

*Practical Plan for World Peace:
Unificationism—The Teachings of Sun Myung Moon*
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CHAPTER TWO

MODESTY

The second value is modesty in demeanor and dress. I have written a book on this subject titled *Dress Code for Witnessing*. The Bible is strict about the core value of modest dress and deportment. Followers of Sun Myung Moon should be exemplary role models of modest behavior and dress. The last thing Jesus said was the Great Commission to convert the world from pleasing Satan by living and teaching his value system to pleasing God by living His values. We are given the mission to persuade people to stop their immoral behavior and to find happiness in glorifying God.

God and the Messiah command us to show people how to find total happiness. In the American Constitution God spoke through the founding patriarchs of America when they wrote that God desires for every person to have true life, true liberty and true happiness. Satan desires that every person experience false life, false liberty, and false happiness. True religion teaches that Satan deceives people with his ideas of living, freedom and joy. He has an agenda of perversion. God has an agenda of purity.

Mankind is deeply divided on what is appropriate dress. Every nation has made laws prescribing what is appropriate dress. If a person violates those laws the police will arrest that person and the courts will punish the person. How we dress is a basic value that mankind needs to get united on. The Bible is the most important book in human history and it gives some guidelines on proper dress. Unfortunately the Bible has been interpreted many ways. I have not found many books that deal with modest dress. I would like to point out a few that I believe should be read and studied by Unificationists. As usual, when I recommend books I always give the tag that I am not saying I agree with every line and every idea other authors give. In my book *Dress Code for Witnessing* I quote from authors of books and articles but that does not mean I agree with everything they believe. With that said I feel it is important that Unificationists teach the following books to their children:

BOOKS:

Your Clothes Say It for You by Elizabeth Rice Handford

Christian Modesty and the Public Undressing of America by Jeff Pollard
Dressing With Dignity by Colleen Hammond
What in the World Should I Wear? by Cathy Corle

CD:

Mrs. Handford has an audio CD of the same name as her book *Your Clothes Say It for You*. I also recommend the audio CD by Sarah Maxwell titled *Experiencing the Joy of Young Womanhood* (www.titus2.com) in which this twenty-one-year old woman gives advice to girls to be modest.

DVD:

A DVD that talks about women's modesty is *The Language of the Christian's Clothing* by S. M. Davis. Davis says that women should wear dresses and that men and women should cover themselves from the neck to below the thighs. This sounds like a good standard to me.

For those who feel that how we dress is not important and that it is wrong to advise women to wear dresses and never wear pants I challenge them to rethink their view. I feel it is a commandment of God for women to not wear pants. It is as disgusting as men wearing dresses. How we dress has a profound impact on others. I believe that one major source of the division between parents and children in the twentieth century is because children grew up with mothers who dressed like men. Every generation has gotten worse since women started wearing pants. There was a slippery slide to women wearing pants as police officers. Women protecting men in the police and military is the most visible manifestation of the chaos of the Last Days. One of the major reasons for the breakdown of the family, I believe, is the confusion about what masculinity and femininity are. Today there is total lack of chivalry because women look and act like men.

COMPARE

I don't see as many problems between parents and children in those families where women only wear dresses. Women wearing pants confuses their children and men don't feel protective. Don't believe me? Compare the households of those who have women who mostly wear dresses to those who mostly wear pants. One of the most famous families in America is the Duggar family. They are expecting their 19th child as I write. Go to their website (www.duggarfamily.com) and look at pictures of their family. Mrs. Duggar and her daughters only wear long dresses. I believe one of the reasons their family is so wonderful is because of their old-fashioned dress code. Compare the harmony and love in their family to families where the mother and daughters wear pants. I'll bet you will see that marriages and families where women and girls wear pants have some major problems. You will also see a dramatic difference between Mormon missionary women on college campuses and those of Unificationist sisters on campuses. The Mormon sisters are witnessing and gaining new converts while Unificationist sisters are blending in with their jeans and t-shirts and have no desire to witness. What we wear has a profound effect on our psyche. Women and girls who wear pants have less of desire to be feminine and to have babies than those who only wear dresses. That is what I see when I see families who believe in women wearing dresses. You may find exceptions but I haven't seen any so far.

The Bible begins with the famous scene of Adam and Eve naked in the Garden of Eden and after the Fall God has them put clothes on. This should not be interpreted that we should become members of nudist colonies. We don't know what the future ideal world will look like. We can't imagine what it would be like to live in a world where there were no fallen people. Maybe in a world of perfect people nudity will be normal. This world is corrupt and until the world reaches

absolute moral purity we need to cover ourselves up.

I write in my book *Dress Code for Witnessing*:

Father lived in America for over thirty years and during that time and the years since then there has been virtually no growth in numbers of people being converted and joining the Unification Movement. Meanwhile the Mormon Church has exploded in numbers. They are motivated to witness, teach and persuade hundreds of thousands of people to join every year. While they have got many thousands to join their church in America and millions worldwide while Father directly worked with us in America in these last 40 years, Unificationists in America have as many members now as they had when I joined over 30 years ago.

Father has pushed us to witness and get thousands of members in every state but, sadly, there are only a tiny handful of members. The Mormons are famous for getting many of their young adults to witness. Unificationists have formed witnessing teams of young Unificationists. In comparison the Mormons are crushing us. Unificationists have failed miserably in witnessing and keeping the few members they do get. I hear that many of the first generation children have left the movement and those that have stayed are unable to be as impressive as young Mormons.

What are the Mormons doing that makes them so powerful in witnessing? It sure isn't their theology. It is science fiction. The revelations of Joseph Smith are ridiculous. The revelations of Sun Myung Moon are the truth that will unite the world. The difference between the *Divine Principle* and the *Book of Mormon* is like the difference between day and night. Unfortunately, the difference between the ability of the Unificationist Movement to convert people versus the Mormons is like the difference between night and day.

