

Practical Plan for World Peace:
Unificationism—The Teachings of Sun Myung Moon
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INTRODUCTION

I believe that the theology of Sun Myung Moon, the *Divine Principle*, is the truth that will unite mankind into one loving family. It reveals God's plan for an ideal world, a world utopia. The *Principle* answers the fundamental question asked by countless people: What is the purpose of life? God's motivation for creating the world and especially us as His children was love. Simply love. He wanted and needed to share His love. Joy is the true purpose of life. God wanted His sons and daughters to be happy and joyful. To give them the highest happiness, we read in the *Bible* that He gave three blessings in Genesis 1:28: "And God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.'"

Sun Myung Moon, also called Father, gave a speech on October 20, 2001 at the United Nations titled "The Path to World Peace in View of God's Will." He talked about the Three Blessings of God saying, "The First Blessing of God to human beings, 'be fruitful', called God's children to become ... true persons." For the Second Blessing, multiply, he says that men and women are supposed to become a "True Husband and Wife." Then they are to become "True Parents to their children, inheriting and passing on true love, true life and true lineage from God. ... Then they would have become the Lords of true love. ... This was God's Third Blessing. This is the Blessing to create a living environment in which we can experience joy and happiness, having dominion over the creation. This includes the care and preservation of the world's ecological balance as true masters of the creation...."

UNIVERSAL PRINCIPLES

He ended his speech saying that we "must transcend the power of politics and national diplomacy" and "ground ourselves spiritually and morally upon God's ideal" and live "according to universal principles" and center our lives on "God and the laws of Heaven." This book is about some of those laws of heaven—those core, universal values and divine principles that I believe God wants Unificationists to unite on.

BLUEPRINT FOR WORLD PEACE

To build anything we need a blueprint. This book is an instruction manual for life. This book is the application of the *Divine Principle*—a blueprint for world peace. Sun Myung Moon often talks about world peace. He is inspiring people all over the world to make the dream of world peace a reality. How do we define peace? Father is teaching that God wants total peace. Not only peace between nations but between our minds and bodies and between every person.

UNIFICATION

Another favorite word of Sun Myung Moon is unification. God, he reveals, desires us to have

complete unity for all three blessings: unity of mind and body, unity within families and unity between all people and nations. The ultimate goal of God is nothing less than total, one-hundred percent agreement of what God's core values are and for everyone to live by those universal values. World peace and unification will come when every single person accepts the *Divine Principle* as their theology and lives by the absolute commandments of God. Each of us has the duty and responsibility to teach these values to as many people as we can.

TRUE HAPPINESS

God wants every person to experience total happiness every moment of their life. This can only happen when every person accepts the teachings of Sun Myung Moon. The solution to all our problems of war and disunity depends on mankind listening to and accepting the teachings of Sun Myung Moon.

NEW RELIGION

The world needs a new religion that is logical and makes sense. Everyone needs to give up their religion and move up to the perfect theology of the *Divine Principle*. Father has worked his entire life to peacefully persuade mankind by his words and deeds to hear and accept the *Divine Principle* and then to have us write a constitution for the world that is based on God's universal principles and values that everyone will organize their lives by. At Hillsdale College Victor Davis Hanson gave a speech in 2009 saying, "War is a human enterprise that will always be with us. Unless we submit to genetic engineering, or unless video games have somehow reprogrammed our brains, or unless we are fundamentally changed by eating different nutrients—these are possibilities brought up by so-called peace and conflict resolution theorists—human nature will not change. And if human nature will not change—and I submit to you that human nature is a constant—then war will always be with us." This is fallen man's thinking. The Messiah comes to save us from Satan's thinking. Sun Myung Moon reveals God's goal of a world without war.

UTOPIA

The truth always rises and eventually the *Divine Principle* will be voluntarily accepted by every person. Sooner or later—one year from now or 100 years from now—the ideology of God brought by Sun Myung Moon will rule the earth. Jesus said that Satan is the ruler of this world. Someday God will be the ruler. This means that everyone in position of authority in every area of life will be a godly Unificationist and their leadership will end the war between our minds and bodies, the battle of the sexes, and the violent wars that have plagued mankind since Satan took control in the Garden of Eden. Father says God's goal is for mankind to live in an ideal world. He says, "The Unification Church has the clear goal of utopia centered upon God. The utopian religion is the Unification religion" (11-1-93). "We have a common dream. It is the long-cherished human dream of an ideal world. The prophets have called it the Kingdom of God on Earth. It is a lofty goal, but it is obtainable. It must be, simply because it is the original ideal of the Creator. This is the meaning of securing world peace" (1987). "Truly, the ideal I am espousing is nothing other than the kingdom of God on earth. I see it as a realistic goal toward which we can realistically work. People have been telling me that I am too utopian. I recognize that I am extremely idealistic, but I have no choice: God has called me directly, personally, to this task and responsibility." (8-11-84) Hanson's vision is small and false. The Messiah's vision is big and true.

