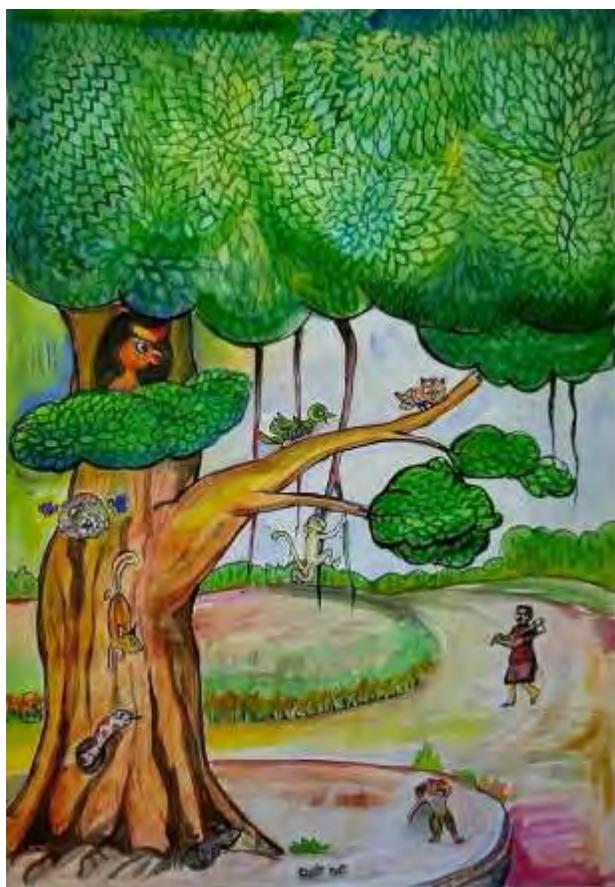


## FFWPU Europe and the Middle East: Day of All True Things - *Green Focus Holy Day 60 Years*

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"Day of All True Things", established 1963, adds divine dimension to today's green focus

A speech Dr. Michael Balcomb, the President of [Family Federation in Europe and Middle East](#), gave at the celebration of the Day of All True Things in Bad Camberg, Germany 18th June 2023.

As you know, today is the Day of All True Things. As an inspiration for this brief message, I turn to [Father Moon](#)'s speech on the Day of All True Things in 1974.

To put things into context, at that time there were very few blessed couples, especially in the United States. None of the major public rallies like Madison Square Garden or Yankee Stadium or Yeoido had taken place. And [Father Moon](#) was speaking at Belvedere probably to a group of people of about this size, no more than one or two hundred people.

### Days of celebration

And in his speech [Father Moon](#) commented that throughout history there have been many different types of days of celebration. Some days were celebrated purely locally, or maybe by one nation or another nation. And he commented that in many cases the celebration of one people is actually of their victory over another people. So what might be a day of happiness in one nation, could be a day of sorrow in another nation.

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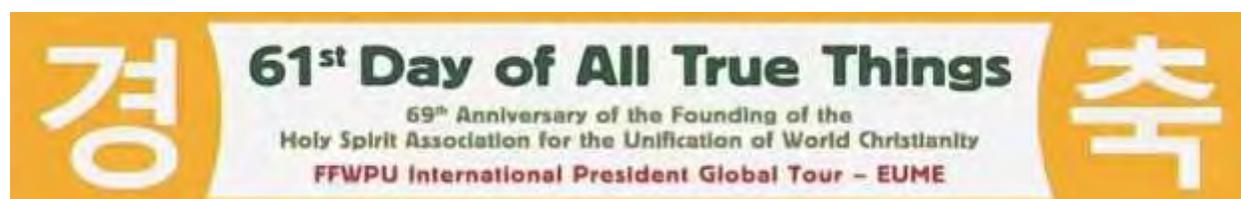
*Dr. Michael Balcomb*

And he also went on to say that we also commemorate days which are days of sorrow or reflection for everybody. Here in Europe for example, on the 11th November, the whole of Europe pauses to remember the dead of two great World Wars, regardless of their nationality.

And then [Father Moon](#) asked, "So, what kind of day are we celebrating today? The Day of All True Things? Is it a day of joy, or is it a day marking a great sorrow?"