One of the reasons the young Mormon are getting millions to join is because of their dress code. They look like they are from the 1940s. The men wear slacks and shirts with collars; the women wear long dresses to their ankles. In contrast, young Unificationists wear the sloppy, grunge clothes we see in public schools and on television. This means they wear ugly, sexy, unisex jeans and t-shirt. The Mormons have some sense of the meaning of heavenly masculinity and femininity because they separate the men and women. Unificationists have no sense of the difference between the sexes and mix the sexes in everything. The Mormons pair up men with men and women with women while the UM pairs up men and women. One Unificationist young woman was murdered when she was fundraising on a team. As I understand it she was paired with a brother who did not stay with her. It's bad enough that Unificationist men and women work together on fundraising teams but it is even worse that Unificationist sisters earn money alone going door to door. The Mormons are smart enough to not have their missionaries represent their church by fundraising. They are only focused on witnessing and not burdened with the juvenile, trivial, and embarrassing selling of knickknacks.

One of the biggest differences between these two religions is that the Mormons do not believe in women ministers and the Unificationists deeply believe in women leading men. In other words, the Mormons are more conservative and the Unificationists are more liberal. There is absolutely no power to outwitness the Mormons because Unificationists are more feminist than Mormons.

Mormon missionaries dress like religious people. Unificationists dress like secular people. It is sad to see the youth group the leaders have created called the STF sit in front of Father with their jeans and t-shirts while he always wears slacks and shirts with collars. Unificationists are digested by Canaan's low standards. When Father meets with members he separates men and women. Currently, when Unificationists get together they mix the sexes.

The Unification Movement has a logical theology that is very attractive but it is the lifestyle of our

competitors that is getting others to join them instead of us. We need to dramatically change our way of living. One important way is to improve our image. Unificationists don't look different than the secular world. While the outside world looked weird with the 1970s fashions of long hair and wild clothes when Father came to live in America, Unificationists looked old-fashioned. Now Unificationists blend in to the grunge look of today instead of looking like people in the past who knew better.

The first thing you notice about Mormon women missionaries and Muslim women is that they do not show much skin and they usually wear dresses. Mormon men missionaries dress up by wearing shirts with collars and Muslim men do not show a lot of skin even though many millions of them live in countries where the temperature is well over a hundred degrees.

When you see women Mormon missionaries on college campuses in America they stand out because they wear long dresses well below the knee. They dress somewhat like the founders of their religion did who live in the 19th century. This dress code gives them a powerful advantage in witnessing. It gives them strength and power. If Unificationist women wore long dresses and stopped showing so much skin like the outside world does, I believe it would dramatically increase our ability to proselytize.

When Mormon women end their two or three years being formal missionaries they go back to the fallen world's standard and wear shorts. Dae Mo Nim teaches Unificationist women to never wear shorts and for men to never wear long hair. She is right. If Unificationist girls and women never wore shorts, swim suits in public, or short dresses and if they wore long dresses and modest clothes all the time that would give our movement a superior image and make us so much more effective in witnessing than our competition. Doesn't Father tell us to constantly witness? Then why wouldn't we look like we are religious people who are always witnessing?

Father is always modestly dressed. We should emulate his sense of fashion. Father dresses conservatively. He always dresses with dignity. What is dignified about jeans and a t-shirt? Absolutely nothing. He doesn't wear jeans and a t-shirt and neither should we. We are religious people who are not of this world. We are professional witnesses. We witness by our lifestyle and by aggressively directing people to hear the *Principle*. We are working 24/7 to fight the good fight. Who would you pick to be your plumber? One has bought slacks and a shirt with a collar at a work clothes store and the other has jeans with holes in them and a t-shirt? We are judged by our clothes. We are not supposed to be obsessed with our wardrobe but we are obsessed about being followers of Christ. Father always dresses sharp when he is in public. And he is always in public. People are taking pictures of him day and night. A trillion people will see these pictures in the future and they will not see the scruffy and sexy clothes of those possessed by low spirits in our ugly culture. Even when Father is in Hawaii he dresses with slacks and shirts with a collar. Professional golfers wear the same on golf courses in Hawaii. This is the standard Unificationist men should dress by.

Father tells us we are being photographed too: "Women also should dress more neatly and comb your hair more neatly. ... The opposing forces in the media take photos of our weak points and put it on the newspaper. Then, when people look at it they will say, 'I thought Unification Church members were all exemplary, but they also have that type of people.' This might really take place. We might be made famous in the newspapers." (*The Way of The Spiritual Leader Part 2*)

Girls and women should always wear dresses. They never expose their backs, shoulders or knees. The only man who sees a woman's knee should be her husband. Women should wear loose-fitting blouses and no tight fitting clothing that show the curves of the breast. And they should not wear anything low cut that shows part of the breast. Women and girls should not wear pants and they should not swim where men can see them.

Father says, "Woman should test the object's response to her hairstyle and makeup. Think of it as a hobby to alter your external appearance if you cannot make the object joyful and attract him to you. Mobilize all the artistic senses like a symphony. You may research woman's physiology by looking at magazines or explain to him about literature after reading several books. Make your husband live inside the width of your skirt like a baby. ... be smart and stylish." (*Blessing and Ideal Family*)

We live in the Last Days when there is complete confusion. It is darkest before the dawn. The forces of darkness have worked to make men sissies and make women mannish. This is why we see men wearing earrings and women wearing pants.

