



The National "We Will Stand" Tour: Gift To America Or Trojan Horse In Disguise?

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Korean religious leader and entrepreneur Sun Myung Moon began in March of 2001 what is described as the "We Will Stand" Tour, calling it his final "gift to America." Founder of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU), the new organizational form for his Unification Church, he actively pursues networking with leaders of various religious groups and scholars of every variety, from Buddhist monks to Nation of Islam ministers in attempts to foster interfaith and interracial amity.

Over the past twenty years, Moon's active courting of minority support for his work has been impressive and thousands of black, Asian and Latino leaders currently work with FFWPU organizational auxiliaries nationwide. It should also be noted that many members of the "Religious Right" and even the Bush presidential families have firm connections to Moon's work as well. The photo above shows Moon speaking to a large Church of God in Christ located in Chicago: and this scene has been replicated dozens of times since then.

Supposedly aimed at pro-family empowerment crusading, Moon's tour and status as keynote speaker has provided venue after venue for him to stand and deliver - through an interpreter - one of two speeches (entitled "View of the Principle of the Providential History of Salvation" - "VS" - and "In Search of the Origin of the Universe" - "SU"). These speeches are online the Unification organization's official website, and it these speeches we feel attention should be given to since their content reveals much about Moon's real agenda for the Tour. It is interesting to note that the vast majority of the "We Will Stand Tour" has been held in Christian churches (from Baptist to Pentecostal) and the still greater majority of people attending them have been Christian pastors and congregations in the cities where the Tour has visited. Pastors and community leaders have urged many of their "people" to hear Moon's talks, and as a Christian minister, I believe that it is important that an alternative perspective upon them be made available to those who have heard Moon's teaching and claims.

Why is this? Far from advancing a legitimate message of pro-family values advocacy and community

empowerment, Moon actually is using his visits across the nation in a last-ditch effort to openly and boldly recruit followers to his cause from his audiences. His speeches are straightforward expositions of his Unification theology and practice that contradict and blaspheme established Christian doctrine, using Christian terminology to hide what he actually means (and which his Unification followers will not admit).

He is clearly counting upon the ignorance of minority audiences concerning his long-standing ambition to literally bring the whole world under his sway and control, believing them to have a lack of knowledge about his organization's history of religious and ethical abuses. As a Latino minister, I find this to be incredibly deceptive, dishonest and his teaching to be anything but "Christian", and will now examine his speeches to help discern their real intent from a Christian perspective: (using the **VS** or **SU** designations to identify the speeches from which these quotes are drawn).

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 (SU).

By looking into the teaching of the Old and New Testaments, one can understand that the Messiah comes with the authority of the father, meets a substantial bride, who represents the power of the Holy Spirit, and restores the position of the True Parents(SU).

.. What is the core of the Messianic thought? It is a thought to save the world; it is a teaching that can unify the world and build an ideal family, and its main purpose is to restore the position of the True Parents that was lost by the fall of the human ancestors (VS) .

To Moon, this "world peace" is when human society is "unified" under a new vision for mankind, one supposedly led by the Messiah Himself. What Moon really seeks is a global society centered around a literal personality cult that exalts he and his family as sinless beings as perfect as Adam and Eve. Moon views himself and his wife Hak Ja Han as the "True Parents" who achieved what Adam and Eve were said to have failed, that being the establishment of an "ideal family." The "true family values" refer to Moon's beliefs on how families are to be established. But these stated beliefs, says Nansook Hong, former daughter-in-law to Moon's oldest son Hyun Jin, are far from positive.



She disclosed in a recent memoir that Moon has had extramarital affairs, that his treatment of his children is appalling, having deliberately alienated himself from them by paying more attention to his Unificationist members than his own, and that Moon's "True Family" - believing themselves to be above sin - are largely spoiled, pampered and abusive individuals who have as little to do with Unificationism as possible. They often treat others in their New York estate home as little more than slaves. One of Moon's own daughters, An Jin, left the Unification Church for the same reason Nansook did, the result of

domestic violence at the hand of abusive husbands. This hardly sounds like a family who could be viewed as a source for "true family values", yet Moon stands boldly before thousands of Christians in city after city around the nation claiming that his family embodies such ideals! The Bible points out the folly of submitting to the authority of men claiming to be sent by God but who can't properly raise their own households (1 Timothy 3:5) !

