indemnification is the vehicle that allows a "just and righteous" God to work through mankind. Jesus' statement that God had forsaken him (Matt.27.46) and Christianity's history of martyrdom are mentioned as examples of this.

The Divine Principle then states that human beings, not God or the angels, are the ones responsible for making indemnity conditions.

Christian commentators have criticized the concept of indemnity as being contrary to the Christian doctrine of salvation by faith. Radio and television evangelist Bob Larson said, "Moon's doctrine of sinless perfection by 'indemnity,' which can apply even to deceased ancestors, is a denial of the salvation by grace offering through Jesus Christ."

Christian historian Ruth Tucker said: "In simple language indemnity is salvation by works."

Donald Tingle and Richard Fordyce, ministers with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) who debated two Unification Church theologians in 1977, wrote: "In short, indemnity is anything you want to make it, since you establish the conditions."

The zeal and enthusiasm of the Unification Church members is not so much based on love for God as it is compulsion to indemnify one's own sins."

The Unification Church has also been criticized for saying that the First World War, the Second World War, the Holocaust, and the Cold War served as indemnity conditions to prepare the world for the establishment of the Kingdom of God.

**The True Family Sun Myung Moon and Hak Ja Han**

The True Family, in Unification Church terminology, is the family of church founder

and leader Sun Myung Moon and his wife Hak Ja Han.

Church members regard Moon as the Second Coming of Christ, and he and his wife as the "True Parents" of humankind, who have realized the ideal of true love as the incarnation of God's Word.

The members of the Unification Movement generally address or refer to Rev. and Mrs. Moon as "Father" and "Mother" or "True Father" and "True Mother." Their children are known as the "True Children."

Sun Myung and Hak Ja Han are regarded to have achieved the status of True Parents on Jan. 1, 1968, at the end of their "7-year course" of marriage together, representing the perfection of God's masculine and feminine aspects.

Unification theology teaches that Jesus achieved this perfection only on the individual level, and that had he not died on the cross he would have married. It further teaches that, having married, he and his wife would have become "True Parents", created a "True Family", and would have saved humanity and perfected the world. Unfortunately Jesus was unable to complete his mission of perfecting the world and went the way of the cross, but his death was not a complete defeat because Jesus died for us giving us spiritual salvation.

The primary mission of True Parents is to engraft all people on earth and in the spirit world to the original sinless lineage of God, removing them from the satanic lineage es-

established at the fall of humanity (the original sin in the Garden of Eden).

**Blessing ceremony of the Unification Church**

The Unification Church is well known for its wedding or marriage rededication



3 Story Main College Building



3 Story Men's Dormitory Building



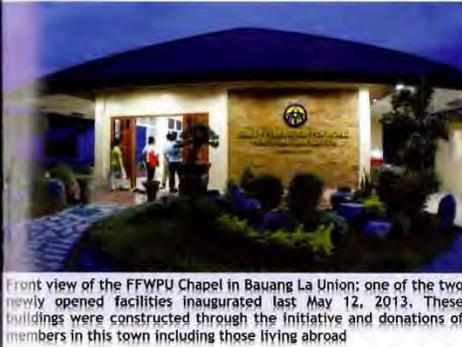
3 Story Women's Dormitory Bldg



2 Story Administration Building

**IPLC's New Facilities in Tanay Campus can accommodate around 800 stay-in students**

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Front view of the FFWPU Chapel in Bauang La Union; one of the two newly opened facilities inaugurated last May 12, 2013. These buildings were constructed through the initiative and donations of members in this town including those living abroad



Visayas Peace Embassy Groundbreaking Ceremony April 10, 2014

The Blessing ceremony was first held in 1961 for 36 couples in Seoul, South Korea by the Moons shortly after their own marriage in 1960. All the couples were members of the church. Rev. Moon matched all of the couples except 12 who were already married to each other before joining the church.

Later blessing ceremonies were larger in scale but followed the same pattern. All participants were Unification Church members and Rev. Moon matched most of the couples.

In 1982, the first large scale Blessing (of 2,000 couples) outside of Korea took place in Madison Square Garden, New York City. In 1988, Moon matched 2,500 Korean members with Japanese members for a blessing ceremony held in Korea, partly in order to promote unity between the two nations.

In 1992, Sun Myung Moon gave the wedding blessing for 30,000 couples at the Seoul Olympic Stadium and for 13,000 at the Yankee Stadium.

In 2013, four months after the death of Sun Myung Moon, the church held a blessing ceremony for 3,500 couples in South Korea, while another 24,000 followers took part in other countries via video link. This ceremony was presided

over by Hak Ja Han.

