



THE DIVINE PRINCIPLE

Introduction to the Teachings of Rev. Sun Myung Moon

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THE CULMINATION OF HISTORY



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Christ's return and the last days of the reign of evil

History, from God's point of view, is not a random collection of events. Neither it is a floating process without direction and purpose. At the core of all historical development lies God's work of restoration to overcome the consequences of the human fall and to guide humanity to the pure and sinless state it was originally supposed to live in.

The principles of restoration, as introduced in Part 4 of this series, operate in all human affairs, affecting every life. Consequently, they have been the inner dynamic of human history, shaping the destiny of individuals, families, tribes and nations.

The last part of this introductory series shows how God struggled to re-educate fallen humanity and how He prepared for the second coming of Christ, who comes to end Satan's evil dominion over humans, opening the way for fundamental spiritual renewal.

Parents, who's love and help is rejected time and again

God created humankind as His children in order to share love and joy with them forever. As a Parent of love He never wanted his children to suffer and be torn apart by conflicts. Evil and the Human Fall were not predestined by God and were not His Will.

God, out of His love, had given people their own portion of responsibility during their growing period. The first ancestors of mankind, Adam and Eve, had to create their own 'perfection' by achieving their own maturity of character. They could do this by being obedient to God's Word. In this way God gave them the possibility to participate in the creation process as His equals, so that they could become divine beings resembling Him to the fullest. However they did not fulfill their responsibility given to them by God as a precious gift. They rebelled against God and against His commandment, which made them fall away from God's love. As a result they made a world of sin, selfishness and suffering. They created Hell on Earth and in the Spiritual world.



God was deeply saddened
after the Fall. (Gen 6:6).
The Human Fall was not God's
punishment to human beings;
it was human beings
who rejected God
and chased Him away.

We became ignorant about
the true nature of God,
our parent and creator.
We became insensitive
to His love, up to the point
where we even started
to question His very existence.

The concept that God is 'sitting on His throne' in all His omnipotence and glory, high above the suffering of His people, is not correct. On the contrary, since the human fall, God has been a suffering and lonely God. As the Parent of love, who is deeply involved with His children and who experiences their pain as His own, He started the dispensation of restoration. In doing this, God took the main responsibility for the crime which He Himself had not committed.

God's heart filled with ancient grief and pain must be consoled and liberated. Only we, His children, can do that. By growing to be true sons and daughters in whom God can dwell, can God's grief and suffering come to an end.

Religion is not an end in itself

The purpose of religion is to inspire and guide fallen people to establish foundations of faith and substance for true parents and to become true parents themselves. Religious activity is not an end in itself, but only a means of purifying people. By demonstrating faith in God and then restoring relationships with others, an individual creates the conditions necessary for restoration. The completion of this process, and therefore the ultimate objective of religion, is the creation of purified lineage, free from satanic influences. Once the necessary conditions have been laid, true parents can come and fulfill this purpose, opening the way for all other people to be engrafted to their restored lineage.



The fact that humanity remains in a fallen state, despite the great efforts made through the ages by countless prophets, sages and saints, proves that this restoration process has not been successfully completed. Religion has not yet accomplished its mission. Only when people do fulfill their responsibilities in obedience to God, as taught by religion, will the conditions for restoration be completed.

Religious history is the central, causal historical process because it has to do with God's uppermost concern for humanity: the restoration of Adam and Eve. Those individuals and groups that God chooses to lead the restoration providence are given primary responsibility to obey His laws and fulfill their missions. If they succeed, they are blessed as God's chosen ones, and through them others can be blessed as well. If they fail, however, they cause a delay in the providence for which they bear particular responsibility. All other historical developments, however important they may seem on the surface, are secondary to the history of restoration and should be examined in that context.

Merging into one universal culture of heart

Most founders and leaders of religions are now in the spirit world, many with centuries or millennia of spiritual work behind them. Their level of understanding is generally far higher than that of most people on earth, including those who follow, or try to follow, the spiritual paths that they pioneered. These high spirits can understand God's providence well, and they work to accomplish it from the spirit world. A core aspect of this understanding is the single purpose of God, under which all humanity is to be united as one, global family. Their cooperation with one another in the spirit world for the achievement of this goal produces a unifying tendency among the religious movements they founded.

No two people hold completely identical beliefs, but when all people use their own religious beliefs to reach maturity of spirit and heart, the divisions among people will be overcome by the power of true love. Thus the goal of unifying the world's religions is not to get everyone to adopt a single belief system, but for all believers to become true men and women who can build a world of peace and love, centered on God. It is to this end that religious leaders in the spirit world are working.



