Sanctuary, Guns, and Democide

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If the communists come to destroy the Unification Church with guns then we will have to fight with guns too. We can't be their helpless victims and be defeated by their bullets. Do you think God will win such a battle for you?

If the time comes to fight the satanic force, I will never hesitate to become the commander in chief and lead the heavenly army into battle. Do you think the Defense Department can safeguard God's world? Don't trust it too much. You can only trust the heavenly forces that are dedicated to God’s purpose.

Our young people should be trained in every way physically. In a final war against the satanic force it will be a life or death battle. In order to safeguard the heavenly side we may need to become soldiers. It is Satan's nature that once he feels he is in a superior position he will attack. Is it a crime to defend yourself and the heavenly nation?

You should not have some naive concept of Christian love; that does not apply in a confrontation with Satan's forces, which are determined to destroy God's world and God's people.

If God has no power to defeat a satanic attack then He is no longer God. As God's force, we shall be able to defend ourselves and to defend the godly world. We are a different kind of religious leadership.

Reverend Sun Myung Moon, THE AGE OF JUDGMENT AND OURSELVES


Greetings!

Before I discuss the important topics of “Sanctuary, Guns and Democide,” and Hyung Jin Nim's moving and insightful sermon on "Kingdom Honor," I'd like to give a quick report on the aftermath to last week's Belgium conference.

FFWPU SCHOLARS GO INTO HIDING...

Andrew Wilson, Mike Mickler, Dan Fefferman in Antwerp, Belgium

Reading a collection of reflections from Family Fed scholars and representatives who attended last week's conference on the The Life and Legacy of SMM and the UM in Belgium, I was surprised to read the following words from UTS professor Mike Mickler:

“There also was an agreement between Andrew, Dan and myself that FFWPU may need to be more forthright about stating its position and rebutting false narratives propagated by the schismatic groups. We also need to be less naïve about how conferences such as this are organized. For example, the entire proceedings were filmed but we’re not clear who was behind that. Footage might be used especially by SC for purposes of propaganda. There was an announcement that permission will be sought from all presenters for the use of video footage and there was agreement among us that we will not grant permission from our sessions.”

My question to Mike, Dan Fefferman and Andrew Wilson is this: Since you state that Sanctuary Speakers “propagated” a “false narrative,” and that, in contrast, you FFWPU scholars gave a “true” narrative, why are you afraid to give permission for the public to see the videos of your presentations?
**IF YOUR WORDS ARE SO "TRUE," WHY ARE YOU HIDING WHAT YOU ACTUALLY SAID??**

Mike, Dan, and Andrew, since this conference served as a first step in getting the basic issues facing the Unification Movement out into the open, I'd like to propose that we organize a second conference that would hopefully get to a deeper level of understanding for the challenges facing Unificationists. Wouldn't this be a proper step for UTS professors and graduates to take as "thought leaders" of the Unification Movement?

If you have contact with Andrew, Mike or Dan, please urge them to let the public see their presentations, and urge them to consider the idea of a second conference on "Challenges Facing the Unification Movement after Father's Passing!"

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After the collapse of the Berlin Wall and most of the Communist World in the late 1980s and early 1990s, many Unificationists thought that the need to fight ideological or physical wars was more or less over. The Age of Peace seemed to have arrived.

In this context, when Father spoke about the Peace Police and Peace Militia, I wasn't sure what he really meant. I thought it might be an expanded form of "home church," which may have some truth since Father definitely thought that peace started with the individual, family and tribal messiahs working in their communities. I thought I understood the first word "peace" but never took seriously the part about "police" or "militia." I also never took seriously the idea that I should be the one to defend my community or "keep the peace." Wasn't that the job of government?

Well, my thinking is in the process of changing. For one thing we see nearly every month horrific events which show the limits of government's ability to keep us "safe." Also, as Hyung Jin Nim has been discussing, governments have often been the greatest violators of "peace" and human rights, often after removing citizen's rights to own and use weapons.

My daughter, Misha, just finished a documentary about the Ancestor Liberation that Hyung Jin Nim conducted last February, which focused on liberating the victims of government democide. It has a powerful message worth reflecting upon.

Also, reading Father's words from 1976 reminds me that Father always believed in **peace through strength**, and being personally ready to defend one's community and nation: *In order to safeguard the heavenly side we may need to become soldiers. It is Satan's nature that once he feels he is in a superior*
position he will attack. Is it a crime to defend yourself and the heavenly nation?

You should not have some naive concept of Christian love; that does not apply in a confrontation with Satan's forces, which are determined to destroy God's world and God's people. The Age of Judgment and Ourselves,

Nov. 21, 1976. Belvedere, New York

All of us are being compelled to consider the painful reality that we are living in a time of tribulation similar to the 1970s when Father gave these words. Daily threats from North Korea, horrific events in the Middle East and attacks every few weeks in London, Manchester, Paris, Belgium, Berlin, and Orlando, are unfortunately a sign of things to come with no easy government-provided solution in sight.

So my family and I have begun to learn how to responsibly use a firearm with the emphasis on safety AND accuracy. As "owners of Cheon Il Guk" and blessed couples who are part of a "royal lineage," each of us has the the sovereignty, responsibility and authority to protect our families and communities. I believe that is why Hyung Jin Nim asks those under Father's authority to learn skills for self-defense, including the use of guns and other weapons. If we never have to use these skills, so much the better. At least we've unlocked some new "epigenetics." There is both a spiritual and a practical meaning that all of us need to think and pray about. I believe the victims of democide living in the spirit world would expect no less...

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In Sunday's sermon, "Kingdom Honor," Hyung Jin Nim urged each of us to strive to resemble Christ. We need to pass on such a tradition to upcoming generations and especially pass on sovereignty to the child(ren) who values it, judging not just external actions, but their internal heart. There is a deep responsibility to be a chosen successor of one's blessed lineage. The one who is chosen has to throw away his own desires and live in a "golden cage." It will be important that our dynasties remain connected to the King of Kings dynasty.

Our true identity can only be filled with Christ. Father said we do not just pray in the name of Jesus, rather we want Christ himself to BE with us and LIVE through us.

Francis Turretin

Hyung Jin Nim discussed Francis Turretin's understanding of retributive justice, which is essential to nature of God. Christ takes on the burden of our sin. Since spiritual salvation is not denied by the Principle, we have to understand the true nation of sin, which is defined as the:

1) **Debt we owe** to God's justice since He is our Creator.

2) **Mutual enmity between us and God.** God hates sin, hence His divine wrath. On our side, our sinful
rebellion.

3) **Crimes which we have committed** which carry punishment of eternal death.

Christians influenced by modern culture imagine that God can just forgive all or most sins, but only a corrupt judge would overlook the serious crimes of some and not others. They also ignore these three things:

1) **Our debt** - God is the creditor.

2) **Our Enmity** - God is the offended party.

3) **Our Crime** - God is our supreme judge and ruler, obligated to judge. Otherwise He would have to go against His own nature. This is why God cannot go against the Principle. (Eg. most of us do not think that mass murderer Jeffery Daumer should just be released to live amongst the rest of us.)

Christ at his first coming and Father as the second coming had to be willing to walk a sacrificial path of ten thousand crosses. We are forever indebted and called to walk a similar path as well!

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CORRECTION: The meeting at which Hyun Jin Nim (Preston) was asked by Father to spend one year with him took place at the end of a 7-day ODP workshop at Father's golf course near the east coast of Korea, in sight of Sorak-san, in January, 2009 (not at the Cheon Jeong Gung palace).

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*May God bless you and your families!*

Sincerely,

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