CORE VALUES

I have chosen what I believe are ten core values of God. We are called to guide our life by the

words of truth in Father's speeches. Father says, "The historical words of True Parents and the *Principle* are the key to your growth and perfection of heart and character. Through these words you can become saints and achieve seok bang (total release). This is the way to become divine sons and daughters of God" (3-19-05). At the Hoon Dok Hwe (morning reading of Father's words) in Kodiak, Alaska on September 24, 2008 some rough notes were taken. He said that we have to study his words, "What will you do when I'm gone? I have left you the Word in so many books. However, many of you haven't even bought them yet. The Word will remain forever. The ideal sons and daughters are those who have the proper relationship with the Word and with each other, in balance. Hoon Dok Hae is necessary. Through it you can overcome all. After 1,000 years, only the Word shall remain. Once you stand upon God's Word, you are in the central position, and you can and must go through all barriers."

"Even for me to go over Satan's hills, I had to become one with the Word. I created these books because the Word doesn't belong to me. It is God's Word and will remain forever. The secret for all humanity to get to God is to understand his Word. To go to God's heart, we must liberate the world. To liberate yourself, you must go beyond yourself."

God wants every person to be saints who live by the word of God. We are not supposed to get up in the morning and begin our day and spend the day thinking about what we want to do. We are supposed to be thinking about what God wants us to do. God's way will always be better than our way. God wants us to focus on the family more than on ourselves. He wants us to think in terms of what is best for our families instead of what we think is best for us. This is an ideology of groupism over individualism. When we do this we will be more fulfilled and reach our potential faster than if we thought of ourselves first.

We also know that God reveals his laws and timeless truths in the writings of some Unificationists and in other books such as the Bible. In this book I will back up these ten core values with quotes of Father and quotes from other books.

The Ten Commandments are famous moral codes. There have been many books elaborating on them. For example: *The Ten Commandments of Character: Essential Advice for Living an Honorable, Ethical, Honest Life* by Joseph Telushkin and *God's Top 10 with Dr. Laura Schlessinger: An Adventure through the Ten Commandments*. In the Bible we read, "Why do you ask me about what is good?" Jesus replied. "There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life, obey the commandments" (Matt. 19:17). If you want life you need to live by God's commandments. If you choose to disobey God's common sense rules then you invite pain, dysfunction and death into your life. When a marriage and family respects God's laws then it prospers and grows; when it rebels it declines and dies. When a nation honors God's universal principles it flourishes; when it follows Satan's principles it becomes a dying nation.

Many people today do not honor the rules in the Ten Commandments. The Ten Commandments are thousands of years old and yet billions of people today do not believe there is one God. There are many people who do not even believe there is a God. After two thousand years of the Bible the majority of mankind does not believe Jesus came as the Messiah. No matter how dedicated Christians are to their faith and work to proselytize and convert people, the world will never become totally united on Christianity or any other religious belief – except one. That is the theology and moral laws given by Sun Myung Moon. All religions and value systems have a mixture of true and false teachings. The ancient religions of the past have given us partial truths. Sometimes the leaders of these religions have given wrong views of God. For example, Joseph Smith writes in Mormon scripture in the book *The Doctrines and Covenants* (verse 130:22) that God has flesh and bones. This is false. God is invisible. It is now time for all Mormons, Christians, Jews, Muslims, Buddhists, Hindus and other religious people to accept the teachings of Sun Myung Moon as greater than their sacred texts.

TRUE LOVE

In Sun Myung Moon's theology, the *Divine Principle*, we learn that God is a God of true love. True Father constantly talks about true love. Love is greater than laws. The kingdom of Heaven on Earth will not be a place of countless laws, but a place where people naturally do the right thing all day long. But we do not live in that world. We live in a world that is fallen. Adam and Eve did not guide their emotions with the truth. Jesus said the truth will set us free. Free from what? From Satan's lies. We need to understand what those lies are and then expose those lies. When everyone is taught the tactics of Satan and rejects his false teachings then we will have a world of true love. We cannot unite this world on emotion. It is our calling to teach the truth that will unite this world. There are many ideologies and beliefs that people live by. Mankind suffers from people believing in a mixture of good and bad ideas to guide their lives. The number one mission of Unificationists is to teach the truth even though we may not live up to the truth. We don't wait to teach the truth until we are perfect. We teach it while we are striving to live up to God and True Parent's high standard.

DOGMA

We can't just point to our heart to solve the disunity of the world. We need to point to the head as well. Mankind is deeply divided because of conflicting doctrines. Doctrine is defined as "A principle or body of principles presented for acceptance or belief, as by a religious, political, scientific, or philosophic group; dogma." Dogma is defined as "a doctrine or a corpus of doctrines relating to matters such as morality and faith, set forth in an authoritative manner by a church. An authoritative principle, belief, or statement of ideas or opinion, especially one considered to be absolutely true." Unificationists need to give mankind God's doctrine. Our dogma is the absolute truth. Father went to every state in America publicly announcing that his movement was "A new movement of Pilgrims with a new vision." He goes into detail what that new vision is in thousands of speeches. He gave a speech to distinguished scientists at the Marriott Hotel on November 28, 1986 titled "Absolute Values and the New Cultural Revolution." He boldly said, "In order to realize the world of peace which God desires, the Unification Movement must achieve preeminence in the realm of human thought. It must challenge and surpass all narrower philosophical and religious views." He went on to say that the Unification Movement "must deal with global economic problems" and "has to take preeminence in the realm of media. With the *Washington Times* as the core, we are establishing preeminence in the American print media, a field of more than 1,750 American newspapers. By doing so we can include all fields of intelligence. Today we have in this area surpassed the liberal *New York Times* and *Washington Post*."