HAIR

Men are supposed to have short hair and women are supposed to have long hair. First Corinthians 11:14-15 says, "for a man to wear long hair is degrading to him, but if a woman has long hair, it is her pride" or translated as "if a man has long hair, it is a shame unto him. But if a woman has long hair, it is a glory to her." One person wrote in a website, "Now some will say, 'Jesus had long hair.' All the famous pictures of Jesus were painted during the Renaissance period when it was fashionable and prestigious to have long hair." We should be able to tell if a person is a man or a woman by their hair.

Father says men should have short hair, "This is the way God intended all things to be. Why is it that women grow their hair long and men cut their hair short? How would it be if men grew their hair long and women cut their hair short? Women need to be covered and protected by something always, so they grow their hair and let their hair cover them. Man is the other way around. Women want to dress themselves nicely with all combinations of color, and emit a good fragrance, changing the combinations every day. If you really give this some thought, you discover a good reason. Women's love has a variety of directions, not just a single monotonous direction. There are all kinds of variety and changes within her as expressions of her love. Women express their love in a variety of ways. The center shouldn't be that detailed. If the center changes all the time it will be very difficult for everything to catch up with him. Father could go on and spend hours like this before reaching his main subject, but these kind of things you cannot find in any library." (3-10-91)

A Baptist minister wrote an article on the Web about clothes. Here are a few excerpts in a sermon titled "Biblical Womanhood Defined: What does it really mean to be feminine?":

It is absolutely wrong for a man to be feminine. It is so wrong that it is listed among other behaviors that tell us a person isn't really saved. First Corinthians 6:9-11, 'Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate...'

If it is so wrong for a man to be feminine, isn't it equally wrong for a woman to be masculine?

We live in a day where some women want to work like a man, dress like a man, and in effect to be like a man is their highest goal and achievement. ... Anything that man can do, they want to do.

Many ladies are afraid to be feminine. After all, who wants to be different? It takes a great deal of courage for a woman today to be all God wants her to be.

The Bible is the textbook on femininity, not the feminists. The feminists are

really masculinists. Women who want to be masculine.

He quotes First Timothy 2:9-15 that gives characteristics of biblical femininity. It says that women should “adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety.” He says shamefaced means “she has the ability to blush. Her eyes are down cast unlike the harlot whose face is bold toward impurity.”

Father says, “Korean women usually wear long, loose fitting dresses. It is like a wind blocker because it is full. By contrast, Western women wear short, tight skirts so that when they walk with high heels [Father demonstrates] [Laughter] they are off balance. Western women, in general, don’t wish to have many children.” (5-5-96) I believe that the more feminine a woman dresses the more she feels like having and caring for children.

Teenage boys and girls and men and women should not swim together. If you think that is being too strict, listen to these wise words a woman wrote on the Web:

It is not only acceptable, but it is highly encouraged by the world system to dress in the equivalent of your underwear, and walk, swim, sit, and to “lay out” in front of anyone who cares to look on. We purposely strip our bodies, literally, and expose our flesh to public view, to friends and strangers alike. And we have faithfully passed that heritage on to our children and taught them that it is okay to be immodestly dressed—as long as it’s by a pool or in a lake or at the beach. And, of course, all of it has been in the name of “relaxation” and “healthy exercise.”

Think about it. Fifty years ago, it was degrading to expose your body in such a way. Only the lowest of society would think of such a thing. In fact, at the beginning of this century, women’s “bathing suits” looked like neck-to-ankle, fluffy Victorian dresses. But slowly, through media and marketing (Satan pulling the strings, of course), our consciences have been anesthetized to a godly standard. Put on a pink bow or two and go ahead and strip down to your underwear. Walk, run, splash and tan in full view of anyone who cares to look on. It’s all so appealing to the eye. How could it be wrong? “It’s okay,” the enemy says. “God doesn’t mind. It’s simply good, wholesome fun.” Please, think again. We have bought a lie from God’s enemy that we can be immodest, as long as it’s a swimming setting. And the fruit of embracing and tolerating that undoubtedly results in lust of the eyes, jealousies, vanity, and fleshly competition and degradation, just for starters.

Here’s a good test to let you “feel” the wrongness of it. How would you feel if you and your family saw someone in a bra and panties at the table next to you, down at the local family restaurant? Or if all the cashiers at your local grocery store were in their bras and panties? Probably you’d feel a bit embarrassed and think it a pretty inappropriate way to dress or place to shop. But put the same person poolside, add some color to that underwear, and suddenly it’s completely “acceptable” and appropriate. Why?! What a double standard! It’s okay in this physical location, but not in that? It’s okay for people to see you at the beach in your underwear, but it’s not okay in the grocery store or restaurant. Or what about in the “church building?” Or would you and your children sit in your living room, along with total strangers, all of you in your most immodest underwear? Suddenly, that’s NOT okay. What has changed? Only our perception about what is acceptable.

The enemy has lied to and told us that it is perfectly fine in certain situations to show your flesh before the eyes and lusts of any man or woman who cares to look. Can this be right? Be honest! The fact is, no child of God has the right to dress in what is essentially underwear and go out into public view. Please don't let your children grow up thinking that it's okay to be immodest, as long as there is water, sand and sunshine around.

—Wendy McDonnell www.wendysmodestdress.com.