**Moon presides over a mass blessing ceremony in 2010**

Several church-related groups are working to promote sexual abstinence until mar-

riage and fidelity in marriage and to prevent child exploitation; they care for victims of Thailand's massive sex trade as well.

In 1996, Unification Church gathered 3,500 signatures during its anti-porn campaign. As a church official said, "pornography makes love seem temporal, pure love goes beyond the sexual relationship."

**Ceremonies**

The "Family Pledge" of the Unification Church is an eight-part promise of church members to focus on God and His kingdom. Eight verses of the Family Pledge include the phrase "by centering on true love." For the first 40 years of the church's existence, members recited the pledge on Sunday mornings at 5:00 a.m. Now they recite it every 8 days, on Anh Shi II: Day of Settlement and Attendance, which is the Unification Church's equivalent of a Sabbath.

The first part says, "Our family, the owner of Cheon Il Guk, pledges to seek our original homeland and build the Kingdom of God on earth and in heaven, the original ideal of creation, by centering on true love."

**The Unification Symbol Cheon Il Guk Flag**

According to the current head of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU), the Tongil ("Unity" or "Unification" in Korean) mark represents the flag of "Cheon Il Guk"—otherwise understood as the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth.

It is created with significant meaning and numbers: Its gold color symbolizes an ideal world of peace; the circle in the center represents God and his True Love, True Life and True Lineage; the twelve lines represent 12 months of the year and twelve types of human personalities; the square represents four directions, North, South East & West, and the four position foundation centered on God; and the circle around represents give and receive action between the visible and invisible worlds.

# The ultimate purpose of 21st century religion

By REVEREND SUN MYUNG MOON

(Excerpts from Reverend Moon's autobiography, "As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen")

The twentieth century was a time of tremendous change.

More happened in that hundred-year period than during the past two thousand years. It was the century when there were two world wars and when communism rose to great strength and then disappeared.

It was also the century when humanity turned its back on God and buried itself in material things. What about the twenty-first century, then?

Some say that advances in science have proven that many religious beliefs are mere superstition and irrelevant to the modern world.

I contend, however, that the role of religion will always be relevant as long as the spiritual aspect of human beings remains a reality and a world of peace has not been established.

What is the purpose of religion? It is to bring about God's ideal world. The reason religions evangelize is because they desire to increase the number of citizens under God's sovereignty.

If everyone were to live under God's sovereignty, we would have a world of peace where there would be no war or division. The ultimate destination of the path followed by religions should be peace.

God created this world out of a desire for love and peace. If we create division by insisting that our own religion is the only path to salvation, we go against God's desire. God wants everyone in the world to work hard for peace, reconciliation, and coexistence.

If people say that coming to church creates division in their family, then I do not hesitate to tell them that they should put their family first. Religion is only a means to bring about God's perfect world; it is not an end in itself.

Humankind's destiny is to bring together all the points of view that are now divided against each other.

The philosophy that will lead humanity in the future must be able to bring together all religions and philosophies. The days have ended when one country stands at the forefront and leads humanity. The era of nationalism has also ended.

If we continue the era of people congregating together only by religion or race, then humanity cannot avoid a repetition of war. The age of peace absolutely cannot come unless we transcend cultural customs and traditions.

No ideology, philosophy, or religion that has influenced humanity in the past is capable of bringing about the peace and unification that is needed for the future. We need a new ideology and philosophy that goes beyond Buddhism, Christianity, and Islam. For my entire life, I have called on people until my voice is hoarse to transcend their religious factions and even their religions.

There are more than two hundred countries in the world, and each has its own national borders. A border separates one country from another, but countries separated by borders cannot endure eternally.

Only religion can overcome national borders. However, religions that should be bringing people together have instead divided themselves into many factions that are busy fighting each other.

They have fallen into a selfish thought process that puts their religion or faction first. They are oblivious to the fact that the world has changed and a new era of selflessness has dawned.

It will not be easy to tear down the religious walls that have stood for thousands of years, but these walls must come down



THE FIRST Unification Church, built by Reverend Moon in Pusan Korea, in 1951. It is made from mud bricks and cardboard boxes.



REVEREND Sun Myung Moon praying on a mountain peak with disciples in Korea, circa 1959.



JESUS CHURCH group in Seoul. Sun Myung Moon is standing second from right. Elder Kim Hee-son is at the top. Kwak No-pil, who was arrested with Moon as a suspected communist, is seated bottom right.

if we are to advance into a world of peace. Religions and their factions must stop their meaningless fighting, find a middle ground for their differing opinions, and develop concrete ways to advance the world of peace.