### Creation in utter sorrow

I'm asking you. [Father Moon](#) had a different answer; he said, "Of course this is a day of joy, but we have to remember how it started. How did these Holy Days become necessary? It started with the Fall of Man."



[Father Moon](#) had this very interesting comment,

"At the time of the fall of Adam and Eve, if [God](#) had just slapped them on their cheeks, they could have felt a little relieved in their hearts. But [God](#) turned his face away and never said anything. He never did anything to them. If their sin could have been indemnified on the very spot by [God](#) beating them, it could have been much easier for men and women to return to [God](#). But [God](#) could not do that. So [God](#), human beings and all things had to be in utter sorrow and grief.

We have been taught by the [Principle](#) that at the moment of the human fall, men and women were chased out of the Garden of Eden. They ceased to be [God's](#) son and daughter; [God](#) was no longer their Father; and all things were not under their dominion."

Pretty strong stuff, right? And you can find the same sentiment in the Scriptures. Take a look at the book of Isaiah, chapter 24, verses 4-6.

"The earth dries up and withers,  
the world languishes and withers;  
the heavens, languish together with the earth.  
The earth lies polluted under its inhabitants;  
for they have transgressed laws,  
violated the statutes, broken the everlasting covenant."

So [God](#) has had to remain in sorrow - [Father Moon](#) said for thousands of years until somebody could come and renew the covenant that Adam and Eve put aside. And that, of course, is our [True Parents](#).

### **Free gift from God became point of contention**



Now many of us in the audience are parents, and perhaps you can remember as you were bringing up your children, maybe your grandchildren, two kinds of emotion. When you prepare something really beautiful for your children, and they happily accept it, play with it and are joyful, you feel so happy.

But what if they cast it aside or break it, or it even becomes a point of contention and fighting? And your children fight each other over what you had intended to be a beautiful gift? You know how disappointing that is, as a parent. And I believe that for our Heavenly Parent, it's the same. [God](#) gave us this beautiful world, this incredible creation, but instead of appreciating it, caring for it, loving it, it sometimes has become a point of contention and fighting.

Even now in Europe, we have a mighty and bloody war going on over the land that [God](#) gave to all of humanity. And not just in that country, but all over the world, there is conflict to possess the things that were meant to be a free gift of God.

### **Restore the pristine state**

So our [True Parents](#) have come as the ones who can set this record right, not just once, but forever. Paraphrasing the book of Hebrews, [True Parents](#) are the same yesterday, today and forever, and we are here to remind ourselves of that covenant ourselves. [Mother Moon](#) is so serious about protecting the planet that God has given us. She's always talking about the need to protect the creation, and not just protect it, but restore it to its pristine state, to make it beautiful once again.

Those of us who had the opportunity to go to Korea a month ago could see how [Mother Moon's](#) desire is being expressed in so many different ways, in buildings, sure, but also in greenhouses, gardens and boats, and everything she touches. She's thinking about how to restore this world to its original state.

And luckily we have an opportunity to do something about that as well. Because each of us is created by

[God](#) to fulfill those three blessings, among which is to have dominion over all of creation and all things.

### **Learn to love each other first**

But one time, speaking in Brazil, [Father Moon](#) made a very simple observation. He said today people are concerned about the environment, but I can tell you we will never love the environment until we learn to love each other. Because we human beings are the pinnacle of all creation.

If we can't love each other, how can we love all the things? And we will never love each other unless we learn again to love our Heavenly Parent and to put [God](#) the very first in our life every day. [Mother Moon](#) says we have to understand the essence of the Heavenly Parent, the longing of the Heavenly Parent to gather all the children of the world back together.

### **Our responsibility, who we are**

Turning back to that first quote where [Father Moon](#) makes this comment, if [God](#) could have slapped their cheeks, if [God](#) could have punished them on the spot, wouldn't it be easier for Adam and Eve to be forgiven or to recognize even what they had done? And I see in myself also this desire for instant action. If something is wrong, why don't you solve it right now?

[God](#) could not do that because [God](#) can only work when we realize and recognize our responsibility, it will never be taken away. So [God](#) had to step back. And sometimes we have to step back and allow the healing power of our own conscience to come and let us understand who we are, what we are.

