



## IS DIVINE PRINCIPLE REALLY DIVINE???

According to *Divine Principle*, a book published by the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity, new truth has supposedly been given by divine revelation to Mr. Sun Myung Moon. Mr. Moon's revelation is said to resolve the fundamental questions of life and the universe.

Is this true? Has he new truth to give the world?

or

Is Mr. Moon just one more false prophet?

As Christians who have attended several of Mr. Moon's lectures and have read *Divine Principle*, we must emphatically state that his revelation is not of God. Mr. Moon's new truth is really old error. In fact, *Divine Principle* represents a direct contradiction of the historic teaching of the Christian church and is a perversion of the Gospel of Jesus Christ as revealed in the Word of God.

Consider, if you will, why is it that . . .

**Divine Principle states:** The Bible is not the truth itself, but a textbook teaching the truth (*Divine Principle*, p. 9).

**Yet the Word of God testifies:** "No prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by the impulse of man, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God" (II Peter 1:20, 21). "All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness. . ." (II Timothy 3:16).

**Divine Principle states:** The New Testament words of Jesus and the Holy Spirit will lose their light in later times as new truth is revealed; just as the Old Testament words lost their light when Jesus and the Holy Spirit came (*Divine Principle*, p. 118).

**Yet the Word of God testifies:** "Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets. I have come not to abolish them, but to fulfill them. For truly I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, nor a dot will pass from the law until all is accomplished" (Matthew 5:17, 18).

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away" (Mark 13:31).

**Divine Principle states:** Jesus was not the unique, only begotten Son of God who was pre-existent with the Father before all created things. Jesus attained deity, as a man who fulfilled the purpose of creation but can by no means be considered God Himself (*Divine Principle*, pp. 209, 210).



**Yet the Word of God testifies:** Jesus Christ "is the image of the invisible God, the first born of all creation; for in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities. All things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the first born from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent" (Colossians 1:15-18). Jesus said, "And now, Father, glorify thou me in thy own presence with the glory which I had with thee before the world was made" (John 17:5).

**Divine Principle states:** Jesus was not resurrected from the dead in a new body but as a spirit man. (*Divine Principle*, pp. 211, 212).

**Yet the Word of God testifies:** After Jesus' resurrection He appeared before His disciples. "But they were startled and frightened, and supposed that they saw a spirit. And he said to them, Why are you troubled, and why do questions rise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself; handle me, and see; for a spirit has not flesh and bones as you see I have" (Luke 24:37-39).

**Divine Principle states:** Jesus failed in his christly mission: his death on the cross was not an essential part of God's plan for redeeming sinful man (*Divine Principle*, pp. 142, 143).

**Yet the Word of God testifies:** God's ordained plan: "This Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men" (Acts 2:23).

And the necessity of Christ's blood: "It is the blood that makes atonement" (Leviticus 17:11). But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God" (Romans 5:8, 9).

**Divine Principle states:** Spirit men pour out spiritual fire on earthly men, giving them gifts of healing, prophecy and spiritual insight, substituting for the Holy Spirit (*Divine Principle*, p. 182).

**Yet the Word of God testifies:** "Now there are varieties of gifts (prophecy, healing, words of wisdom. . .), but the same Spirit. . . All these are inspired by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills" (I Corinthians 12:4 and 11).

**Divine Principle states:** The Messiah's second coming will be realized by his being born on earth (*Divine Principle*, p. 502).

**Yet the Word of God testifies:** "As they (disciples) were looking on, He (Jesus) was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven" (Acts 1:9-11).

With so many contradictions to the Word of God, it is clear that Mr. Moon's *Divine Principle* cannot be divine. All "new revelation" must be tested against the established rock: the Word of God. We must hold to this Word. As Paul says, "But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to that which we have preached to you, let him be accursed."

If you do not know Jesus Christ, we encourage you to ask Him into your heart, so that you may stand grounded on the eternal Word.

"THERE IS SALVATION IN NO ONE ELSE, FOR THERE IS NO OTHER NAME UNDER HEAVEN GIVEN AMONG MEN BY WHICH WE MUST BE SAVED" (Acts 4:12).

Accept the wonderful, complete gift of love which God, the Father, has offered in His only Son Jesus, and you too can know the joy of "Christ in you the hope of glory."

"BELIEVE IN THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AND YOU SHALL BE SAVED" (Acts 16:31).