For humanity to be happy in the future, material affluence alone will not be sufficient. It is urgent that the struggles of modern ideologies, cultures, and races be overcome through interreligious understanding and spiritual harmony.

All my life I have made the following appeals to the wide variety of religious people I have met around the world: First, respect the traditions of other religions and do everything you can to prevent conflict and discord among religions. Second, all religious communities should cooperate with each other to serve the world. Third, the leaders of all religions should work together to develop a structure that will let us accomplish our mutual mission of establishing world peace.

The right eye is there for the left eye, and the left for the sake of the right. The two eyes together exist for the sake of the whole body. The same can be said for every other part of the body. Nothing exists for its own sake.

Religion, too, does not exist for its own sake but for the sake of love and peace. Once world peace is accomplished, there will be no further need for religion. The ultimate purpose of religion is to bring about the reality of a human community filled with love and peace. This is God's Will.

It is not easy to create an environment where people's hearts are filled with a craving for peace. Continuous education is the only solution.

This is the reason that I devote myself to projects in the field of education. We founded the Sunhwa Arts School even before our church had developed enough to stand on its own.

A school is a holy place where truth is taught. What are the most important truths that should be taught in school? The first is to know God and recognize His existence in the world around us.

The second is to know the fundamental origin of human beings, our responsibilities, and how to fulfill our responsibilities for the sake of the world.

The third is to realize the purpose for the existence of human beings and to then create an ideal world for that existence. These things can be understood only after they have been taught with sincerity and dedication over a long period.

Education today is focused on creating a winner-take-all society where those who finish first are rewarded with a monopoly on happiness. This is not the right way to educate children.

Education must be a means for creating a world where all humanity can live well together. The philosophies and methods of education that have dominated us until now must be changed to ones that let us advance toward humanity's common goals.

If the United States were to educate only for the sake of the United States, and Britain only for sake of Britain, then humanity's future would be dark.

Educators must not teach how to live selfishly but instead impart the wisdom needed to resolve the myriad social problems we face today.

The role of religious scholars is even more important. Religious scholars do not need to be teaching complex theories and the superiority of their own religions. Instead, they need to give their students the wisdom to love humanity and build a world of peace.

They need to teach the principle of selflessness. We cannot expect a future of happiness for humanity if scholars do not take the lead in teaching our descendants the principles of peace. Humanity is one brotherhood and sisterhood, and the world is one family.

The most important wisdom needed by humankind comes from knowing God's heart and His ideal.

For this reason, the role of religion continues to be important, especially in the twenty-first century, when science and technology seem to be replacing the role of religion in understanding how the universe operates.

Religions around the world must understand the destination of the human journey and immediately cease all major and minor struggles.

They should not be fighting for the purpose of protecting their own honor. Religions must pool their wisdom and combine their energies and work diligently to build the ideal world.

They must forget the past struggles filled with hatred and work out peaceful solutions. No matter how much we have done for world peace, there is always more to be done.

Religious people, whose mission is to lead humanity into the ideal world, must not forget for a moment that truly their only mission is to be apostles of peace.

# Solution to poverty and hunger

By REVEREND SUN MYUNG MOON

(Excerpts from Reverend Moon's autobiography, "As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen")

If you are never hungry, you cannot know God. The times when you are hungry are opportunities to be nearest to God.

When you are hungry and are able to look humbly at each approaching person as if he were a close family member who wants to help him, then you are more likely to be fed. In such situations, it is important to maintain a sympathetic heart of goodness.

Hunger is not an issue relegated to less-developed areas of the world. Even in the United States, which enjoys one of the highest standards of living in the world, there are people who are undernourished and hungry.

When I went to the United States, one of my first projects was to purchase trucks to be used for the distribution of food to the poor.

The situation in impoverished countries is unspeakably worse. When I look at the world situation, I feel that securing sufficient food supplies is the most pressing problem. Solving the food crisis cannot be put off for even a moment.

Even now, some twenty thousand people around the world die of hunger-related causes every day. We cannot afford to be apathetic just because we and our immediate families are not facing hunger. Simply distributing food supplies by itself will not resolve hunger, though.

A more fundamental approach to the problem is needed. I am considering two fundamental and concrete methods. The first is to provide ample supplies of food at low cost, and the second is to share technology that people can use to overcome hunger on their own.

## Food crisis

The issue of food will present humankind with a very serious crisis in the future. We cannot build a world of peace without first resolving the food issue.

Sufficient food supplies for all the world's population cannot be produced on the limited amount of land area that is currently available. We must look to the oceans for a solution.

The oceans hold the key to solving the food crisis of the future. This is the reason I have been pioneering the oceans for the past several decades.