Historically, many different cultures have come into existence. Through time, however, higher cultures have emerged centered on rising new religions. Through a process of absorption of the varied and numerous lower cultures by the higher and more universal ones, a consolidation of cultures has taken place. As a result, there are only four major cultures remaining: Judeo-Christian, Moslem, Far Eastern (based on Buddhism, Confucianism, and Taoism), and Hindu. This convergent flow of history shows the trend toward man's establishing one world culture.

Killing God's messengers - a testimony to human ignorance. Sending more messengers - a testimony to God's desperation.

God sent His prophets and saints in order to make the people repent, turn around and be saved. However, these holy men & women, sent by God were rejected and beaten time and time again. People of the fallen world had great difficulty to give up their selfish, secular and materialistic way of life, and to submit to the prophets, the channels of God's Word and love.

**O Jerusalem, Jerusalem,
thou that killest the prophets,
and stonest them which are sent
unto thee, how often would I
have gathered thy children
together, even as a hen
gathereth her chickens under
her wings, and ye would not!**

Matthew 23:37



Illustration: "The Martyrdom of St. Stephen", Gustave Doré

God finds Himself in a very contradictory situation. He desperately wants to save His children from their miserable situation, but they do not recognize the helping hand that their Father, God, is extending to them. Time and again the people considered the prophets to be their enemies, and proceeded to persecute them by accusing them falsely, mocking them, imprisoning, torturing, banishing or even killing them, thus causing God's sorrow to be magnified. But God forgave the people again and again and every time sent new prophets. God is not a judge who tests, judges and punishes His disobedient children by sending them to hell.

If God were a punishing, judging God, He would have destroyed humankind immediately after the human fall. He is - on the contrary - a forgiving and saving God. He will continue to reach out to His children and never give up until the last soul repents, experiences salvation and enters Heaven.

Through all the prophets and saints who persisted in their faith in God and who continued to love their enemies, humankind could gradually come to repentance and change the direction of their lives. In this way eventually a foundation was made upon which the Messiah could appear.

Resurrection takes place through God's Word

Through His Word, God created the Universe. To His children, Adam and Eve, He gave his Word in order to guide them to completion. Adam and Eve disregarded and ignored God's guidance and fell into a state of ignorance and spiritual darkness, a state which they also passed on to their descendants. In the restoration process, God has been revealing His Word to fallen humans, to guide them back to their original purpose. The revelation of God's Truth is the basis of religion. By obeying and internalizing God's Word, the fallen human spirit is separated from Satan and grows towards oneness with God in a step by step process.

The revelation of God's Word in stages is most clearly seen in the successions of the Testaments in the Bible.

Completed
Testament
Era



**GOD'S
WORD**

3) Completed Testament Era:

from Christ's second advent onward.

Christ at his second coming will reveal God's Word in its fullest, clearest form. By fulfilling, for the first time in human history, God's ideal of creation for human beings; a true individual, a true marriage, and a true family, he opens up the way for all people to be engrafted into that first true human family, - enabling them to grow up to become 'God's true sons and daughters' - thereby fulfilling God's promise of His eternal bond with human beings.

New
Testament
Era



**GOD'S
WORD**

2) New Testament Era:

from Jesus to the Second Coming (2,000 years).

Jesus, the second Adam, brought God's Word for the New Age, the Gospel. The people could reach the level of 'God's adopted sons and daughters'.

The core content of God's Word through Jesus: 'God is the Father of mankind; He loves His children. The essence of God is love'. His message, God is a God of love, has been the most powerful factor in the progress of humanity. Nevertheless, Jesus said that he had wanted to reveal more words of truth and speak plainly about the Father, but that humanity was not yet ready.

Old
Testament
Era



**GOD'S
WORD**

1) Old Testament Era:

from Abraham to Jesus (2,000 years).

God reveals himself through the Ten Commandments. People could reach the level of God's 'servants'. The core content of God's Word through Moses: 'There is only one true God who manifests Himself through His Law'.

Foundation
Era



The Foundation Era:

from Adam to Abraham (2,000 'biblical' years).

God did not reveal His Word yet. The only connection with God is through people making sacrifices. In this age, humans are at the level of 'servant of servants', still far away from God.

The different stages of revealed truth can be compared to different powers of light. When a brighter light becomes available, the less brighter light is outshone and not longer necessary. When God gave the Ten Commandments, sacrifices were no longer necessary, because humans, by abiding to God's moral commandments, could grow closer to their full human potential compared to offering sacrifices. When Jesus revealed the message of God's parental love for human beings, a new realm, closer to God's ideal was opened up. God's desire is to relate with human beings through a direct permanent heart to heart relationship, where laws and commandments are not anymore needed. Therefore, even religious practice as we know it today, will at some point become no longer necessary.

Will dead bodies rise at Christ's second coming?

Through the fall, human beings lost their intimate relationship with God. To be separated from God, the source of all love and life, is **to die spiritually**. Thus, in a spiritual sense, the Servant killed Adam and Eve when he invaded their love relationship.