Father to Son: Manly Conversations that Can Change Culture

Geoff Botkin has made a series of DVDs in which he talks to each of his sons about different aspects of living a godly life. In one of them he talks to his young 15-year-old son about purity and modesty. In one scene he is at a beach in the summer where they are sitting at a picnic table. In the distance are girls wearing swim suits. The person filming makes them out to be fuzzy and out of focus. Mr. Botkin does an amazing thing. He is sitting facing the beach and his son, Luke, is facing away. He says, "Let me switch sides so we both can face away from the beach. He then teaches his son that he should "avert" his eyes when he notices girls wearing skimpy clothing. I wish this video had subtitles in every language so someone from the Czech Republic, Mexico, and China could watch this excellent godly father talk to his sons about godly core values. Geoff Botkin shows how a father is to take responsibility to mentor young people. He reads passages in the Bible against fornication and then gives his thoughts. His son asks him if there was a key time when America became so decadent. His father explains that in the 1840s America began to go downhill fast when Christians began to stop teaching basic biblical principles like purity and modesty. Men stop being gentleman who would "avert" their eyes even if the wind blew up a ladies skirt and exposed her ankles. Then he said the 1920s were a time when America made radical changes such as women's dresses going up, women and girls cutting their hair short and trying to look like boys, even wearing clothes that took away any sense of curves and being straight like a boy.

Fathers in the Unificationist Movement today are the exact opposite of Mr. Botkin. They do not teach their sons to be gentlemen. Unificationist parents encourage young people to expose so much skin and swim in public just like the rest of the world does. They push their children to go to dances and spend years on co-ed teams called STF. Our movement will never become great until brothers in the UM act like Geoff Botkin. They should get his videos and watch these videos with their children. Geoff Botkin's series is called *Father to Son: Manly Conversations that Can Change Culture* (6 DVDs). You can buy it at www.visionforum.com.

In *Christian Modesty and the Public Undressing of America* Jeff Pollard writes that the bathing suit was invented in the 20th century and "As a people we shifted from the Biblical view of covering the body to an exhibitionist view of showing off the body. The sad outcome is that our society, including its churches, doffed its robe of Christian modesty and stood proud and naked on the beach." He says that swimsuits are "striptease." He teaches that every decade from 1900 more and more skin was seen until finally:

Models smiled and bared themselves for the media, their bodies adorning virtually every kind of advertisement. Young sirens in bathing suits became a standard item for American merchandising which marketed everything from automobiles to political campaigns.

And yet, there remains in our society a few lingering twinges of bashfulness. As

one historian notes, “Even today, when the body has become a marketable package, making a public appearance in a bathing suit can be a disquieting experience.”

I must raise two questions here: 1) Given that modern swimsuits were designed to promote public nakedness and remain the most revealing form of clothing, why do so many Christians wear them in mixed company and encourage their young people to do so? 2) Why do Christian ministers and leaders expose God’s young men and women to the disquieting experience of “greater body exposure” in the name of evangelizing them?

The Bible speaks of covering the body; the world promotes uncovering the body. Should preachers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ be involved in promoting sexual display for which our young people would have been arrested sixty years ago? The reason that swimsuits can be “disquieting” is because they expose the bodies of those who wear them. Let’s face the truth—a bathing suit tells a more honest story about you than any other form of dress. Young women know that other young women and especially young men will really see whether they are full-busted or flat, what their legs and derrieres are shaped like, whether they have chunky or lean thighs, ... it’s all out in the public in swimsuits.

... the cultural war between Christian modesty and nakedness.

Men and women who would never dream of walking out the front door in their undergarments will parade their naked bodies publicly in swim wear. How many of you ladies would stand in your front yard in only your half-slip and bra? Have you considered that they probably cover more than what you wear to the beach?

Women should be especially aware of how their clothing impacts men; because generally speaking, men are far more visually oriented than women. Richard Baxter [17th century pastor] wisely commented that women sin when their clothing tends “to the ensnaring of the minds of the beholders in shameless, lustful, wanton passions, though you say, you intend it not, it is your sin, that you do that which probably will procure it, yea, that you did not your best to avoid it. And though it be their sin and vanity that is the cause, it is nevertheless your sin to be the unnecessary occasion: for you must consider that you live among diseased souls! And you must not lay a stumbling block in their way, nor blow up the fire of their lust, nor make your ornaments their snares; but you must walk among sinful persons, as you would do with a candle among straw or gunpowder; or else you may see the flame which you would not forsee, when it is too late to quench it.” He goes on to admonish women, saying, “You should rather serve Christ with your apparel, by expressing humility, self-denial, chastity, and sobriety, to draw others to imitate you in good, than to serve the devil.” It is quite rare to find a woman who actually understands the affect her clothing has on others. Many truly do not grasp that they are candles among gunpowder.

A woman wrote an article on the Web (www.pricelesswoman.com) titled “Your Clothes Are Talking” which says:

Ladies, your clothes are talking. I hope I can help you know what they are saying. Proverbs 7:10 says, “And, behold, there met him a woman dressed as a harlot and subtle of heart.” Quite simply, a harlot wears clothing that purposely

draws attention to her body, especially certain areas of her body—bust, legs and backside.

1st Timothy 2:9 says, “In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel.” These two verses represent two extremes—the immodest woman wearing the attire of the harlot and the modestly-dressed lady. I looked up the word “modest,” and it means “decorous” or “moderate.” Of course, the woman dressed in modest apparel would not draw attention to her body.

Too many Christian women bring criticism to Christianity because they look sloppy in their appearance. When they dress this way frequently, they are giving off the message— “I don’t care how I look.” Of course, as daughters of the King, we want to look our best.

The tight-fitting garment. The following is a way to know if a garment fits too tight on top. If your garment cups under the bustline or around the bustline, it is too tight. You can test this in any full-length mirror. You will be surprised at what you see. If your garment cups your bustline as described, you are giving off this message—”Look at my bust.”

The too-sheer garment. The way to know if your garment is too sheer is to see if your undergarment straps (bra and slip straps) can be seen through your outer garments. If they are visible, this could cause thoughts in the mind of a man that you really do not intend. The message your clothes are giving if too sheer is—”Look at my undergarments.”