In Alaska, pollack smaller than fifteen inches long are used for fertilizer. They

would make wonderful food, but people don't know how to prepare them so they use them just for fertilizer. As recently as twenty or thirty years ago, we could ask Westerners to give us the tail of an ox and they would let us have it for free.

Koreans are very fond of food prepared with the bones or the intestines of cows, but some Westerners do not know that these are edible.

The same is true with fish. About 20% of the world's fish catch is thrown out. Whenever I see this, I think of the people who are dying of hunger, and I feel pain.

Fish is a much more reliable source of protein than beef. How wonderful it would be if we made fish cakes or fish sausages to give to people in impoverished lands!

Once this thought came to me, I started projects to process and store large volumes of fish. It does not do any good to catch large amounts of fish if you cannot handle them properly after the catch.

Even the best fish cannot be kept well for more than eight months. Even if they are frozen and placed in refrigeration, air gets in through cracks in the ice, and water escapes.

You could pour water on the fish and freeze them again, but by then the best flavor is already gone and the fish might as well be thrown out.



REV. MOON during his student life in Seoul, Korea



SUN MYUNG MOON and his grandson go fishing in Inha, Korea, June 3, 2006



REVEREND Sun Myung Moon planting rice with peasants in a village.

# "Happiness is a life lived for others"

Children are born from the flesh and blood of their parents. Without parents there would be no children. Yet people in this world shout out for individualism as though they came into this world on their own.

Only a person who receives no help whatsoever from anyone at all would have the right to speak of individualism.

There is nothing in this world that comes into being for its own sake alone. All created beings are created for one another. I exist for you, and you exist for me.

There is no one as foolish as the selfish person who lives only for his or her own sake. It may appear that a selfish life benefits the individual, but ultimately it is a life of self-destruction.

The individual must live for the family, the family for the people, the people for the world, and the world for God.

All the schools I have founded have three mottos. The first is "Live a life that casts no shadows, as if you were under the sun at high noon."

A life without shadows is a life with a clear conscience. When we finish our life here on earth and go to the spirit world, our entire life will unfold before us, as though it were being played back on videotape.

Whether we go to heaven or to hell is determined by how we live. So we need to live spotlessly clear lives, casting not even the smallest shadow.

The second motto is "Live shedding sweat for earth, tears for humanity, and blood for heaven." There are no lies in the blood, sweat, and tears that people shed. There is only truth. There is no meaning, however, in the blood, sweat, and tears that a person sheds for his own sake.

This great investment must be shed for the sake of others. The final motto is "One Family under God!" There is only one God, and all human beings are brothers and sisters. Differences of language, race, and culture account for only 0.1%. As human beings, we are 99.9% the same.

— Reverend Sun Myung Moon

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We gathered fish that were being thrown out and researched how to turn it into fish powder. We sought to do something that even advanced countries like France and Germany have not done.

Fish turned into powder could be transported and stored easily, even in hot and humid climates. Fish powder is 98-percent protein, among the very highest protein content of all food products.

For this reason it can be used to save people from dying of hunger. Fish powder could also be used to make bread. We are still searching for ways to make it available to impoverished countries around the world.

The oceans contain limitless food supplies, but the best method for saving humanity from the food crisis is fish farming. I foresee that there will be buildings, similar to the skyscrapers we see in our cities today, devoted to fish farming.

By using water pipe systems, we can farm fish in tall buildings or even on the tops of mountains. With fish farming we can produce more than enough food to feed all the world's people.

The ocean is a blessing bequeathed to us by God. When I go out on the ocean, I am completely absorbed in fishing. I have caught all kinds of fish in different countries.

One reason I fish is so I can teach people who don't know how to fish. In South America I spent several months showing local people my fishing methods. I took in tangled fishnets myself and spent three or four hours showing them how to untangle them.

To secure adequate supplies of food at a low cost, humankind will need to develop the ocean.

This and the great grasslands that are still in their prehistoric state are our final storehouses of wealth. This task, though, will not be easy.

It will require us to go to places that are so hot and humid that moving around and working hard with a strong sense of dedication become very difficult.

Developing the grasslands in tropical regions cannot be done without a love for humankind that is passionate and dedicated.

# Dreaming of a peaceful world

By REVEREND SUN MYUNG MOON

(Excerpts from Reverend Moon's autobiography, "As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen")

For years I have called for a world where all religions live together as one, all races live as one, and all nations exist as one. For thousands of years history has seen the continuous increase of divisions. Each time a different religion was adopted or a new regime came into power, more boundaries were drawn and wars were fought.

Now, however, we live in an age of globalism. For the sake of the future we must become one.