And contrary to what Moon teaches, **nothing in the Old and New Testaments** point to a last-days emergence of a father-figure Messiah who takes to bride a woman who represents the Holy Spirit's power with the goal of creating supreme parent figures for the world to bow before. This never stops Moon from continuing to deceptively claim that this prophetic manifestation of his marriage to his wife is the cornerstone of God's promises to humanity in the last days for its eternal salvation:

Thus, the Last Day that God has promised to us is the day when True Parents come. In other words, it is the day when the multitudes of people in the world, who lost their Parent as a result of the fall, will again be able to meet their original Parent. Thus, the True Parents are the final fruit of the desires and hopes of all humankind. ... The Unification Church has worked to disseminate this tradition throughout the world through the International Holy Blessing Ceremony. (VS)

Moon speaks of the mass weddings or "Blessings" around the world that he and his wife conduct in terms that are unmistakable: they are actions meant to literally save by marriage those being wedded from the sinful effects of the Fall of Adam! **Marriage under Moon's "True Parent" authority is what saves the soul and brings people into contact with God!** This is so obviously a twisting of what the Bible says about exercising faith in Christ alone for salvation (Ephesians 2:8-9)

...The kingdom of Heaven that God desires is empty. All people who died until now fell into Hell. No one entered the Kingdom of Heaven (SU).

The "Kingdom of Heaven" is here explained to be the number of those who were married under the authority of the "True Parents." Therefore, **all of mankind prior to the Unification movement's development have been barred from heaven and instead have been banished to hell** which Scripture teaches is a fearful place of torment prepared for the eternal punishment of the wicked! Why? Because they weren't married under "True Parent" authority! This insults the memory of millions of Christians we all know who have died in faith in Jesus Christ and who being "absent from the body" are at this moment "present with the Lord" (2 Corinthians 5:8).

Moon has been teaching this bizarre theology across the nation, emphasizing that even Jesus Christ failed to meet the Unification marital ideal and was barred from entering Moon's perception of the "Kingdom":

From this perspective, we can see that Jesus came as Savior of humankind but could not enter the Kingdom of Heaven. In order to enter the Kingdom of Heaven, Jesus would have had to form a family. That is why Jesus wants to come again. He could not enter the Kingdom of Heaven by himself alone (SU).

In other Unification teachings, Moon boasts of having married Jesus to a woman in the "spirit world", further

underscoring his incredible claims to supreme spiritual authority over "true family" as "True Father." Since the fall supposedly involved Adam and Eve's sexual sin, so therefore Moon's claims to being the Lord of the Second Advent, the Messiah, who couples to his "True Mother" in a holy union, are meant to destroy the effects of the fall:

What seed did Adam and Eve plant in the Garden of Eden? It was the seed of free sex. ... It cannot be denied that the fall was caused by fornication. ... We inherited a lineage on the path to Hell, due to the fall. That is why the Messiah must come. ... When the Lord of the Second Advent comes, he will show us the 180 degrees opposite path, as a means to save the world and lead us to Heaven. ... Therefore, True Parents have to come to straighten the wrong path. God cannot intervene (VS).

These unbelievably blasphemous quotes show that God and Jesus, in Moon's view, are clearly secondary to his own place in destiny. They continue to twist and ignore Bible truth at the expense of Moon's biases. **He is saying that his role as "True Parent" and "Lord Of The Second Advent" are central to man's salvation and that both the Father and the Son are powerless to save mankind!** Moon's self-exaltation is plain as night from day, and yet Christians from New York to San Diego have been invited to behold it in meeting after meeting. But Moon is utterly lost in error - God is still Almighty and has always done as He pleases (Isaiah 42:8, 43:11; Jeremiah 18:6-10). Jesus Christ's Cross and Resurrection were his signs of utter triumph and glory over all that defy God's authority and forever bought salvation for all mankind (Matthew 28:18, Colossians 1:20, 2:14-15).

For all that these meetings are said to stand for, they have less to do with community empowerment than with Moon's savaging of these precious Christian truths. **His speeches are a perversion of Christianity and his activity is a blatant attempt to try to convert Christians to his Unification belief system, exploiting his connections to Christian ministers of every sectarian stripe to preach his false gospel as a "minister of righteousness" (2 Corinthians 11:4, 13-15).** And thousands come innocently enough at the invitation of their ministers who believe Moon to be a man of God such as they are - and who unquestioningly accept their judgment simply because he seems to agree with what they say. His deceptiveness and his cunning targeting of Christians is certainly no "gift" to the American Church but a clumsily plodding Trojan Horse meant to infect it with more false teaching and heresy.

We exhort Christians and Christian leaders to forsake any traffic with Moon and urge them to expose Moon for what he is - an enemy of the Cross and a false teacher who perverts the Gospel of Jesus!

For More Information Suggested Reading & Study:

<http://www.newcovpub.com>
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