



EXAMPLES OF THE USE OF DECEPTION BY THE UNIFICATION CHURCH

by David Wolfe

The Unification Church desperately wants to portray itself as a mainline legitimate religious group. But the use of deception, insider/outsider doctrines, and information control relegates the Unification Church to the status of a cult. One characteristic of many cults is a form of information control which cult watchers call "outsider" doctrines and "insider" doctrines (e.g. see the book *Combating Cult Mind Control* by Steve Hassan, a former Unification Church member, p. 66).

An outsider doctrine is presented to the general public or potential converts which is more palatable and likely to be accepted, while the insider doctrine, presented to members or those deep within a group — is something completely different. A classic example of this can be found in the Unification Church. It has long been a secret inner teaching within the Unification Church, passed on by word of mouth, that Jesus was an illegitimate child, conceived through Mary having sexual intercourse with Zachariah the father of John the Baptist! (Such has been testified by many former Unification Church members). Realizing how such a repugnant teaching might shock and turn away potential converts, especially Christians, it was attempted to keep word of this doctrine within their Church.

DECEIVING CHRISTIAN MINISTERS

Several years ago the Unification Church put forth massive concerted efforts towards gaining the sympathy, acceptance and support of Christian Ministers, sending over 7,000 of them on all expense paid trips to Korea. While there the Ministers attended lectures about the teaching of the Unification Church, which the Unification Church said was to seek to promote understanding of what they really teach. Concerning these trips and lectures David Racer, Jr. writes in his book, *Not For Sale*:

"The purpose of these trips was to give clergy a close look at Moon's work....The purpose of all this was not to convert anyone to their theology, I was told, but to help build understanding about the true teaching of their beliefs away from all the distortion caused by a prejudiced media or prejudiced clergy." (David Racer,

Jr., *Not For Sale-The Rev. Sun Myung Moon And One American's Freedom* [St. Paul, Mn.: Tiny Press, 1989], p.24.)

Kevin McCarthy, the principal lecturer at these conferences, compiled a list of over 500 of the most common and important questions that the Ministers asked him and the answers he gave, which were later published by the Unification Church in a book made available to Unification Church members -- Q & A, (Volume One) *500 Questions Asked by Christian Ministers about the Divine Principle and the Unification Movement*. On p. 64 of this book it is recorded that the question was asked by a Christian Minister, "What is the Unification view on the conception of Jesus?" The Unification response as given by Mr. McCarthy:

"The Divine Principle makes no new comment on the virgin birth of Christ other than that it was the work of the Holy Spirit and that Jesus was born as the sinless Son of God. The Divine Principle, however, does include the conditions in Jesus lineage as also a part of the work of the Holy Spirit that led to the sinless conditions of Jesus' birth (such as I touched on in the dispensation centering on Tamar and Judah

This is just blatant deception. While it is true that the Divine Principle itself doesn't say anything about the Virgin Birth, nevertheless the Unification view (that is the question that was asked!) was and is to vehemently deny the Virgin Birth and the secret inner teaching, though not written out in the Divine Principle, but (at that time) passed on by word of mouth, was that Jesus was conceived not of a Virgin by the Holy Spirit, but by Mary having a sexual relationship with Zachariah!

Rev. Moon has instructed Unification Church members: "Until our mission with the Christian Church is over, we must quote the Bible and use it to explain the Divine Principle. After we receive the inheritance of the Christian Church, we will be free to teach without the Bible. Now, however, our primary mission is to witness to the Christian Church." (*Master Speaks*:7, 1965, p. 1.)

DECEIVING THE GENERAL PUBLIC

And on p. 251 of the same book, the Unification Church specifically teaches that John the Baptist and Jesus were elder and younger brothers! During Rev. Moon's 32-City U.S. Speaking Tour in May and June of 1993, while speaking to the public, Rev. Moon publicly taught and proclaimed that John the Baptist was Jesus' elder cousin (of course this is the Biblical teaching and the generally accepted view). But when speaking privately to Unification Church members at Tarrytown, New York, shortly after the 32-City Tour was over (Aug. 1, 1993), Sun Myung Moon proclaimed (with Unification Church members responding):

"Who was Jesus' father? Christians say that Jesus was born to a virgin. Without man is it possible to conceive? [Impossible.] Who is Jesus' father? [Zachariah.] Who taught that? [You did.] Several times in six months I said that. Who is Jesus' father? Zachariah." (Sun Myung Moon, "Declaration of Return to the Home Country," speech given August 1, 1993 at Tarrytown, New York, translated by Sang Kil Han, from the Unification Church member magazine *Today's World*, October 1993, p.9.)

