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(The Cult of Rev. Sun Myung Moon)

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Founder: Sun Myung Moon
Born January 6, 1920
In Kwangju Sangsa Ru, Korea (now communist North Korea)

Born into a Presbyterian family, he came under Pentecostal influence, and in 1936 (at the age of 16) while in prayer on Easter morning, he supposedly had a vision of Jesus, who commissioned him to "carry out my unfinished task" to "physically" save humanity.

According to Mose Durst, the president of the Unification Church of America, "Rev. Moon spent the next nine years praying and desperately studying the Bible. Through this search, he received the revelation that is now recorded in The Divine Principle" (Mose Durst, Word and Deed, p. 10).

After marrying his first wife in 1944, he began to gather a following. He then met a self-proclaimed messiah named Park Moon Kim, who influenced and helped Moon to write his major book: The Divine Principle.

At this time his name was changed from Yong Myung Moon (Dragon Shining Moon) to Sun Myung Moon (Sun Shining Moon).

Between 1946-50, Moon was in prison in North Korea, not for being an anti-Communist (as he alleges); but rather (as his contemporary critics claim), he was accused of multiple ritual sex practices.

Interestingly enough, in 1954 right after he officially organized the Unification Church, his first wife divorced him.

Three years later, in 1957, Moon published The Divine Principle in the Korean language.

In 1959, a forerunner associate of Moon named Young Oon Kim brought Moon's message to the USA. Young Oom Kim also wrote a commentary called Divine Principle and Its Application.

In an attempt to draw the interest of mystic seekers in America, this book on p. IX describes a group formed by Moon in Korea like this, "In this group many have spiritual gifts such as clairvoyance, clairvoyance, or perception of spiritual fire, electricity, or odor. Some hear exquisite heavenly music in trance, and some do automatic writing in languages they have never learned. Among this group several communicate with the highest realms of spirit world, and some converse with Jesus and God under any conditions . . . The blessed Mother Mary, Gautama Buddha, and Confucius are among those in the spirit world who are directing certain of their followers to this group."

In 1960, Moon supposedly fulfilled the prophecy of the Marriage of the Lamb (Rev. 19) by marrying his fourth wife Hak Ja Ham.

In 1972, Moon, with an estimated worth of $20 million in big business ventures, headed to the shores of the USA to build his empire and to spread his "new revelation" to a "new age."

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(because all born of his physical bond or entering a marriage union chosen and blessed by him are cleansed and produced a cleansed race)

Moon goes to great length in the Divine Principle in interpreting what occurred in the Garden of Eden. His view is that God had intended Adam and Eve to be perfect and thus begin a perfect family. But, before Adam and Eve had spiritual matured from a brother/sister relationship to a husband/wife relationship, Lucifer fell in love with the beautiful Eve and physically seduced her. By this act she became impure - her blood forever tainted. This taint she passed on to Adam through their union and also to their descendants.

In His desire to redeem humanity from this impurity, God sent Jesus, the second Adam, to fulfill the role that Adam failed to complete. It was God's plan for Jesus to marry the perfect mate, thereby creating the perfect family as the beginning of God's kingdom on earth, but once again God's will was thwarted by the now-fallen Satan. (Spiritual Counterfeits Project, "Sun Myung Moon and the Unification Church")

Before He could find the Eve He searched for, the Jews killed Him.

"Since then, God has searched for 2,000 years to find someone who would redeem the human race by becoming the True Parent - the third Adam, who must have a sinless life and be completely dedicated to God's will. If he qualifies, he will succeed where the first Adam (in Eden) and the second Adam (Christ) have failed" (Larson, p. 438).

This third Adam would be Sun Myung Moon.

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It is claimed that there are 35,000 or more Moonies in the USA and 3 million in 122 countries world-wide (big turn-over rate). The average member is in his 20's, clean-cut and very friendly. Prospects are approached and invited to a dinner with a lecture. (The real name of the organized religion is concealed under a "heavenly deception doctrine" so as to avoid any suspicions). A "love bombing" and "family atmosphere" helps persuade the newcomer to commit.

Those interested are invited to a concentrated workshop lasting 3 - 12 days. Here prospects are never permitted to ask questions, be alone, or even talk casually. At the end one is begged to join. If one joins, he must sell all within two weeks, desert his family and join the commune. Moon is then called "Master" and the convert spends all his time in fund-raising (selling roses, candles, etc.).

Within three years one achieves perfection and is permitted to marry as part of his salvation.

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And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. [12] His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. [13] And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

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