One way I propose to facilitate that is through the International Peace Highway, a huge undertaking. It will link Korea and Japan by an undersea tunnel and create a bridge across the Bering Strait that separates Russia and North America.

These great links can unify the world. When the highway is completed it will be possible to travel by car from Africa's Cape of Good Hope to Santiago, Chile, and from London to New York. There will be no roadblocks; the entire world will be interconnected as if by capillary vessels.

The world will become one integrated community, and everyone will be able to travel freely across international borders. Borders that give free passage to anyone will lose their significance as borders. Something similar will be true for religion.

As the frequency of exchanges among religions increases, greater mutual understanding will arise, conflict will disappear, and the walls of separation will crumble. When different types of people live together in a single global community, barriers between races will come down.

Interaction between races will occur despite differences in appearance and language. This cultural revolution will bring the world into one.

The Silk Road was not simply a trade route that people used in order to sell silk and buy spices. It was also a vehicle for the peoples of the East and West to meet and for Buddhism, Islam, and Christianity to meet.

These different cultures intermingled and gave rise to a new culture. The International Peace Highway will play a similar role in the twenty-first century.

Rome could thrive because all roads led to Rome. This illustrates the importance of

roads. When a road is built, people use it to travel. It is used to transport culture and ideology. That is why when a road is built it changes the course of history.

When the International Peace Highway is completed, the world can be physically bound together as one. The road will make this possible. I cannot overemphasize the importance of bringing the world together. Some may think that this is an idea ahead of its time.

Religious people, however, foresee the future and prepare for it. So it is only natural that we are ahead of our time. The world may not understand us and may cause us to suffer, but religious believers must persevere to lead the way to the future.

Completing the International Peace Highway will require the cooperation of many nations. China, which was a victim of Japanese aggression, may not welcome the idea of being connected to Japan by a highway.

Japan and Korea, however, cannot connect to the rest of the world without going through China, so we need to make efforts to win China's trust.

Who will do this? Those of us who will take spiritual ownership over the International Peace Highway in the twenty-first century need to take the lead in this effort.

How about bridging the Bering Strait? It will cost a great deal, but this should not cause concern. The amount of money that the United States has spent in Iraq would be more than enough to build such a bridge. We must stop waging war and forcing people to suffer.

It is perverse to start wars and squander hundreds of billions of dollars. The time has come for us to beat our swords into plowshares and our spears into pruning hooks.

The International Peace Highway is a project to bring the world together as one. To become one means more than simply connecting continents by tunnels and bridges.

It refers to an equalization of the world's standards of living. When someone monopolizes a technology and keeps the profit for himself, the balance of the world is upset. The

International Peace Highway will rearrange the current inequality by creating access to existing natural and human resources. This will bring about a leveling of wealth. Leveling means that a little is taken off places that are high and added to places that are low.

As a result, the two have the same height. This will require sacrifice from those with greater material possessions or knowledge.

Through the International Peace Highway, it will link Korea and Japan by an undersea tunnel and create a bridge across the Bering Strait that separates Russia and North America.

These great links can unify the world. When the highway is completed it will be possible to travel by car from Africa's Cape of Good Hope to Santiago, Chile, and from London to New York. There will be no roadblocks; the entire world will be interconnected as if by capillary vessels.

REVEREND MOON first proposed the construction of the International Peace Highway



SILK ROAD extending from Europe through Egypt, Arabia, Persia, the Arabian Peninsula, Iran, Afghanistan, Central Asia, Pakistan, India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Burma, Java-Indonesia, Philippines and Vietnam until it reaches China. The land routes are red, and the water routes are blue.

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Something similar is true for the world we live in. The world can be completely unified only when there is both physical communication and communication of heart.

The United Nations has done much for world peace. More than sixty years after its founding, however, the United Nations is losing sight of its original purpose and is now an organization that works for the interests of a few powerful countries.

The UN was created to solve the conflicts that arise in the world, so it must put the world's interests before the interests of one side or the other.

It only leads to further conflict when a powerful country insists on its own way and uses force to pursue it. Unfortunately, the UN today is unable to do much about such situations.

In this light, I have proposed a restructuring of the United Nations as a bicameral institution. In addition to the General Assembly there would be a religious, or cultural, assembly or council.

This body would consist of respected spiritual leaders in fields such as religion, culture, and education. The members of this interreligious assembly would need to demonstrate an ability to transcend the limited interests of particular religions and cultures and to speak for the spiritual and moral purposes of all humanity.

I maintain that the two chambers, working together in mutual respect and cooperation, will be able to make great advances in ushering in a world of peace. ■