## Where to Turn Ourselves in a Time of Crisis

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Since 1910 many things have happened -- two world wars, the rise of Communism, the Vietnam War. We see the rapid decline of the democratic system, which derived from Christianity. Communists now control one third of the population.

Sociologists and historians do not know the future of mankind. This is the latter days, and the day of judgment.

Not only do we see international chaos. The United States is in trouble. Besides the Watergate crisis, we have an energy crisis and a hot war between Israel and the Arab nations. There is no way to interpret this other than that this is the time of the latter days.

The three powers of government should function smoothly. But there is malfunction among the legislative, judicial, and executive branches of the American government.

Constitutional arguments are waging over controversial subjects.

The spiritual basis of America's founding fathers is fading away.

The spiritual leader Reverend Moon has said that international and national problems are the problems of the human soul. Ever since man's separation from God, the human soul has been sick. Trouble started from man's deviation from God. Instead of friendliness to one another, hostility came between God and man. Instead of helping one another, individualism came in.

Instead of altruism, selfishness developed. All these sinful human natures have to be changed.

God gave religions as a repair shop for the human soul. There are five major religions. Among them, Christianity has the major role of bringing man together. Our problems will be solved when the Lord comes back to earth. Mankind is the patient; we need the Messiah to get rid of this fallen nature.

Christ will be our doctor. The Watergate Crisis is no exception.

People ask us how we-a small group of people here-can make this kind of resolve. We have no economic power, no political power.

But God's creation process starts with one person. God created Adam and then Eve. Without them you and I wouldn't be here. Also, one Christ can save the whole world.

And even though we are small in number, God can start here. One person, either good or bad, is so important.

So, even though as a small number you pray and fast, you will leap forward because heaven is with you.

America's founding fathers came here to create a nation under God.

God blessed this nation because it was founded on faith in God. Why don't we inherit this foundation?

What is the most practical formula for tackling the problems of a patient with multiple sicknesses? If you cannot treat all symptoms at the same time, you must decide which is the most important, and tackle it first. Reverend Moon has a very practical prescription: Forgive, love, and unite. I believe that he received this prescription from God. Until we are willing to forgive the errors, conscious or unconscious, of the President and his aides, there cannot be any change in the atmosphere of bitterness. So you must press this work until present enemies can forgive each other.

With your dedication, there is no doubt that this nation will be saved and be restored to God. May the Lord God bless your work and this prayer and fast for the Watergate Crisis.