Just remember this: “The lower the neckline, the more curious a man gets.” Surely we do not want to put men in that position. I believe many Christian women are ignorantly doing this. When your neckline is too low, you are giving off this message—”Look at my bust.”

The modestly dressed woman. She wears an outfit with a high neckline that is loose-fitting around the bust and backside, yet flattering and pretty, under which are the proper undergarments for those sheer areas of the outer garment. The slit is properly sewn or nonexistent. Our attention would seem to be drawn to only one part of her body—her face. Her clothes are worn in such a way that she has made her acquaintance look her in the eye and see her for the lady that she is. When a woman dresses in such a way, she is giving off the message— “Look at my face.” This should be the only area men want to look at when they see us; however, we determine that.

The following are excerpts from an article at the Website (www.pricelesswoman.com):

Deuteronomy 22:5 — “The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman’s garment: for all that do so are an abomination unto the Lord thy God.”

After reading this verse, what things pop into your mind? Earrings and necklaces on men, long hair on men, short hair on women, dresses on men, and of course, pants on women. Notice the word “abomination” is used to describe how God feels about cross-dressing. I looked it up in *Webster’s Dictionary* — “1: something abominable 2: extreme disgust and hatred.”

Until the advent of Hollywood and the movie screen, everyone (including lost people) knew that pants were men's apparel and dresses were women's apparel, and they dressed accordingly. Our culture's (and sadly most churches') acceptance of cross-dressing has resulted largely from the influence of television, the placement of women in the workforce and the pressures of twentieth century feminism.

The universal symbol for designating a men's bathroom is a stick figure wearing a pair of pants. The universal symbol for designating a woman's bathroom is a stick figure wearing a dress. Coincidence? Hardly. Even our sinful society recognizes that there is a difference in a man's and woman's clothing.

Pants are a symbol of authority, as evidenced by the saying "I'm the one who wears the pants in the family." Sadly, most women might as well wear the pants, since they rule their homes anyway!

"Yeah, but pants are not really that immodest."

"The following is from 'What in the World Should I Wear?' by Mrs. Cathy Corle:

"A friend of mine told me that her decision to restrict her wardrobe to dresses and skirts came as a result of a ladies' class. All the arguments and reasons that could be given were unheeded until the lady who was speaking said, 'Let me just demonstrate something to you.' She asked the ladies in the audience to close their eyes momentarily. She held up a large picture of a woman in an attractive, modest feminine skirt and blouse. She asked the ladies to open their eyes. Then she inquired, 'What is the primary focal point to this picture? Where did your eyes first fall naturally?' The audience agreed that their eyes were first drawn to the face of the woman in the picture.

"She once again asked the ladies to close their eyes. When they opened their eyes they were looking at a large poster of a woman in a sport shirt and blue jeans. She asked, 'Now, be honest with yourselves, and tell me where your eyes first fell naturally when you looked at this picture?' Many of the ladies in the crowd were surprised to find that most people's eyes first focused upon the hips and crotch area that were so vividly emphasized before they ever noticed the woman's face.

"Yeah, but wearing pants is not really that big of an issue, and they are much more comfortable and practical to wear."

"It's kind of funny that for nearly 6000 years, women always wore long dresses, but only since the last 40 years, a dress is suddenly 'impractical' to wear. You cannot change history to validate what you want to make acceptable for today. Nowadays, women think that they cannot so much as rake a few leaves without adorning themselves in a pair of pants.

"If you saw a man wearing a dress, what would you call him? Uh-huh, you would have no trouble knowing that it was wrong, and an abomination to God (even if his dress had a fly). But we have been conditioned by the world and erring brethren that a pair of pants is a good and acceptable thing for a woman to wear today. Just because it is common does not make it right. In fact, I believe that it is all part of Satan's plan to further defile mankind by mixing the genders.

Have you noticed how wimpy the boys are getting and how masculine the girls are getting?

“... now, the emphasis is not on the beauty of a girl’s femininity (which brings out the masculinity in a man). NOW the emphasis is in the difference in BODY PARTS! There is no longer the striking difference between a beautiful woman in feminine attire, long pretty hair, and a masculine man that practices chivalry. (Put a real feminine woman around a man and see how chivalrous he becomes.) Now the difference is emphasized in her physical body difference, which leads to lust and a degradation of womanhood! (and manhood too). A feminine woman is in her rightful place of an elevated position. But as soon as she steps down off her pedestal to wear pants and be ‘equal’ to a man, it drags everybody down, which is exactly what Satan wants. The devil is still whispering in Eve’s ear to destroy mankind.

“Now the boys are wearing earrings and have long hair, while the girls are wearing pants and chopping their hair off, even though this is forbidden in scripture (I Corinthians 11). To top it off, most preachers will not preach against short hair and pants because this would affect a majority of the women in his congregation including his wife and daughters!”

The international sign for public restrooms is a man with pants and a woman with a dress. When I was in Japan I noticed that they often paint the stick figure of the man in blue and the woman in pink or red which are often colors associated with the difference between men and women.

The following is from a page at Sarah Maxwell’s website www.preparingdaughters.com:

After Sarah’s encouragement, we have many testimonies from young ladies and homeschooling moms who are “dresses only”!

Encouragement from Sarah

“In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array” (1 Timothy 2:9).

In our society, modesty is a subject that is rarely discussed or broached. What some people consider modest is not modest at all! So, what IS modest? As a godly Christian girl how are you dressing? The Lord led us to wearing dresses (when I say dresses throughout this article, I’m also referring to jumpers and skirts!) only when I was about ten or so. At first, I was just wearing dresses because my parents wanted me to. But, as I grew older, my love for wearing dresses increased as did my desire to not defraud men with what I wore. Now, the conviction that my parents’ had for me has been replaced with my own conviction to dress modestly.