[...] But one thing will never change. We are the eternal children of our Heavenly Parent and our [True Parents](#). Today let us determine to renew that covenant that was lost, to love all things, to love each other, and to love [God](#). Thank you very much.

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## Rev. Sun Myung Moon – Father Moon (1920 – 2012)

## In a nutshell

- **Name:** Sun Myung Moon. In Korean 문선명 (Moon Seon-myeong – the family name always comes first in Korean). Written in Chinese characters, the name is 文鮮明. He was born as 문용명 (Moon Yong-myeong), but changed his name in 1953. Many call him Father Moon.
- **Born:** 25<sup>th</sup> February 1920 (6th day of the first month according to the Oriental lunar calendar) in Sangsa, a hamlet in Chongju (town status since 1994) of North Pyeongan province in Korea, now North Korea).
- **Married:** 11th April 1960 to **Hak Ja Han**. Together they realize the ideal of **True Parents**. They had 14 children together. This was his second

He founded several organizations, including the **Unification Church** in 1954 in Seoul, South Korea, with his wife **Hak Ja Han**, the **Family Federation for World Peace and Unification** in 1996 in Washington DC, and the **Universal Peace Federation** in 2005 in New York. He and his wife are also known for arranging so-called “**Blessing Ceremonies**” since 1960, the year they themselves **got married**. The ceremonies are often called **mass marriages** or mass weddings.

Father Moon is also known for founding several newspapers, including *The Washington Times*, in 1982.

Sun Myung Moon was a skilled orator, and his speeches have been published in collections of over 600 volumes, mainly in Korean, but extracts from the speeches have been translated and published in a wide range of languages. His original religious teachings are called the **Unification Principles** (Wolli – 원리 – in Korean – translated as Divine Principle in English. The Korean word wolli actually means principle or principles.)

Father Moon was far more than a religious leader. He thus founded and supported dozens of organizations to promote international understanding and create lasting peace in the world. He was an outspoken opponent of totalitarian atheistic communism and founded several organizations that developed a systematic ideological critique of communist ideology.

Father Moon also strongly believed in culture and sport as peace-making activities and invested in football clubs, symphony orchestras, and ballet. Already in 1962, he formed a dance troupe for children, *The Little Angels*, which eventually became outstanding ambassadors for Korean culture.

Father Moon invested large sums in establishing a car factory in North Korea. He saw the ocean’s resources as the key to fighting hunger and malnutrition and invested in fish farming, and also developed fish products rich in high-quality protein.



## Timeline

**1920:** Born after World War I into a Korea suffering and struggling under Japanese occupation.

**1935:** Easter 1935, he had a mystical life-changing **encounter with Jesus Christ**, who commissioned him to a great mission and taught him personally.

**1940s:** In his student years, he found crystal clear answers to the mysteries of religion and life’s big questions.

He was tortured for his involvement in the underground Korean independence movement.

**1945:** After World War II and Korean independence, he began to share his profound insights with key persons and movements **God** led him to. Met with misunderstanding in South Korea. He walked to North Korea and built his own movement there. Soon arrested and tortured by the Communist regime. In 1948, sentenced to 5 years in a concentration camp.

**1950s:** Miraculously **saved from certain death** by UN forces. Came as a penniless refugee to the South.

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his second marriage. First married on 28<sup>th</sup> April 1945 to Seon-Gil Choi, but divorced on 8<sup>th</sup> January 1957. A son was born to her in 1946.

- **Died:** 2nd Sept. (European time) 2012 (3rd Sept. Korean time) in Gapyeong, South Korea, aged 92.
- **Autobiography:** "A Peace-Loving Global Citizen"
- **Teachings:** **Unificationism.** See also **Brief about the Teachings** and the **Unification Principles.**
- **Education:** Graduated in September 1943 from the electrical engineering department at Waseda College of Engineering in Tokyo, Japan, affiliated with Waseda University, one of Japan's top universities.

Sun Myung Moon organized a long series of interfaith conferences to promote cooperation between religions and also proposed the creation of an Interfaith Council at the United Nations. He was, in addition, an ardent advocate of the construction of a tunnel under the Bering Strait to unite the nations of the world by means of an international highway.