SHEEP AND GOATS

Unificationists should be on the side of the Right against the Left in the cultural war that is raging around us. The Left loves the writings of Marxists and Socialists. The Right loves the writings of the Founding Fathers of America, Adam Smith and those who believe in limited government and free enterprise. We live in the time of the Last Days where the prophecy of division between sheep and goats is fulfilled. America is deeply divided over what is right and wrong. The Left says there are no absolutes but they betray themselves by being so strong in their fight for the Liberal agenda and hatred of the Conservative agenda. Unificationists should be the leading thinkers, writers and cultural warriors for truth that will take Liberals and Conservatives to the Completed Testament teachings of Sun Myung Moon. We are in agreement with many of the ideas of the Right but we have what Father calls the Headwing ideology. This means there are some ideas on the Right that are not true and Conservatives will have to be converted. The Liberals will have to be converted from their many satanic values. Left-wing intellectuals will have to give up their idea that there are no absolutes. Father often uses the word absolute. *Time* magazine is a popular magazine. It is

Liberal and whenever they write about those on the Right they always portray them as being aggressive and war-like while the Left is peaceful and rational. The managing Editor of *Time* wrote against Glen Beck and other conservatives in 2009 saying that the Right is wrong in being “confident about absolute good and about evil. What we’ve learned from psychology is that certainty is not an objective reality but an emotional one.” And he writes that any person who says they know what absolute values are is not “harmonious.” Conservatives who speak strongly about absolute values are “angry” and stirring up “discord.” The truth is that the Left is just as strong in its views as the Right and they fight just as hard. What they don’t understand is that we cannot guide our lives by psychology. God wants us to live by a value system that is based on theology. True theology is about absolute values.

THE LAST DAYS — THE END TIMES

Father says this about the Last Days:

The end of the world is the moment in history when God ends this history of evil and begins His new age. It is the crossroads of the old history of evil and the new history of good.

In light of this definition, why does the Bible predict extraordinary heavenly phenomena as signs of the end of the world? Will the things predicted really occur? The Bible says: “Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.” (Matt. 24:29)

What does this mean? What are we to expect?

First of all, please rest assured that these things will not happen literally. God will not destroy anything in the universe. God often expresses His truth in symbols and parables, and these biblical sayings will be accomplished symbolically. Second, God has no reason to destroy the universe. It is not the universe, but man and woman who have committed sin. Only we deviated from the original plan of God’s creation. Why should God destroy the animals, or the plants, or anything in creation which fulfilled His purpose as He intended? God would not destroy those innocent things.

I want you to understand that when we say “end of the world,” it does not mean the destruction of the physical world, but the end of the old ways and beginning of a new human era. The Bible therefore says, “A generation goes, and a generation comes, but the earth remains forever.” (Eccl. 1:4) In *Revelation* we read: “Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away.” (Rev. 21:1) That new heaven and new earth refers to the coming of a new history of God, a time of new dominion. After you buy a house, won’t you move in your family and possessions? Then you will say that you have a new home, and you are the new master of the house. In the same way, when men of God occupy this universe, it will become a new heaven and a new earth. (10-28-73)

Father says:

Unificationism is implanted in the family, so nobody can root it out. The family is the ideal of the Unification Church. It starts with a family and it also concludes with a family.

Because happiness lies in the family, Unificationism has systemized it and is displaying its limitless cosmic value. That's why Unificationism is acknowledged. When everybody bows down and loves this ideology, the world will become one automatically. (*Blessing and Ideal Family Part 2*)

As a husband and wife it is only when we gain the victory with our children, together as a family, that we can say for the first time that we are a family that has realized the ideal and purpose of creation. It is only after the father and mother have become one and then the children and parents have become one that a perfect Four Position Foundation is formed.

God has not been able to find one such family on this earth. There has been no family; there has not even been an individual who has been able to overcome the power of Satan. Unificationism teaches that this purpose is not achieved by the individual alone; it can only be achieved in the family together with the children. (52-307)

The ideal of the Unification Church is nothing more than this. The start is the family, the conclusion is the family. Until now no one has dealt with this problem, so this is our hope. The reason is this is where we can find true happiness. Unificationism is the systematization and universalization of this principle. And by doing this we will gain official recognition. Accordingly, if everyone is persuaded by Unificationism and bow their heads before the principle concerning God's family of love, then the world will become unified. (26-103) (*Raising Children in God's Will*)