We have several reasons why I wear dresses only. The main reason is not to defraud men with the way I dress. If a lady wears pants, a man’s eyes are drawn to a part of her body they should not be drawn to. This can cause a man to have impure thoughts. The same thing with tight, revealing tops or low-necked blouses. We have heard some say, “But he is responsible for his thoughts!” Yes, that is true, but it is also our responsibility as a godly woman to dress in a way

that would not provoke those thoughts. Would you be willing to deny yourself the “pleasure” of dressing the way you want to help a brother in Christ? “Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend” (1 Corinthians 8:13). We could paraphrase it and say, “If a certain type of clothing make my brother to offend, I will not dress that way...”

Another reason we wear dresses is to appear distinctly feminine. Compare a girl wearing pants to a girl wearing a dress! Who looks more feminine? Clearly it’s the girl in a dress! We know some like to think that they have cute feminine pants, but pants are still men’s clothing in our day.

We would encourage you that it is important even if you are wearing dresses to have specific standards. Just because a girl wears a dress does not mean she is modest. From our experience, there are more immodest dresses available in the stores than there are modest ones. I prefer my dresses to be ankle length. I do not wear spandex type material in dresses, skirts, or jumpers because it is very clingy. I avoid slits in skirts (we sew them up) because it draws a man’s eyes to a woman’s legs and creates a peek-a-boo effect. I do not wear low-necked shirts, blouses, or dresses but rather ones that are at the collarbone or above. I personally do not wear sleeveless shirts. When looking at someone wearing a sleeveless blouse, where are your eyes drawn? Most sleeveless shirts are loose around the armholes, therefore showing even undergarments much of the time. Please, I encourage you, re-evaluate if you are wearing sleeveless things.

My brothers and Dad go to an inner city homeless mission each month. A while ago, another church showed up to help with the service. They arrived late, and a woman was along with them. She was immodestly dressed, and as she walked down the aisle to sit near the platform, my brothers observed that the men about fell over watching her.

I would encourage you to run your outfits by at least your Dad, and maybe even your brothers. Since they are men, they will be able to evaluate clothing and see anything that might be immodest.

I can do virtually anything in a jumper that one can do in pants or shorts — including exercising! In fact, I walk three miles per day with at least one of my brothers or sisters, and part of that is on a semi-busy road. One morning, I decided to count how many cars we saw on that 30 minute section, and can you believe it was around 250 cars?!! That would mean around 500 people see us every morning, modestly dressed while exercising. That in itself is a testimony! I know from comments we’ve heard that people definitely notice us. One time, my younger brothers and sisters and I walked to a gas station to get a treat. Someone held the door open for us and said something like, “Oh, so you’re the walkers we see every morning!” They felt like they knew us just because they saw us. We have also had people comment on how happy we look. May Jesus Christ be praised!

If you feel you can’t do something in a dress, I would encourage you to question whether it is an activity that you can do and be feminine.

I pray that this article is an encouragement to you, and that you will reevaluate your clothing choices. In closing, I strongly encourage Dr.

S.M. Davis' tape on, "The Language of the Christian's Clothing." It is \$8 for two CDs [This is also on a DVD.], and I think you will be blessed. You can also check out our Modest Dress Resource page for hints on where to buy modest clothes.

Joyfully His,
Sarah Maxwell

Elizabeth Rice Handford says in the audio CD titled the same as her book for women *Your Clothes Say It for You*, "Pants are immodest."

Helen Andelin writes about clothing in her book *Fascinating Womanhood*. In her chapter titled "The Feminine Appearance" she writes, "Should women wear pants? Pants are not the most feminine of dress. You can wear them, however, if of feminine material and style, and a color becoming to you." I wrote to her about this and she wrote back saying the opposite of what she wrote. She wrote me that she believes that women really shouldn't wear pants. She wrote me saying, "No pants except for mountain climbing, camping and climbing ladders to wash windows." I called her on the phone and talked to her about this and she said she thought it would be too difficult to get women to stop wearing pants in our culture. I don't care how difficult it may be to change our culture. I am pushing for an absolute value of women wearing dresses 100% of the time. Women and girls wearing pants is a serious violation of spiritual law. I am a libertarian on many issues and therefore advocate as much freedom as possible. There should not be laws against women wearing pants, but Unificationists should teach true femininity and be so persuasive that women voluntarily change their lives to be in line with the absolute values of God.

I think the decision of whether women should wear pants or not should be decided by the patriarchs of the homes. Fathers and those men in charge of homes and trinities in religious communities should make the final decisions on what is a godly dress code for girls and women. If women in Unificationist homes and communities push to wear pants I question whether we will ever have the strength and effectiveness to overcome the Mormons who have their women missionaries wear long dresses. This is one of the reasons they are growing faster than anyone. If Mormon women wore long dresses all of the time they would be even more powerful. We should be more modest than Mormons. The most famous Mormon woman is Marie Osmond. She has appeared on television wearing a miniskirt. At the time of the publication of this book a Mormon woman appeared on national TV as Miss Utah at the Miss America pageant. She made news because she was the only woman who wore a one-piece swimsuit. This is not modesty. If Unificationist women only wore long dresses in the presence of men and boys then this alone would be a powerful influence on getting Mormons and everyone else who has a sense of modesty to join us. If Unificationist women revolt and demand to wear pants, shorts and swim suits in public then men may have to compromise and let them do so until women understand that they are a stumbling block to boys and men who women naively think should not feel anything sexual when they see so much of women's skin and the form of her figure in pants.