Restoration of fallen human beings can be understood as **resurrection of their dead spirits**. Biblical and Koranic scriptures about resurrection are sometimes misunderstood to be referring to a physical phenomenon, but, according to the principle of creation, when a person dies the body has finished its purpose and disintegrates while the spirit continues to exist forever in the spirit world. **It is fallen spirits and not dead bodies that need resurrection**. After all, would taking on a new body bring an individual closer to God?

The Four Principles of Resurrection

GOD'S WORD

First, resurrection takes place through God's word, the truth. God created with His word and gave His word, the commandment, to Adam and Eve to guide them to completion. God has continued to give His word to fallen humans, to guide them back to their original purpose. Revelations of God's truth are the basis for religion. By obeying God's instructions, the fallen human spirit is separated from Satan and grows towards oneness with God in a step-by-step process of learning God's truth and applying what has been learned.

THREE STAGES

Second, resurrection takes place in three stages, formation, growth and completion. Through the fall, Adam and Eve descended spiritually from the top of the growth stage to a realm below even the formation stage. Thus the providence of restoration aims at raising fallen humans from below the formation stage to the top of the completion stage, the direct dominion of God.

PHYSICAL BODY

Third, resurrection takes place on the foundation of the physical body because the human spirit needs vitality elements from the body in order to grow. This is true for people on earth and for the discarnate spirits of those who have died physically. Discarnate spirits tend to seek relations with people still on earth because they can grow spiritually through serving those who are doing good deeds for God and humanity.

BENEFITS OF AGE

Fourth, resurrection takes place according to the benefits of the age. Only after a certain spiritual level has been opened up by a central figure of God can anyone else enter that level. Thus the great figures of restoration history, such as Confucius, Buddha, Moses, Jesus and Mohammed, pioneered new realms of resurrection for their followers to inherit.

In the history of restoration, each successful foundation laid on earth has opened up a new level of resurrection. The result on earth has been the development of enlightened cultures and civilizations, and in the spirit world of ever higher realms of being. The newly opened levels of resurrection are accessible **to anyone who unites with the faith and deeds of the pioneers of those levels**. The final stage of resurrection, the complete union of humans with God, will be accomplished by **the true parents** and then, through them, will become available to all other people. **Complete resurrection is the destiny of all humankind**, since God's will for His creation can be fulfilled by no other means.

Parallels in history

Although Jesus was unable to complete the messiah's mission, his spiritual Victory over Satan paved the Way for the providence to move to a new level. Those who accepted and believed in Jesus, the Christians, inherited his victory and assumed the special mission of leading the restoration providence.

Once the leaders of Israel had rejected Jesus as the messiah, **the primary responsibility for laying a foundation for the coming of Christ was transferred from the physical descendants of Jacob to the spiritual lineage of Jesus.**



Israel's mission is transferred to Christianity

The mission of Christianity has been to restore the 2000 years of Israel's preparation for the messiah by indemnifying all the mistakes in the earlier providence.

Because of Christianity's central providential role, its history is of particular importance for all humankind. Christians have had the advantage of building on the conditions laid by the Israelites as well as the spiritual foundation established by Jesus. Nevertheless, they have faced many of the same problems as those confronted by the Jews in the earlier dispensation. Christian history has followed a course remarkably similar to Israel's. However, instead of significantly shortening the time required to lay a foundation for the coming of Christ, Christianity has paralleled Israel's pattern of achieving a few spiritual victories against a background of many providential mistakes. The ultimate consequence has been a 2000-year prolongation of the providence of restoration, with the six main periods of Israel's history mirrored almost perfectly in Christian history. These repeated patterns in the restoration providence produce the parallels in history.

A significant difference between the histories of Israel and Christianity lies in the difference between their missions: Israel's was a national preparation for the Messiah and Christianity's was global. Furthermore, those who accepted Jesus and obeyed his words had the benefit of living lives centered on a true son of God whose depth of heart and spiritual understanding were unequalled.

Much of the history of Israel is contained in the Bible, but there is no corresponding scriptural account of the Christian era. The Bible closes with the highly symbolic revelation of John, which follows a sketchy account of the early Christians and several pastoral letters written by early Christian leaders, in particular Paul. **But God has been working for the restoration of fallen humans over the past 2000 years with as much determination as He did during the 2000 years before Jesus.** The signs of His providence are there to be discovered in the history of the last two millennia.

CHRISTIANITY: SECOND ISRAEL

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~~God's Kingdom~~

Jesus

400
years

**Preparation for the
advent
of the Messiah**

Malachi

210
years

**Israel's exile
and return**

Exile starts 606 B.C.
Liberation by Cyrus 537 B.C.