REVOLUTION OF CHARACTER

The teachings of Sun Myung Moon and his movement has the truth and spirit of God. He says, "a true man must be found, a true man whom humankind and the universe cherish, and whom God can trust" that will lead us to build "the world in which true men abound, not a human revolution but a 'revolution of character' in man must take place. This character revolution is to transform men into true men who will come to resemble God. This character revolution is to uplift men's character and bring it closer to God's own character." Sun Myung Moon is that man who will transform mankind into true people who have God's character. He says God is "truly in a miserable and pitiful position" and needs the followers of the Messiah to unite the world with the truth and true love. Politics deals with compromise and force. Diplomacy and military power is sometimes necessary to solve problems such as when 16 nations came to Korea's defense in the Korean War. We learn in the *Divine Principle* that the world is divided between Cain and Abel nations such as North Korea and South Korea. There is division between Israel and Palestine. The ultimate solution to these problems is not politics. It is religion. It is not necessary to focus on reforming or revising the religions of the world such as some are calling on Muslims to do. The root solution to the divisions within religions and between religions is Sun Myung Moon's theology, the *Divine Principle* and his deep insights in his many speeches.

Father ended his speech saying, "It is therefore my fervent wish that all the professors gathered here will also strive for the unity of mind and body. Love your wife or husband deeply, and thereby contribute to the unification of the world, and the building of a world of new culture." Professors need to teach his life-changing words. They must teach about his selfless lifestyle. Father works harder than anyone for world peace. He pushes us to work hard. He never sleeps before midnight and never during the day. He sleeps a few hours and begins his day with members at five a.m. No one, including his own family, can keep up with him physically or spiritually. But he encourages us to do our best to reach the perfection he has attained. Although his followers are imperfect he commands them to teach the truth in the *Divine Principle* and in his speeches. His magnificent words inspire us to change our lives. God speaks through Sun Myung Moon and his words show the way to total happiness.

Jesus was the Messiah too and he spoke with absolute confidence too. Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me” (John 14:6). Sun Myung Moon says the same thing. After we hear the *Divine Principle* and Father’s words God wants us to follow Sun Myung Moon and join his crusade to save this world from evil and build a world utopia. After we accept the perfect logic of the *Principle* and Father’s words we are called by God to dramatically change our lives and live by God’s universal, absolute, eternal and unchanging values. This book gives some of those core values of God. It is an instruction manual for living a happy, godly life. We are living in the Last Days where mankind is duped into believing the many lies of Satan. It is our responsibility to educate the world. Mankind is in turmoil. It is a dangerous world. The only hope for mankind is Sun Myung Moon’s worldview as taught in his words and we see in his lifestyle.

OBEDIENCE

The Messiah demands we obey him. Jesus said, “If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. He who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid” (John 14:23-24,27). Sun Myung Moon’s teachings expand on what Jesus taught. We now have a complete ideology that teaches us how to confidently build an ideal world.

Unificationists need to be like Paul who spread the good news throughout the world. He said the reward for following Jesus was peace of mind, “And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:7)

BOLDLY SEIZE NEW OPPORTUNITIES

Eventually, every person will accept the truth. Until then we have a lot of work to do to educate people on what is the truth that will save them from their ignorance. It is our duty as Unificationists to offer clearly defined and intellectually satisfying rules for mankind to live by. Adam and Eve let their emotions and ignorance rule and world restoration can only happen when there is a logical plan and guidelines for everyone to live by. People need to know what the rules and boundaries are. They need to know what is right and wrong. They need to know what their role and responsibilities are. They need to be taught how to manifest true love. First Thessalonians 4:1 says we are to teach every person to “learn from us how to live and to please God.” We are not supposed to be vague people who rely on emotion and feelings. We need a godly plan of action based on truth if we are to get every person to walk the path of a principled life. Mankind is hungry for a practical ideology. Father says, “When we undertake something worthwhile, it is important first to have a logical understanding of why we must do it” (*God’s Warning to the World: Reverend Moon’s Message from Prison*). The ten core values in this book are important, practical and logical virtues every person should share. When mankind unites on God’s absolute values we will then have a world of true love. The values in this book may be new to you but we need new ideas. Sun Myung Moon said in a speech, “As we stand at the threshold of the new millennium, I believe it is time to review our traditional patterns of thinking and boldly seize these new opportunities. Thus it is my great honor to share with you my life-long advocacy for world peace and true family values.” (8-1-96)

ABSOLUTE CONFIDENCE

Unificationists need to be absolutely confident in our teachings and leadership. Father says:

We think of history as being the record of the lives of individuals and that history

develops according to the actual life situation of individuals. Also we cannot deny that the goal of history has been to reach a kind of ideal utopia. For that to appear it is absolutely necessary that the past be cleared up and that we then pursue a kind of inner human relationship which can unite with a new ideal.

Therefore we must stand firmly centered on absolute values. We should not become wavering individuals. Since we are endowed with absolute life, we must stand with confidence in a perfect position from where we can bring our foundation of faith to conclusion. (*Unification Family Life*)

WAR OF IDEAS

Sometimes we have to resort to using massive violence to solve some of our problems. For example: World War II and the Korean War. But world unity will ultimately happen with ideology, not guns.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair joined with President George W. Bush in using force to fight terrorism and establish democracy in Iraq. In his speech to the joint session of Congress in America Mr. Blair said, "There has never been a time when the power of America was so necessary or so misunderstood. . . . The threat comes because in another part of our globe . . . a fanatical strain of religious extremism has risen." But he says, "In the end, it is not our power alone that will defeat this evil. Our ultimate weapon is not our guns, but our beliefs." One of those beliefs is freedom. He says, "Just as the terrorist seeks to divide humanity in hate, so we have to unify it around an idea, and that idea is liberty." I will discuss the idea of liberty in this book. Complete and lasting world unity will happen when mankind accepts the ideas of Sun Myung Moon that will bring us freedom from all of Satan's lies.