Just as it is wrong for Mormons to think one-piece swim suits are modest, women in India who display a bare navel (belly button) are wrong to see this as modest. In Indian culture their dress, called a Saris, shows a woman's midriff and the navel. It is seen as normal and beautiful. It is not. In the 1960s Barbara Eden did not show her navel on the TV show *I Dream of Jeannie* but now it is widely accepted after decades of the sexual revolution. Another example of immodest and strange fashion is men wearing skirts called kilts in Scotland.

I found the following quote of Dae Mo Nim on the Internet:

Guidance Given by Dae Mo Nim To The Second Generation

Let's be dressed properly and neatly. (Satan likes navel-exposing T-shirts, sexually revealing clothing, etc., so don't wear such things.)

Don't wear T-shirts that expose your navel.

Don't wear short pants. Avoid things Satan likes. If you want to make Satan run away when he sees you, you have to appear clean and pure.

What I Request of Male Students:

Always keep your hair short.

Father grew up in an old-fashioned culture. In his biography of Sun Myung Moon, Michael Breen writes, "Villagers wore traditional, homemade white clothes. The men had a waistcoat, jacket, and baggy trousers, while the women wore long dresses." Father often comments on how we should dress modestly. Here are a few examples:

In the Western world everything is exposed, particularly the women, who are half-naked at functions like formal parties. The Orientals hide everything with long clothes, however.

I would never like to see anyone, particularly the women, exposing themselves. What would you men say? If you are married and your wife is dressed so that other men laugh at her or tease her, would you feel good? Your wife is precious so her body is precious. A precious diamond is usually wrapped up with a humble cloth and hidden away. Displaying it in a spectacular manner only invites temptation. (1-22-78)

Do Unificationists like the idea of parading on Fifth Avenue wearing only the minimal amount of clothing? (No.) Absolutely no. (6-9-99)

The American media feels that while Reverend Moon and his Unification Church are in the midst of America's melting pot, still they don't become melted. Rather they try to melt the entire America within their Moon pot. (Laughter) (Applause) When Father makes this kind of statement American people do not like it. Yet still he speaks out. In what sense are Unificationists better than American people in general? Unificationists are clean-cut. In the streets of New York young people have five different layers of clothing hanging out. (Laughter) Americans love to wear really tight blue jeans. When Father goes out fishing in Alaska and other places, Mother buys blue jeans for Father to wear. When Father tries to put them on they are too narrow at the ankle. Many times Father almost fell over trying to put them on. No one considers why the companies who produce jeans cut them so narrow and tight. Actually, the reason may be that the merchants want to save fabric. But Americans in general are fooled and believe that it is fad. (Laughter)

These money-making business merchants also created the fashion of short pants and mini-skirts. This way they can charge more money for the item and use less material. It is true. But we Unificationists are not fooled. Therefore we don't wear such items. When God looks down upon the American population who run after all these fads, do you suppose that He will prefer them over Unificationists who are more conservative in their dress code? (No.) (6-9-96)

The relations between men and women are so strictly regulated in the Islamic world that a woman cannot even show her face on the street. That's going too far! But here in America women wear less and less clothing and people kiss and hug in the street. That's the other extreme. What is God's solution? (2-11-79)

I always want myself to be a reason for God's joy. Even when you dress you should dress well. When I see a person dressed well then it makes me feel good. (*The Way of the Spiritual Leader Part 1*)

Unification women always dress very modestly, not exposing themselves. (4-9-89)

Oriental women go almost to the other extreme—they have far fewer problems of that kind. They are always embarrassed to take off their clothing and expose parts of their body. The typical Oriental garments cover the entire body, leaving only the head and hands exposed. This is the traditional dress in the Orient even now. In America, the very minimum is covered—sometimes even less than the minimum. Women go almost naked. (6-12-83)

Women today are really the ruining factor of American culture. I am warning American women that they should be more feminine and learn from the pattern of the Oriental way of life. Precious things are usually hidden away, and if your body is precious then you have to cover it. The fall of man resulted from sensual desire and the fallen act is going on everywhere. In order to reverse the fall we have to go in the opposite direction. (1-22-78)

Western women have clothing that show their breasts and with short pants – there is nothing mysterious. The men are the same. They already know everything about each other and therefore they don't want to be married. Everyone wants something mysterious. Men want a feminine soft woman, and women want a masculine even hairy man. (8-31-03)

Father speaks strongly against women showing so much skin. Here is an example from one of his speeches:

VULGAR AND BARBARIC

The other way is almost barbaric—virtually shoving something at somebody in a casual and careless manner. In summertime, many women walk around on the streets half dressed. That is not so pretty, either; it is certainly not a reflection of a highly cultured society. That is also vulgar and barbaric. (9-7-86)

Father teaches that dresses should be beautiful. There are infinite colors and patterns that women can choose from that will contrast with men's clothing. He says:

Women's skirts should not be tight but rather have a colorful flair that can go around and embrace her husband. (5-1-92)

Women need to wear colorful clothes as much as possible. As much as possible, ask three of your friends to evaluate your attire, and ask, "Is this good enough?" (*The Way Of The Spiritual Leader Part 2*)

Men may be content to wear one decent suit day in and day out, all year long,

but women always want to wear a new fashion. Just about all the men here are wearing the same style clothing, but the women are wearing all kinds of blouses and dresses, in all kinds of colors and shapes. The men's world is just one dull color, but the women's world is like a flower garden. (2-15-81)

Furthermore, men have a rather limited variety of hairstyles and ways of dressing, while women have no limit! (10-2-83)

Anna Sophia and Elizabeth Botkin teach in their book *So Much More: The Remarkable Influence of Visionary Daughters on the Kingdom of God* that girls should dress the way their parents want them to:

We are commanded to obey our parents (Ephesians 6:1). Obedience is more than outwardly obeying with a resentful, grudging attitude. Obedience means inwardly obeying, from the heart, with eagerness and cheerfulness. True obedience means obeying even when it's hard. But obedience doesn't have to be painful. When we have a deep, abiding inner reverence for our parents and their wishes, it can become a joy to obey them with our whole hearts. If we have a deep abiding reverence for their wisdom and instruction, we will actually seek out their guidance and will consider their preferences as more important than our own. We will go to our parents and ask them who it is they want us to spend time with, and then obey them with all our hearts. We will ask them what kind of clothes they want us to buy and what they want us to look like, and we will follow their instruction wholeheartedly.