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## AN OPEN LETTER TO THE UNIFIED FAMILY OF SUN MYUNG MOON

As a Christian I am impressed by the devotion to your work and service you demonstrate as you go about your assigned tasks and as you witness to your belief in the *Divine Principle* of Rev. Sun Myung Moon. I have been your guest at dinner and have been on your "Weekend" retreat. So I have joined you in eating, singing and listening to lectures on "Principle." I have talked with you, played with you, worked with you and prayed with you. I have come to know a number of you personally so it is with real love and concern that I am writing to you now.

I really appreciate the effort you make to be helpful and considerate in your contacts with people, but I have a real problem with the lack of frankness you show about the question of just who Sun Myung Moon is. From my study of *Divine Principle* and *Divine Principle and Its Application* by Young Oon Kim, however, it is apparent that the Unification Church believes that Sun Myung Moon is Christ Jesus in His Second Advent. Perhaps you feel that your holding back what you really believe about Rev. Moon will help me to receive the news that my Lord Jesus has been replaced more easily, but I have observed that it sometimes leads you to say things that are not true. This should prick your conscience, for truthfulness is so much a part of God's character that God's only Son identified Himself as the truth.

The reason that you have become involved in deception about your belief in Sun Myung Moon is that the belief that Moon is Lord of the Second Advent is itself untrue. The Lord Jesus warned us that, "if any one says to you, 'Lo, here is the Christ!' or 'There he is!' do not believe it. For false Christs and false prophets will arise. . ." (Matthew 24:23, 24). The reason that Jesus told us to reject all merely verbal claims that Christ is here is that the Second Coming is to be a highly visible event. "For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of man" (Matthew 24:27). The visible, bodily return of Christ, therefore, will occur just as the two angels predicted at the Ascension of Jesus into heaven. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into

heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." (Acts 1:11).

"Principle" rejects the clear Biblical revelation that "they will see the Son of man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory" (Matthew 24:30) on the grounds that "it is absolutely incomprehensible to the intellect of modern men that the Lord would come on the clouds" (*Divine Principle*, 1973, p. 500). Since many things revealed in scripture are "absolutely incomprehensible to the intellect of modern men" because they are spiritually discerned, this "reason" is merely an excuse for a daring contradiction of God's revealed word. The source of this attitude toward God's word is first seen in the Garden of Eden where the "serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die. . . you will be like God, knowing good and evil'" (Genesis 3:4).

It is not surprising, therefore, that having contradicted God's word about the visible return of Christ, Rev. Moon also makes the serpent's offer of deity to man. Attainment to the "four position foundation," according to Moon, means "that man attains deity" (*Divine Principle*, p. 43). And again, "the man who has attained the purpose of creation would assume the divine value of God" (*Divine Principle*, p. 206).

It is with real concern that I would point out to you that the Taoistic dualism of "Principle" teaching that divides man's redemption into spiritual and physical segments is unscriptural. Scripture knows nothing of partial redemption along body/spirit lines. The finality of the blood atonement of Jesus Christ is complete, for it is written of Christ that: "by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified" (Hebrews 10:14).

According to "Principle," *the crucifixion of Christ was not according to God's plan for the redemption of the human race*. Yet the Apostle Peter proclaimed at Pentecost that "this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men" (Acts 2:23). Jesus Himself rebuked His followers after the resurrection: "O foolish men and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these

things and enter into his glory?" (Luke 24:25, 26). The reason that Christ had to suffer is clearly set forth in both Old and New Testaments. "The wages of sin is death. . ." (Romans 6:23). And "it is the blood that makes atonement . . ." (Leviticus 17:11).

It is "For our sake he [God] made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God" (II Corinthians 5:21).

Writing as a friend, I feel a real obligation to warn you that it is not only that "Principle" contradicts scripture in its content that leads me to say that its origin is Satanic, but also the manner in which this new revelation was received. The kind of contact with the spirit world referred to by Young Oon Kim in her book's introduction is spiritistic rather than Christian and is forbidden by the Bible. In the Law of Moses it is written: "There shall not be found among you. . . any one who practices divination, a soothsayer, or an augur, or a sorcerer, or a charmer, or a medium, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For whoever does these things is an abomination to the Lord. . ." Necromancy, or the supposed contact with the spirits of the dead, is a common source of revelation for Moon. That in itself is more than enough reason to leave the "Family," for it is an abomination to God and very dangerous to man.

Before I close I must share with you the real possibility of entering into a new relationship with God that will provide deep meaning for your existence in God's forever family. It is immediately available to you through the mediation of Jesus Christ—but only on the basis of total capitulation to His Lordship. Whenever you call out to Jesus as Savior and as Lord by faith in His death for your sins, the relationship with God you were created for becomes life-changing reality. If the Spirit of Christ leads you into this new relation with the Father, there's a place of fellowship and service for you in the body of Christ.

Sincerely,  
A Friend in Christ

