

The Laborious Liberation from Four Toxic Unificationist Principles

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One could objectively consider that Rev. Moon's Divine Principle concepts are only meaningful based on the way they subtly affect people's lives.

Rev. Moon wanted to re-shape "fallen humans" according to how he viewed God's will through his own interpretation of Divine Principle. Unification Movement members have been his "guinea pigs"

After more than 70 years of authoritarian development, it's time to check both Rev. Moon's teachings and his specific methods to implement them within his family and the movement at large.

Are these teachings truly respectful and compatible with humankind's most cherished ideal of freedom of thought? Do they value more encouragement to genuine expression of original nature or Unificationist conformity via the endless mandatory laying of "indemnity conditions"? Do these teachings lead to follow one's conscience more than one's "God appointed central figure"? Do they lead to do things more by genuine love and generosity or by enforced duty and induced guilty conscience?

From such standpoints, some teachings and applications of Unificationism can be seen as potential manipulative tools, even though they have been systematically "justified" and branded as being the mere practical expression of "God's point of view" by Rev. Moon and those who study his Divine Principle without a critical mind. For them, therefore the simple fact of mentioning such dangerous possibility is systematically perceived as an attack against their "faith".

However such considerations are not malicious unfounded misperceptions which can easily be discarded. It rather seems like if Unificationists had unknowingly developed over the years some kind of "Stockholm syndrome" which have altered their judgment and which is currently preventing them from seeing what has subtly been going on.

I'd like to just share here four important typically Unificationist injunctions or behaviors which are rooted in Divine Principle and Rev. Moon's teaching, and which can be perceived as dangerously manipulative principles.

Even though today they might be greatly tone down or minimized, they are undeniable characteristics of the Unification Movement teaching and have been experimented (taught and lived) by thousands of members all around the world.

- "The end justifies the means": Teaching and training to do things against one's conscience, under the pretense it is an "act of faith". It's based on a malicious use of recorded immoral behaviors from biblical figures.
- "Idolatry and Absolute servility to True Parents": Teaching and training to become 100% submissive to "Abel" to prove your faith to God and not be "invaded by Satan", ultimately leading to the idolatry of True Parents.
- "Satanic identity and Unworthiness ": Teaching and being over-reminded to be fundamentally an ever guilty "unworthy" person for having an inherent "fallen nature"
- "Eternal debt and Abusive high demands": Teaching and being over-reminded to never have done enough and not have sacrificed enough. One is ETERNALLY indebted to "True Parents" and should then unconditionally obey them and gratefully submit to their wildest whims with a shut mouth

Alternatives to these four Unificationist toxic injunctions and subsequent behaviors do exist. They can't but unavoidably lead to much more compassionate and positive views and understandings of God. This has been my personal experience, my lucky escape and my laborious liberation from these poisonous principles.

1. The end justifies the means: This twisted proposal was rightly presented in Causa as one of the greatest flaw of communism. Let then admit it's also the greatest flaw of Divine Principle and of Rev. Moon's teaching. The "excuse" that others did it, is manipulative.

The fact that Rev. Moon uses such deceitful justification for his misbehaviors doesn't make it right.

Why would God teach and train humankind for 2 thousands years about the wickedness of lies and adultery to send someone who would adopt and justify opposite behaviors?

God knows our hearts and wants His Love and righteousness to shine through us. God never cheats. CHEATING IS FALSE TEACHING. Isn't that the core reason why (once properly informed) Christianity couldn't accept Rev. Moon? God's will can only be achieved through man's freedom, man's whole hearted acceptance and clear awareness. Not through deceitful cheating.

2. Idolatry and servility: How can any religious movement in the 21st century still promote idolatry? Or continue promoting today feudal servility toward a master or king with "divine rights"? God knows our faith and expects us to represent Him through our loving daily actions, not through an unconditional surrender to anybody else's whims. God wants us to be more and more ourselves, not somebody else's copy. He loves us personally, for ourselves and not through someone else.

Manipulators can use their authority (fake or real) to control others and gain more power from being obeyed and be the rulers, having troops in their image.

Of course, in such unhealthy and totally unbalanced relationships (which are rooted in Divine Principle teaching) personal Initiatives, creativity and competent advices are not welcomed, but are rather seen as a threat to "authority" or a sign of "rebellion". Is that the good environment in which God wants His children to grow? It's our love for God and our joy to honor Him in healthy loving relationships with all his children (instead of only through one wrongly idealized Korean couple) that is leading us to his Heart. Our genuine love for God only matters, and not the induced fear of Satan who, as all manipulators, does have only the importance we attribute to him/them.

3. Satanic identity and unworthiness: "You are part of the evil lineage and you are not only guilty for your own sins but for everyone else's sins". That's not our identity. We are God's beloved precious children. That's our true identity and our eternal original nature written forever within our deepest heart.

The toxic Unificationist habit to load members with illegitimate guilt and unfounded overwhelming responsibility is indeed a very efficient manipulative way to control them.

If you fail...then would follow a subsequent list of potential calamities for the world and of course the mention of our ancestors everlasting increased suffering due to our failure...

Divine Principle absolutely ignores and promotes the opposite of what God is revealing and teaching today through modern psychology concerning the structuration of human personalities, the development of healthy confident individuals and the destructive consequences of over-repeated negative judgments which can only greatly distort one's self-image.

How many times in his/her life has an Unificationist heard the term "fallen nature"? Probably thousands and thousands times! But how many times has he/she heard the term "original mind"? Unfortunately very seldom...

How many times did Rev. Moon recognize members' accomplishments? How often did he scold members? Comparatively how many times did he mentioned "his" accomplishments? You know: Father did..., Father did....But did he ever mentioned any of his own flaws?

These are highly toxic ways of education.

As humans, we can behave badly and acknowledge it, and continue our growing, but forever we belong to our Creator.

4. Eternal debt and abusive high demands: "You have failed... you are so ungrateful..." (This is a very polite expression of a truly toxic recurrent Unificationist teaching).

In order to exploit others and regularly come back to them with abusive high demands, this is a very efficient method. Japanese members know it perfectly for they experienced it from inception until today. "Your debt is so huge and "True Parents" have done so much" ...according to Rev. Moon.

Members become compliant beasts of burden. They ultimately surrender to the idea that they are perpetually in debt and liable to indefinite servitude.

This permitted for years the extortions of amazing amounts of money under various false pretenses and the exploitation of unpaid members or largely underpaid members "for the good cause" and the lucrative development of "providential economic activities"

God actually knows what we have done and with which motivation we did it. Let's remain thankful for others' advices, plainly aware however they may be mistaken ...or just self-interest seekers.

Let's always remember that God is more searching for loving hearts than for sacrifices.

And even if our own heart condemns us, God is greater than our hearts. Let's be aware that manipulators love to humiliate others before "lovingly" giving them the amazing "grace" of having one more chance to do more.

Let's also always remember that charlatans know very well how to precisely describe self- invented diseases before cleverly announcing they are the only ones to luckily detain the mandatory cure.

The good point is that somehow we can also greatly learn from examples to the contrary. And definitely thousands of people have learned precious things this way, from their Unificationist experience.

Should we then establish a Federation of Rev. Moon's guinea pigs survivors?