BEING DIFFERENT

I believe God wants parents to dress and to teach their children to dress as I have written in this chapter on modesty and in my book *Dress Code for Witnessing*. The Botkin sisters write in their book *So Much More: The Remarkable Influence of Visionary Daughters on the Kingdom of God*:

We are faced with the challenge in life, Dad has told us, of either living the way everyone else does, or of being different, faithful to God's design. We've discovered that being faithful to God's design is not possible if we have neglected to "study it out" from Scripture. We attempt to examine this design in this book. Where the design differs from the world, we have to think differently, act differently, and even dislike the world. This is the really hard part.

God doesn't call us to "find our place in the world" but to wage war with a worldly culture that has declared war on God's design. This is why our father has inspired us to be as different as we need to be in order to be obedient to God's design.

Fathers should teach their daughters to be different and wear dresses and loose fitting blouses instead of the jeans and t-shirts our ugly culture thinks is cool.

To those who disagree with this view on dress code or feel it is not very important I would like for you think about this. In my studies I have found that religious communities who believe women should only wear dresses such as the Amish and Hutterites have large families. Later in this book and in my other books I highlight some Christian families who live by old-fashioned values. One family, the Duggars, are famous for being filmed and shown on cable TV. They have 18 children so far. Mr. and Mrs. Duggar believe in modesty and have built a magnificent family. I believe part of the reason is because they dress modestly. I believe that if you and your family had the ideology that women wear dresses your family would have less problems and be stronger and happier than you are now. I believe that women wearing pants has deeply confused and weakened the family. Men feel less chivalrous and less willing to provide for their families. Women feel little about having many children. Children are more susceptible to pre-marital sex, homosexuality, and

leaving the church when the mother wears pants like the father.

The way we dress has a profound effect on our psyche and those around us. Since women started wearing pants America has gone downhill fast. When the Unification Movement began in the 1960s sisters mostly wore dresses and there was growth but when sisters started wearing pants in the late 1970s it stopped growing. I remember when I met the church in 1973. All the sisters wore long dresses. Now their children wear jeans and t-shirts when they sit in front of Father. If the UM is really interested in growing spiritually and in numbers they must return to old-fashioned values of looking masculine and feminine instead of wearing the boring androgynous jeans and sweatshirt.

The world is experiencing a low-birth rate and high divorce rate. Do you think this has nothing to do with women putting on pants and competing with men? I think there is a direct correlation between women putting on pants and then wanting birth control. Men don't want to have sex with someone who is a competitor. Men are digested by Satan's lies and say they think their daughters look cute in jeans and shorts. They consciously think they are modern and advanced over the prudish past generations but unconsciously they are confused and turned off to truly loving a woman. Women will say they feel more comfortable in pants and it is no big deal but unconsciously they are confused and turned off to really loving a man. There cannot be true love in androgyny. Opposites attract. Men and women today are so alike that they feel little need to marry young or stay married when they finally get around to it. There are so many dysfunctions and low level behavior that it is easy to see America as looking like Rome just before it fell.

I believe that if a family has problems it is caused by fathers and mothers not teaching and living by universal values of God. If a woman wears pants then the result can only be tragic for every member of the family. When women wear pants they stop feeling for having huge families because they stop trusting in their husbands to lead. They are not feminine anymore and so there is little attraction between men and women. Satan knows how to destroy the family and most people are clueless at his tactics to destroy love in the family. I'm not saying if women wear dresses all is well. We have to do all the other values in this book. But if we violate even one law of God and embrace Satan's value of cross-dressing by women wearing pants and exposing their shoulders in wedding dresses and thighs in shorts we will suffer terribly. When America gave up modesty they gave up on the desire to multiply. Satan wants low birth rates and he has been wildly successful. Movie stars like Louise Brooks, Marlene Dietrich and Katharine Hepburn pioneered women wearing pants around the time Father was born in the early twentieth century and what was the result of their rebellious immodesty? Jesus said, "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Mark 8:36). These women had fame and fortune but they never had a happy marriage and they were all barren. They were falsely seen as super feminine but they were sexual misfits and not worthy of being role models for femininity. They were role models for Satan and the result of following him is the denial of marriage and children. They were Satan's ambassadors of fashion that had a profoundly negative influence on millions of people who imitated them. Sadly the vast majority of people wake up and spend their day doing everything wrong. They let immoral Hollywood stars be their role models in how to live. They are not cool. Do the opposite of these people. You can begin by not dressing so provocatively like they do.

If you have problems in your family or see problems in someone else's family, I believe they would have been better off if they had the belief that girls and women are to look feminine and modest at all times. Do an experiment. Try it and see if it makes a difference for the better. It has for those who have made modesty a core value in their lives.

This topic is so important that I have an entire book on what is a godly dress code titled *Dress*

Code for Witnessing. You can buy the book at Amazon.com and read the entire text for free at www.divineprinciple.com. I hope I can persuade Unificationists to start looking like religious people instead of what the world looks like.

I challenge Unificationists to dress modestly.