Ever since it became clear that the messianic task could not be completed through Jesus because of his untimely death, **God** began to prepare the world again, as he had done before the birth of Jesus. As the **Unification Principles** (Divine Principle) shows there are striking points of similarity between the 2,000-year period before Jesus and the last 2,000 years.

**God's** preparations for the **Kingdom of Heaven** intensified in the last centuries before the coming of Jesus. Buddha, Confucius, Zoroaster, and others laid spiritual foundations in their respective parts of the world. Major reforms were carried out within Judaism. Greek and Roman civilizations created major changes here in Europe.

In the same way, the last centuries from the Renaissance and the Reformation have been a time characterized by great upheavals. The purpose of all these changes has been to create the conditions for an ideal world without war, suffering, and injustice. The prerequisite for **God's** and humankind's longing for a harmonious world to become reality is that someone shows us the way to **true love**, true marriages, and true families. That is why **God** has also prepared the world for **True Parents**. The Messiah comes to realize the ideal that **True Parents** represent, namely a man and a woman who has achieved the standard that men and women, fathers and mothers, should have, according to **God's** original plan.

movement after the Korean War in 1953 was **officially registered** in Seoul in 1954.

Against all odds, with a handful of followers, he built what, within 25 years, became a global movement.

**1960s:** **Holy Marriage to Hak Ja Han** in 1960. Began holding larger and larger **Marriage Blessing** events, first for his followers and then for people of all faiths and nations.

**1970s:** Preached throughout the USA. His rallies filled big stadiums; the largest in Washington attracted 300,000. In South Korea, he gathered 1.2 million in 1975. Established schools, newspapers, a hospital, humanitarian aid organizations, shipbuilding facilities, and businesses. Started annual conferences for hundreds of eminent scientists, media people, and academics. **Blessed the marriage** of several thousand couples.

**1980s:** More newspapers were established, including The Washington Times. Organized large interreligious conferences. Formed organizations are exposing weaknesses of atheistic materialism. Predicted the imminent collapse of Communism in 1985. **Large weddings** are held for 15,000 couples.

**1990s:** Personal meetings with top leaders of the Communist world – President Mikhail Gorbachev in Moscow and Chairman Kim Il-sung in Pyongyang. Seven years later, he built a car factory in North Korea. Launched global educational, interfaith, and peace initiatives: **Family Federation for World Peace and Unification**, and Women's Federation for World Peace. Millions of couples receive **marriage blessing**.

Published *World Scripture – A Comparative Anthology of Sacred Texts*.

**2000s:**

Major efforts for peace in the Middle East. Launched the Universal Peace Federation.

120-nation speaking tour at the age of 85. Received many honorary doctorates.

Autobiography *As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen* published 2009. Became a

bestseller in South Korea.

**2010s:** Died at the age of 92 in 2012. Dr. **Hak Ja Han Moon** continued to expand the activities throughout the world. Large religious groups with millions of followers started to embrace the teachings.

Sunhak Peace Prize was established to support individuals and organizations excelling in work for peace and environmental protection. **Large weddings** for thousands of couples every year.

**2020:** World Summit 2020, with thousands of VIPs, including many heads of state, held in Seoul.

Launch of global peace networks connecting parliamentarians, religious leaders, media experts, scientists, students, academics, and entrepreneurs. Continuing efforts for Korea's reunification.



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## The Unification Principles

The key to understanding [Sun Myung Moon](#) and [Hak Ja Han](#) and their movement is the Unification Principles (The Divine Principle), an important part of their teachings and the name of the revelations [Father Moon](#) received from [God](#) and Jesus during the period 1935-1944. The Unification Principles explain [God's original ideal](#), how and why the ideal was not realized, and the long and complicated process [God](#) and we humans have had to go through in order to return to a world that is as [God](#) originally wanted it to be. In addition to describing the most important events and people in this process, the Unification Principles explain its ultimate goal.

The teaching gives you answers to each of life's big questions and also gives you a comprehensive understanding not only of your own life, but of the great physical and [spiritual reality](#) of which we are all a part.

We see the Bible and the holy writings of other religions as important contributions to clarifying the path each individual must follow in order to live in harmony with [God](#) and their fellow human beings. A unique part of [Father Moon's](#) teaching is how [God](#) has worked for the past 2000 years, and how [God](#) works today.