EDUCATION

In a speech titled "Pure Way of Truth and Public Righteousness" given on July 18, 1982 Sun Myung Moon explains that God and the Messiah want us to be inspired by their commands. They do not want to use force or coercion to make us do what we should. The kingdom of heaven on earth will "never be accomplished by force or coercion. It can only be done through education and enlightenment by the truth. Do you feel that when you hear my teachings you are being commanded or you are being inspired and enlightened? You feel enlightened."

HAPPINESS

Every person seeks happiness. We all want peace of mind. Sun Myung Moon totally teaches and lives the core values in this book and this is why he has achieved total peace of mind. In a speech titled "Pure Way of the Truth and Public Righteousness" given on July 18, 1992 he said "I am quite calm and peaceful and I have no turmoil within my mind; I see my path clearly." When mankind accepts and lives these universal values of God then mankind will finally achieve world peace and every person will be happy because every person can say "I am quite calm and peaceful and I have no turmoil within my mind; I see my path clearly."

When Father was 80 years old he visited the island of Oahu in Hawaii to meet with members. He hadn't been there for a long time. He usually stops in the less populated island of the Big Island in Kona where he has a home. This is typical of Father. While most people in Hawaii live on Oahu where the most famous beach in the world is — Waikiki, Father chose to live in a more remote part. Father lives on acres of land or in more remote areas because he believes people are to live close to nature.

My family had just moved to Oahu just before Father came. We had visited the church that met in a meeting room in a small fish factory. The carpeting was deeply stained after many years of use and the walls were dingy. When the members heard that Father was coming, they quickly put in new carpeting and painted the walls. Father came and about 20 of us sat on the floor as he stood in front of us. Mother was with him.

Father talked for about four hours. He stood up the whole time and spoke with passion. He said no great religious leader saw the full results of his work in his lifetime. He said famous televangelists “know nothing about God.” He spoke tenderly about the nature of God who is like water that permeates every little part of us with His love.

At one point he stopped and looked at one of my sons who was sitting in front of him. He asked, “How old are you?” My son replied, “16 years.” Father said he reminded him of when he was 16 years old.

He got the state leader and another long time member to stand together in front of him. By talking to them he was talking to us and giving us a lesson in life. The first thing he told them was that they were overweight and to become trim and fit. Then he talked to two brothers who were widowers who had lost their wives to cancer and were living as single dads. Father told them they had to live together in one house and help each other. One of the brother’s 10-year-old son was sitting nearby and Father asked him if he could love the children of the other family more than his own brothers and sisters. The correct answer was supposed to be yes but he said he didn’t think he could. Father laughed when the boy said this and then told him to try to love the other family more than his own when they moved in together.

These brothers never bothered to move in together and the brothers did not try to lose any weight. In a video lecture Kevin McCarthy once said with a smile that the media says Unificationists are robots who follow Sun Myung Moon blindly without thinking but the truth is the exact opposite—we never do what he tells us to do.

At one point I was intently taking some notes of his words and I heard him say, “We have a distinguished grandfather with us today.” I looked up and to my surprise he was staring at me intently with a big smile on his face studying my face and reaction. I can’t explain in words what his face and body language were like. Father is 100% genuine. He is total love. I don’t see myself as some hysterical teenager screaming in ecstasy at being close to a rock star but I am a devoted follower trying to be a good disciple of the messiah. I revere him but I can honestly say that even though Father is a human being like the rest of us he is very different than us. I have never had another man look at me like he did. I remember thinking to myself that he is truly the incarnation of perfect love. The twinkle in his eye and his body language were indescribable. His eyes and whole being were totally focused on me with incredible love. It was as if there was no one else on earth but me and him and he was giving me total focus. He asked me, “When are you going to get mind/body unity?” After he said this he stood there with absolute anticipation of what I was going to say.

The thought flashed in my mind that even if a camera were there I don’t think it would capture the essence of love I was being given. Life is so hard in these Last Days and life with Father is extremely difficult and it is easy to feel being a pioneer is a burden but I felt so lucky that I could have this moment on earth when the Messiah walked among us and to experience his love in person. I know that billions of people will only have videos to watch and will not get the chance to be close to him on earth. Just imagine if all you had of your father was videos and you never could be physically close as he talked to you.

I was overwhelmed by the magnitude of attention I was receiving. He was truly a true father to

me. In those few seconds before I answered his question I thought how incredibly lucky I was to have a brief moment of having give and take with the savior of the world. I wish I had the ability to express how Father stood leaning forward in bated breath with intense anticipation of what I was going to say. My mind raced trying to think of what I should say. I blurted out, "Soon!"