This means that while he was preaching one thing to the general public in the 32-City Tour (outsider doctrine) he was simultaneously teaching something completely different privately to his devoted followers, (insider doctrine)! It is one thing for a group to have an erroneous or even controversial or unpopular teaching. It is quite another thing for a group to purposely mislead and deceive the public about what they believe, and to perpetuate fraud and deception to those who would make honest inquiry. This is the practice of a cult. It is deception. It is sin!

I myself have heard it preached from the pulpit at a Sunday service (for the general public) at the National Headquarters of the Unification Church of America in New York City, that there are no contradictions between what the Bible says and what the Divine Principle says. Yet when I went to a Seven-Day Meeting of the Unification Church and asked a question about Matthew 5:17-18, which contradicts the teaching of the Divine Principle, the teacher of the Seven-Day Meeting (Mr. Compton), told me and all those present at that meeting that Matthew was wrong there, that Matthew did not really understand the deep things of God, things like we had discussed in the Seven-Day Meeting.

In other words, the teacher was saying that the Bible was wrong there, and placing the teachings of Sun Myung Moon and the Divine Principle above those of Jesus Christ and the Bible! I could understand this if the Unification Church publicly taught: "We don't believe the Bible. There are contradictions between what the Divine Principle teaches and what the Bible teaches. We hop, skip and jump through the Bible, picking and choosing whatever we want to accept, whatever we feel comfortable with, whatever looks to us like it fits into our "system", and we throw out the rest of the Bible."

But this is not what the Unification Church teaches. The Unification Church publicly teaches that there are no contradictions between what the Bible says and what the Divine Principle says. And the Divine Principle declares on p. 152, "In order for us to have a right faith, we must first establish direct rapport with God in spirit through ardent prayer and next, we must understand the truth through correct reading of the Bible." Rev. Moon teaches: "You can do it even without the Old and New Testaments. **You do not need them anymore.**" ("My Life of Faith", *Today's World*, May, 1995, p. 15.)

It is plainly wrong to lie, but plainly evil to deceive people in the name of God, of lying about what they really believe in order to advance their agenda and the kingdom of Rev. Moon. It is one thing for a group to hold a particular belief, it is quite another thing for a group to purposely deceive the public and Christian Ministers about what it really believes in order to advance its own agenda.

STEVE HASSAN--FORMER U.C. MEMBER SPEAKS

Steve Hassan, a former Unification Church leader, is today considered one of America's leading experts in counseling people who have been involved in cults. His book, *Combatting Cult Mind Control* is highly acclaimed by both mental health professionals and clergy as an authoritative work on the subject. On the Internet is an article by this former Unification Church member entitled, "The Truth About Sun Myung Moon",

(<http://www.freedomofmind.com>, see Groups, Moon Organization). On p.11 of this article Mr. Hassan says:

"Moon is also a man who believes that the 'ends justify the means'. I have experienced firsthand the deception used by Moon and other leaders in recruiting, fundraising, public relations and politics. I was in charge of all transportation for a 7-day fast in front of the United Nations in which hundreds of Unification members were told by Moon not to reveal to anyone who we were....I was deceived throughout my own recruitment into the group. When I asked the members purporting to be Queens College students if their group was 'religious', they looked me in the eye and said, 'Oh no, not at all.' That was only one of hundreds of lies I was told and later told members and the public as well."

MOON DECEITFUL TEACHINGS:

"In restoring man from evil sovereignty, we must cheat." ("The Secret Sayings of 'Master' Moon," *Time*, June 14, 1976, p.49.) "So telling a lie becomes a sin if you tell it to take advantage of a person, but if you tell a lie to do a good thing for him that is not a sin." (*Master Speaks*, Speech Given at the Rowland Farmhouse, March 16, 1972) "...I know the established Christian theology....I know the enemy, but the enemy doesn't know me. Thus the enemy has already lost the war..." (*Today's World*, Feb 95, p. 14) "My teachings are the keys to enter the Kingdom of Heaven....To open the door, you need to obtain the key from me. If you try any other means to get into the Kingdom of Heaven, it does not work." (*Today's World*, May/June 94, p. 12). "From now on, American Christianity must follow me." (*Today's World*, Nov. 93, p. 5). "Christianity and all other religions must recommend the Unification Church as the true solution." (Ibid., p. 18).

The Unification Church does some "good" things that on the surface make them appear to outsiders as very "good" and Christian, but the heart of their teaching is blasphemous and deceptive. The Unification Church talks much about the bringing together of all cultures and races, but their real goal is the unity of all peoples in following the false Messiah, Rev. Moon and setting him up as the absolute ruler of the world. True love and the Kingdom of God does not come through deception and lies!

Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. Ephesians 5:11

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Suggested Reading & Study:

"In The Shadow Of The Moons" - Nansook Hong
(Little, Brown, 1998)

The Zondervan Guide To Cults & New Religions:
"The Unification Church" - Jerry Yamamoto
(Zondervan, 1995)