

Introduction

The *Divine Principle* is the fundamental theology of Sun Myung Moon.

When he was 15 years old he was praying on a hillside in Korea on Easter morning, April 17, 1935, Jesus Christ appeared and told him he had been chosen to fulfill Jesus' mission of teaching the truth from God that would unite the world into one peaceful and happy family.



For years he received revelations from God and saints in the spirit world. In 1945 when he was 25 years old he began his public ministry and started teaching. He was persecuted and finally sent to a communist concentration camp in North Korea. For three years he was tortured. Most men did not survive 6 months in this death camp. When the Korean War broke out in 1950, he was freed and went to South Korea as a refugee. In a hut made of discarded cardboard boxes mixed with clay, with a dirt floor, he began to write the *Divine Principle*.



The shack Rev. Moon built of stones and cardboard in 1951.
The *Divine Principle* was first written in this humble hut in war torn Korea

He received revelations and wrote them down.

Sun Myung Moon says, “The words I speak do not come from theological research or from any books. I speak rather of fundamental principles that I have learned through experience, as I overcame all manner of difficulties and communed directly with God and spirit world.”

Mr. Hyo Won Eu was the first disciple to organize his early revelations into a lecture series. With Sun Myung Moon's approval he published it in 1956 in a book that we call the *Divine Principle*. In the midst of this war-torn, ravaged and poor country, people began to be inspired by his vision of a world utopia and teachings that answered the fundamental questions of life.

In 1954 he founded the Unification Church. Forty years later, in 1994, he ended the church and created the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification. Churches are obsolete and the focus is now on families living a natural life in godly communities.

Members of his movement are called Unificationists whose primary mission in life is to teach the *Divine Principle* or *Principle* for short. The first Unificationist to come to America was Miss Young Oon Kim. She wrote the first *Divine Principle* in English in the early 1960s. Her book is called *The Divine Principle and its Application*. Miss Kim wrote in her Preface that the *Principle* teaches "God's entire providence for mankind." She says, "It is my earnest prayer that God's new dispensation may be clearly manifested to you as you study the *Divine Principle*."

You can read the entire text of her book for free at www.Tparents.org. You can also read the full text of a version of the *Principle* written by some seminary students at the Unification Theological Seminary titled *The Divine Principle Home Study Course* at the Web sites www.Unification.net and www.Tparents.org. I also have the text of these books along with the text of all my books at my website www.DivinePrinciple.com.