Father moves like a cat. He gracefully and with great power made a breathtakingly quick move and swung his arm around to me and repeated quickly after I answered without the interpreter telling him what I said. He exploded with passion and love to me and immediately said to me English, "It better be soon because you are getting older."

The only other time Father talked to me was thirty years earlier when he took the new 50 state leaders he had appointed to Macy's department store in New York City to buy us new suits. He advised us what kind of fabric and style we should look for. He was a genuine father to us. We were all in our twenties. I went over to a rack of suits my size. I was alone. I could see the other brothers looking for their size. I found a gray suit and put the coat on. Then I turned to find a mirror and was startled to find Father had been standing behind me. He was alone and intently looking at my suit coat. He said in English, "That looks good on you." He grabbed the coat by the front and shook it vigorously. He asked, "Do you think it is too big?" I answered that the tailors would take in the body of the jacket but I needed this size because I had long arms. He wasn't so sure about that and spoke to me in English that I should try on others to make sure. Again, it was as if we were a father and son going shopping and there was no one else but us. Father was natural and comfortable with me just like any father would be who was buying a gift for his son who had got a new position at work.

Let's go back to Father in Hawaii. He ended his time with us by telling us he wanted us to get 3000 core members. There were around 20 members in Hawaii over thirty years earlier and there were the same numbers now. This is the same pattern for most other states in America. Father wants great results. He said 3000 members would bring 300,000 and they would bring 3 million. There aren't 3000 members in America as I write this book in 2008 and Father personally worked with us in America for those 30 plus years. Father speaks with power and conviction. He told the state leader to come up with a plan to witness and raise 3000 members and that he would come back in two weeks to look at the plan we had come up with.

The state leader and the members did nothing. I told the state leader I had some ideas and would like to talk to him but he never got back to me. I could tell that no one believed Father was going to come back and made no effort to make a plan. I knew he was coming back because he said he was. When Father says he will do something he does it. They were all surprised when exactly to the day two weeks later we got the word that Father was flying in to see us. We all rushed to the fish factory meeting room and he walked in with Mother and immediately looked at the state leader and asked for the witnessing plan. The state leader simply put his head down and said nothing. It was a painful moment for me. I vowed that I would write a practical plan for witnessing and for building the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. This book is that plan. If Unificationists teach the *Divine Principle* I write and live the values I write in this book and my other books I believe we will get those millions and then billions of members Father desperately wants.

I tell this story to point out some things that everyone should know. Father is a genuine Father who loves us as his children. He has always been desperate to save the world and wants us to help him build the ideal world so everyone can be free of Satan and find happiness. He asked for a plan that would accomplish this noblest of goals because that is our job. It is not his job to explain everything under the sun. He has given us the vision and many details of God's will but we have our portion of responsibility to grow up and be messiahs as well. Father has never had a plan for witnessing that members have given him that works. I offer this plan as one that will. The first

thing I did when I published this book was send one to Father. I attached a letter saying that this plan would not only get those 3000 members he asked for but this is the plan for every person to fulfill the Three Blessings. I told him this book and my other books are the basis of the future world constitution that would have the basic divine principles every person should guide their life by. My son, Joe, is in the U.S. Army. He is fluent in Korean and served in Korea and in Iraq as a translator for the U.S. Army to the Korean Army. He wrote my letter in Korean for Father. I hope his gatekeepers give him the book and he reads it.

There is a popular saying in the Christian community “What would Jesus do?” Jesus lived 2000 years ago and Christians have become deeply divided over the few words of his in the New Testament. Some think Jesus would condone homosexual marriages and others think he would condemn it as an abomination. I saw a bumper sticker that said, “Who would Jesus bomb?” I assume that a person with this bumper sticker is a pacifist. We learn in the *Divine Principle* that it was God’s will that the Second World War end in victory for the Allies. So we can answer the bumper sticker that Jesus would approve of America dropping the two atomic bombs on Japan.

We have over 50 years of Father’s words and many hours of audio and video of him speaking. How do we apply his words and example to every area of life? What would Sun Myung Moon do? Who would Sun Myung Moon bomb? At the time of the printing of this edition of this book America is at war in Iraq. Does Sun Myung Moon support the bombing of Iraq or is he on the side of those in the Democratic Party that is against the war? I don’t know because I can’t find any speech published where he talks about it. But isn’t it our responsibility to speak out and lead America? This means we have to take sides on controversial issues that everyone is dealing with.

In this book I will give my opinion on many things. I believe that the values in this book are of God. I don’t know if Father would approve of every detail of what I write. I think he would if he read them. I have read Father’s words extensively and heard him speak in person many times. Even though the words I hear are translated into English I feel that I understand enough of Father and know what I have to do in my life.

BIBLE

Next to Father the most important words of God are in the Bible. The Bible is the greatest book printed in human history. It is the most published and studied book on earth. Most Presidents of the United States have put their hand on a Bible when taking the oath of office. Sadly the Bible is interpreted in many different ways. Much of the *Divine Principle* is an explanation of the Bible. The *Principle* gives God’s interpretation to many passages that are often misunderstood.