There is no published edition of the Unification Principles written by [Sun Myung Moon](#) himself.

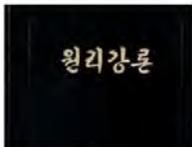
After his life-changing spiritual [encounter with Jesus Christ](#) 17<sup>th</sup> April 1935, the young Korean started to study the Bible intensely for many years. In the margins of his Bible he wrote down notes about insights he arrived at and revelations he received. Those notes are said to have been central when later putting together the texts known as the Unification Principles (The Divine Principle).



The very first manuscript of his teachings was apparently lost in North Korea during the Korean War, while he was a prisoner in a concentration camp. After arriving as a refugee in Busan, South Korea, for one year until May 1952, he wrote *Wolli Wonbon* (The Original Text of the Principles), an unpublished text.

After the Korean War (1950-1953), and after the [Unification Church](#) was [founded in 1954](#), he asked one of his main disciples, Hyo-won Eu, to write a more systematic version of the teachings.

The first book that was published, only in Korean, was *Wolli Haeseol* (Explanation of the Principles) in 1957, written as an interpretation of and a new perspective on the 66 books of the Bible.


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The year after, Eu started the work on the text that became the official version of the Unification Principles, [Wolli Kangron](#) (Exposition of the Principles)





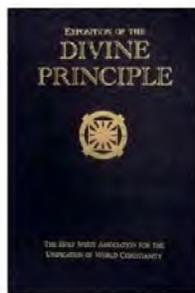
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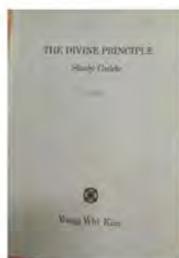
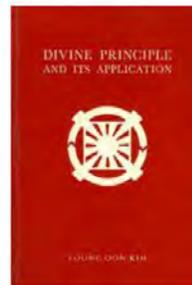
1966, and in 1973 in English as "Divine Principle", after Father Moon had moved to the USA in 1971.



A new and better translation appeared in 1996, "Exposition of the Divine Principle".

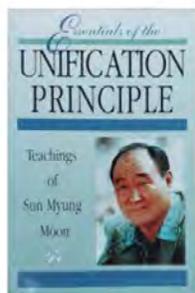
Other versions of the Unification Principles have also appeared in English:

"Divine Principle and Its Application", by Dr. Young Oon Kim, published in 1968 and translated into a number of languages. Republished 2004 as "The Living Code – A New Look at the Bible".



"The Divine Principle Study Guide", by Young Whi Kim (Yeong-hwi Kim), one of the first 3 couples, part 1 first published in 1973, part 2 in 1975.

"Outline of the Principle – Level 4", (Wolli Kangeuian in Korean) by dr. Cheong-hwan Kwak, then International Director of Education of the Unification Church, published in 1980 in English and translated into many other languages. This is a lecture manual with hundreds of diagrams beside the text.



"Essentials of the Unification Principle – Teachings of Sun Myung Moon", written primarily by Thomas Cromwell, published in 1994 with the approval of the International Director of Education of the Unification Church. The book includes a chapter on Mohammed and Islam as well as one on how we may apply the teachings to our life.

"United Visions – One God, One Truth, and One Human Family", by Abdelmoumin Ahmed, written originally in Arabic, published in English 2009, written primarily for a Muslim audience. Input from senior lecturers of the Unification Principles.



What we call the Unification Principles (The Divine Principle), is simply wolli – 원리 – in Korean. The Korean word wolli means principle or principles. Korean nouns are not specific about their number – whether they are singular or plural. Apparently the singular form "principle" was chosen by the Korean members in 1956, when deciding on an English name for the teachings, in order to emphasize that the content makes up a unitary whole. In order to avoid misunderstandings, we use the term "Unification Principles" here as the teachings certainly refer to more than one principle.

Also, it should be clear that the English expression "Divine Principle" is not intended to mean that everything in the book is about some divine principle. Rather, the teachings reveal that certain fundamental principles play a significant role in shaping historical events and the progress of God's work to create the world he planned from the beginning. Also, an understanding of those principles allow yourself to better master your own life and your relationships.

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