

Proclamation by Korean Professors Supporting Sun Myung Moon

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The proclamation which follows, signed by 100 Korean professors, recently appeared in Korean newspapers. The advertisement also ran in newspapers in all 50 states of the United States

Today, mankind is in crisis. As a result of the high development of science and technology, man is inescapably locked in a vicious circle of an extremely self-centered and materialistic way of life that defies spirituality and morality. However, we professors and all academicians who are in constant pursuit of truth should not yield to disappointment; rather, we should participate in activity for the recovery of mankind, salvation of society, and the realization of world peace.

Man consists of "body" and "spirit" as his outer form and inner entity, respectively, and our life connotes both "life," which is universally common, and "lifestyle," which is the expression of varied circumstances. All men commonly share "life" and "spirit," but their "lifestyles" and "bodies" vary to some extent.

Therefore, the surmounting of today's crisis and the establishment of world peace can be achieved only at the common level of life and spirituality.

Mankind needs salvation. First, individuals must be perfected through harmony between "life" and "lifestyle," and between "spirit" and "body." Such individuals can meet and unite to form families of truth, goodness and beauty, which eventually will develop into such a society, nation and world. This consistent principle to attain world peace upon the foundation of individual perfection is the *Divine Principle* disclosed by the Reverend Sun Myung Moon.

Reverend Moon was born in Korea, a country that can well represent and indemnify the agonies and disasters of all mankind today. His Divine Principle has thus brought forth light and happiness out of darkness and sorrow. It is also the principle of peace which will enable the world, shattered and scattered in all directions, to unify once again. Thus, it contains both the historical mission of the nation of Korea and the goal and desire of all mankind.

The world must become unified; but before that can take place, all religions, which are the guiding principles in our "life," must become unified. Divine Principle is instrumental and essential to accomplish this purpose. Its scope is of the greatest magnitude in that it comprehensively contains the essence of the world's great religions, including Buddhism, Confucianism, and certainly Judaism and world Christianity, and also encompasses all non-religious truth.

This unified pursuit of the harmonization of space and the summation of all tradition of time is a

manifestation of the awareness of ideological subjectivity, which can be attributed to the characteristics of the cultural tradition of Korea. It is also an explicit development of the essential "ideal of God" and the ideals of "reverence for Heaven" and "brotherly love," all of which we have cherished throughout our nation's five-thousand-year history.

Divine Principle is the working guide for effective practical action for this new age. Accordingly, the Unification Church is the cradle of individual and family perfection in the smaller sense, and it can then be viewed as the foundation of national and world unity in the large sense.

Its members are truly ethical and moral through their perfection of character; and they offer themselves with full dedication and with blood and sweat for the cause of their nation and its people. They are consistent in respect for mankind, devoted in the safeguarding of democracy, adamant frontiersmen against communist totalitarianism, and they have dedicated themselves to the end of international cooperation and world peace.

It is a small wonder that after a mere 20 years since Reverend Moon established the Unification Church, the "work which is wrought together with God" has made truly remarkable progress, until today it embodies more than two million members in 41 countries worldwide.

Especially noteworthy is that Reverend Moon in 1972 launched a crusade to more than fifty cities throughout the United States, urging the once-great Christian nation to return to God. He has received honorary citizenships from 73 cities, and 153 governors and mayors have proclaimed the "Day of Hope and Unity" commemorating his efforts. On September 18, 1974, some 40,000 people overflowed Madison Square Garden, where he delivered his message on "The New Future of Christianity."

On October 8, he was invited to Capitol Hill, where he spoke about "America in God's Providence" before an audience of 180 leaders of Congress. He is presently conducting a speaking tour in eight major cities across the American continent.

Faith is practice. It is to fill the world with God's "will" and His "love" in abundance. It is the practice of the Divine Principle to lead mankind into a harmony of oneness through truth, goodness and beauty. "The Little Angels," a Korean dance troupe that introduced the original beauty of Korea, was the fruit of this Divine Principle. The International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences, the Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles, and the Unification Thought Institute are true assemblies of scholars whose concern is to pursue truth and to realize peace.

The International Federation for Victory over Communism, with branch offices in almost every free nation, the International Cultural Foundation, the International One World Crusade, and the Freedom Leadership Foundation in the United States are bodies of activities that are forerunners for the safeguarding of the nation and the free democratic world.

Today many of their young members are scattered throughout the world, literally sacrificing themselves to bring salvation to the world and to build the unified world of "light and happiness." We, as intellectuals, knowledgeable of the world's great teachings and virtues, support these genuine and earnest ideals and activities with the deepest understanding, and we urge others to join us in pursuing a unified world and peace for mankind.

It is regrettable that a small minority of Koreans have misinformed or maliciously slandered the Unification Church, which was begun in their own country, born among their very own brethren, and is making this greatest truth available to all corners of the world. Reportedly, such slander also has been spread in America, misleading the honest public of this frontiers land. Maleficent false rumors, such as the one that the CIA influences the church, have been disseminated; yet it is highly improbable that the CIA of any government could exert influence on such a deeply religiously oriented endeavor. These charges are truly senseless and are to be lamented.

We hereby proclaim this statement with the most sincere ' wish and appeal that all support be rendered to this most worthy cause, so that the prosperity of all nations and world peace may be brought into reality.