In this book I will deal with some passages of the Bible that give us guidance in our everyday life. I believe my interpretation and application of the Bible is what God believes.

The majority of the world today does not consider the Bible to be the word of God. There are many people who despise the Bible:

The Bible is a collection of fantastic legends without scientific support.

—*The Communist Dictionary* issued by the Soviet State Publishing

The Old Testament, as everyone who has looked into it is aware, drips with blood; there is, indeed, no more bloody chronicle in all the literature of the world.

—Henry L. Mencken

Demons do not exist anymore than gods do, being only the products of the psychic activity of man.

—Sigmund Freud

The Bible and the Church have been the greatest stumbling blocks in the way of women's emancipation.

—Elizabeth Cady Stanton

They are wrong. The Bible is the word of God. The following are correct views of the Bible:

I have always said that a studious perusal of the sacred volume will make better citizens, better fathers, and better husbands.

—Thomas Jefferson.

So great is my veneration for the Bible that the earlier my children begin to read it the more confident will be my hope that they will prove useful citizens of their country and respectable members of society. I have for many years made it a practice to read through the Bible once every year.

—John Quincy Adams

I am much afraid that schools will prove to be the great gates of hell unless they diligently labor in explaining the Holy Scriptures, engraving them in the hearts of youth. I advise no one to place his child where the scriptures do not reign paramount.

—Martin Luther

The New Testament is the very best book that ever was or ever will be known in the world.

—Charles Dickens

The existence of the Bible, as a book for the people, is the greatest benefit which the human race has ever experienced. Every attempt to belittle it is a crime against humanity.

—Immanuel Kant

It is impossible to enslave mentally or socially a Bible-reading people. The principles of the Bible are the groundwork of human freedom.

—Horace Greeley

The authors quoted above are dead but their words live on and influence us. Freud and Stanton are ambassadors for Satan and Jefferson and Luther are ambassadors for God. In my books I quote Stanton and Jefferson. I also quote people who are alive at the time of the printing of this book. Two influential people on the side of Satan who are powerful speakers for Satan's ideology are Hugh Hefner and Gloria Steinem. Both actively promote feminism and immorality in print and on television. It is sad to see how powerful of an influence they have on people. Hefner is divorced and living some kind of unmarried polygamous arrangement that millions of people watch on cable television. Steinem never had children. Their lives are a disaster. This is not how human beings are supposed to live. Sun Myung Moon has been criticized by those ignorant of the truth as invading the minds of young people and brainwashing them to be glassy-eyed robots. The truth is that he brings the truth that will save mankind.

WISDOM

The *Divine Principle* teaches who God, Satan and the Messiah are. This book teaches the strategies and tactics and values of God, Satan and the Messiah. The primary focus in public schools and many private schools today is memorization of facts and the indoctrination of Satan's values. The result is that we have had several generations of highly educated but morally corrupt and foolish people living by Satan's idea of what is right and wrong. America is declining. Every year it gets worse. Satan wants America to fall like the Roman Empire did. It is time for America and the rest of the world to grow up and become mature adults instead of the rebellious teenagers they are. This book gives the tools parents need to teach their children to become wise and see through the lies of famous Hollywood types like Hugh Hefner and Gloria Steinem who mesmerize

people with their charisma, talent, and beauty in print and in movies. They need to understand the lies of those who lived in the past who spoke and wrote what is false and dangerous like Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, and Karl Marx.

BIBLICAL VALUES

It is crucial that we understand and live by the values in the Bible. It is probably possible for anyone to study the Bible and Father's words and believe they are saying the opposite of what I write. Shakespeare said, "The devil can cite Scripture for his purpose." This book will expose the feminists and socialists who are dupes of the devil. Those who reject old-fashioned biblical values are tools of Satan. The Bible advises, "Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour" (I Peter 5:8). Jesus stood up to Satan: "And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve".(Luke 4:8). The Bible teaches us to reject Satan. If we live God's way of life we will find life and happiness. If we live Satan's way of life we find death and unhappiness. Those who have correctly applied the principles in the Bible to their daily life have found more life and love than those who do not. Hollywood stars are not as happy as those I write of that correctly live by the core values of the Bible. The proverb "The proof of the pudding is in the eating" means that what is true is what is tested. "Seeing is believing." "Actions speak louder than words." I personally know these values are true because I used to believe in the opposite. I used to be a liberal feminist Democrat. It was not easy for me to be converted but after study, prayer and life experiences I have found the values in this book to be true just like so many millions of others have.

In the end if something is true it works. It is easy to believe in many different ideas but it is more difficult to believe in a lifestyle when those who live by different values are more prosperous, powerful and happy. It is obvious to me that those who live by the values I write have more joyous and richer lives and families than those who live by other values. These values are logical. They work. I challenge anyone who is dealing with problems in their lives and families or know of others having problems to live by the values in this book and see if your problems fade away. I believe that if a person or family or nation lived by the values in this book they would solve their problems and we would finally achieve world peace.

When you watch the news on television or the Internet the newscasters usually show all the horrible things in the world and conclude with interviewing experts and political leaders. They rarely interview religious leaders to get their insights and solutions to problems. It doesn't really matter because religious leaders don't have any solutions to the massive problems mankind is dealing with anymore than all the so-called experts and politicians do. The truth is that most pundits, journalists, professors, priests, ministers and politicians have very little to offer. They all disagree with each other and even if they have some truth they are usually specialists in one area and do not have a generalized plan to save us. Journalists always end their reporting by turning to government to solve the problem they are dealing with. The viewer or reader feels he or she can do nothing to solve the problems of the world or even their own problems. This book is unique. It teaches ten core values that every person can do and if they do them they will have no more problems in their personal lives and if enough people live the lifestyle in this book then there will be world peace. You have problems in your personal and family life. How about having an open mind and trying out what I write and see if these core values of God will revolutionize your life and bring health and harmony to you, your family, your business, and your nation.

Ray Vander Laan has made a fascinating series of DVDs called *Faith Lessons* that I highly recommend using for your homeschool classes. In Volume 3 titled *Faith Lessons on the Life and Ministry of the Messiah* he says something that is crucial to understanding the Bible. The Bible is an Eastern book. Jesus was an Easterner. So is Sun Myung Moon. Vander Land explains: "There

are two different ways of thinking or of describing truth. A Westerner learns in the Greek way. In the Greek tradition truth is presented in words and in careful definitions and explanations. We love bullet lists and points. An Easterner, however, is much more likely to describe truth in pictures and in metaphors—in the meaning of places and structures. For example, a Westerner might describe God as powerful or loving or all knowing. An Easterner would be much more likely to say God is my shepherd or a rock or a living water. A helpful thing to do then is to better understand the world where the Bible was placed.” And it is necessary to know where the *Divine Principle* is placed. It is placed in rural Korea where Sun Myung Moon was born and raised.

Father often mentions flowers in his speeches. For example he said in a speech, “God created us as His counterparts in love, and He prepared the natural world as a gift for us, His children. God would not leave His children to live in a barren desert devoid of beautiful scenery. That is why all people have the duty to preserve and love the natural world. I am saying that you should develop your human nature as it was originally meant to be, such that you experience resonance even with a cluster of wild flowers as you share a heartfelt conversation with them. That will be the shortcut to restoring humankind to God.” (1-15-09) Can you see how intimate he is with God’s creation?

I am a Westerner and I have done my best to explain Sun Myung Moon’s words in a form that is more understandable to the West. I have made lists and methodically go from one logical argument to another never stopping to explain anything by alluding to conversations with flowers. Westerners are practical and orderly; Father is poetic and philosophical. It is our job to make Father practical, mundane, down-to-earth, pragmatic, plain-spoken, hardheaded, commonplace, day-to-day. Father does not speak in a linear way like those in the West do. He speaks in an indirect, interrupted, roundabout, broad, wide, winding, zigzag manner. For example, the original *Divine Principle* called the *Exposition of the Divine Principle* is written by Koreans and is not chronological. It is written in a nonlinear way. Events are portrayed in a non-chronological manner. For example, the Introduction talks about Jesus being Messiah and the Fall of Man before they are defined and explained in the order they take place. This is why I wrote my version of the *Principle* in a linear way starting with the Garden of Eden and going step-by-step through 6000 years of human history in chronological order. The *Exposition* book is all mixed up and therefore impossible for a Westerner to read. My wife took a religion class of one of the leading theologians in America, Marcus Borg, and one of the times she visited with him in his office he told her how the UM had taken him and other theologians to Portugal for free to teach and talk about the *Divine Principle*. They gave him a copy of the book. In his office at the university he was teaching at he pointed to the book that was in his bookshelf to my wife and said to her: “The book is unreadable!” He tried to read it and gave up. I felt the same when I tried to read it and decided to write an easy to read version. My *Principle* is titled *Divine Principle in Plain Language: The Basic Theology of Sun Myung Moon*. You can order it at Amazon.com.

In 2008 I visited with Bo Hi Pak in his office at the Seoul Church. He has been close to Father for over 50 years. His title is “Special Assistant” to Father. I gave a copy of my *Divine Principle* book to him and asked him if he thought it was appropriate for me or anyone else to write their own version of the *Divine Principle*. He immediately expressed with his usual way of speaking with force and great energy, “Absolutely appropriate!” He said something like this: Those who feel there is only one official *Divine Principle* and no one should write another are wrong. People are at different levels and have different viewpoints. Therefore it would be good to have many versions to reach the many different kinds of people.

I would appreciate any feedback, pro or con, to what I write. Please email your thoughts. My email address is on the welcome page of my website at www.DivinePrinciple.com. Feel free to tell me anything you think—from simple grammatical errors to complex philosophical ideas. I may not be able to write back but I or my sons will read and carefully consider what you write. I am

confident but I am also open and teachable.

Unificationists should have a shared vision and world-view, a common political and economic ideology, crystal clear purpose and direction, and agree on strategy and tactics to organize mankind with strenuous arguments. Together, let's come up with a realistic and practical plan for true love that will bring glory to God and True Parents and that will bring personal happiness, family harmony, and world peace.