400
years

**Divided
Kingdom**

Israel and Judah

120
years

**United
Kingdom**

Saul - David - Solomon

400
years

Judges

Moses

400
years

**Slavery
in Egypt**

Abraham

ISRAEL
OLD TESTAMENT
NATIONAL LEVEL

God's central providence is the
preparation for the Messiah.

After Jesus' crucifixion Israel's mission
is transferred to Christianity.

Christian history repeats the history of Israel.

God's Kingdom

Second Coming ¹⁹¹⁷⁻¹⁹³⁰

**Preparation for the
second advent
of the Messiah**

Martin Luther 1517

400
years

**Papal exile
and return**

Exile starts in Avignon 1309
Return to Rome 1377

210
years

**Divided
Kingdom**

East and West Franks

400
years

**Christian
Empire**

Charlemagne 800

120
years

**Church
Patriarchs**

State religion 392
Augustinus 395

400
years

**Persecution in
Roman Empire**

Jesus

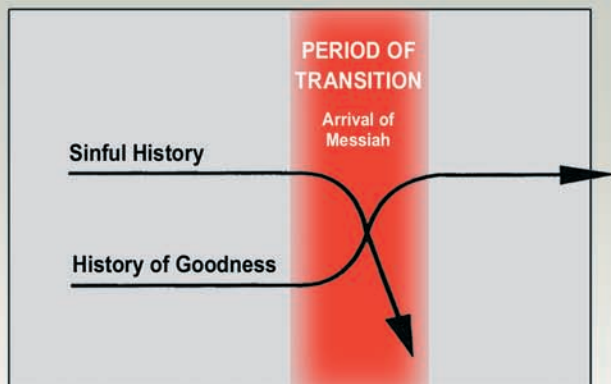
LATTER DAYS, TIME OF TRANSITION

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The messianic era is characterized by great tribulations

As it was in the time of Jesus, so also in the time of the second coming of Christ, a great transition is taking place. **It represents the final days of evil history and the end of Satan's dominion. At the same time, it is the first days of the eternal era of goodness, the beginning of God's dominion, when pure love will predominate in this world.** This crossroad brings profound changes, confusion and anticipation as the old world crumbles and the new world unfolds.

Never before has the human race been confronted with such challenges on a global scale: inter-religious and culture clashes; increasing threats to our natural environment; growing drug abuse, corruption, crumbling political and social systems, crime and terrorism; deepening moral decline and even attempts to destroy the institution of the traditional family. Established Religions and its leaders have lost power to give moral and spiritual orientation. Humankind is facing its greatest historical crisis, ever.



Whereas some believe that the world will be destroyed in an apocalyptic disaster, **the Divine Principle states that the reign of human selfishness, ignorance and fear – and not the planet Earth – will soon come to an end.** God's love will prevail when the final division of good and evil comes at the time of the Second Coming. The biblical references to the last days do not mark the end of time, but the end of fallen history and the beginning of a new age during which God's kingdom will finally be established. The future of humankind is not gloomy, but hopeful.



As God's work of restoration progresses, Satan's evil influence on humans decreases whereas God's good influence increases. Parallel humans gradually become stronger to resist the desires of their fallen nature. The forces of evil and the selfish human desires will eventually come to a state of non-existence. The arrival of the Messiah marks the beginning of the last days of evil on earth and in the spirit world.

Not a supernatural re-appearance of the person Jesus

The direction of history in the new millennium will be determined by the way the world responds to the Second Advent of Christ. Many Christians believe that Jesus will arrive on the clouds of heaven. This view is based on a literal interpretation of a few passages in the Bible. For instance, in the book of Daniel we find the prophecy that the Lord would come on the clouds: "I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man ..."; Jesus quotes these words when interrogated by the chief priest.

As in the story of Adam and Eve, the Bible contains symbolic language. Jesus stated that he spoke in parables and symbols. In the case of the biblical description of Christ's coming, the word "heaven" does not refer to the literal sky but connotes great value, sacredness, or goodness. Representing and embodying these qualities, Christ will come as a man on earth, with the power and presence of God, rather than in a supernatural fashion by literally descending from the sky.

If the first human family had started in goodness, humanity would have remained eternally good as God is eternally good. However, because the first human ancestors fell away from God, human history has been marked by evil and sin, which God cannot allow to exist for eternity. The history of fallen humanity must come to an end.

Because Adam and Eve failed to realize God's ideal, and because Jesus as the second Adam was prevented from establishing God's kingdom on earth, someone in the position of the third Adam must be born on earth to complete the providence of restoration. He will overcome Satan's dominion over humans and realize God's three great blessings on the earth. He will finally cure the infection of false love brought by the fall by establishing a pure, God-centered lineage into which every human being, of every race and religion, can be engrafted.

The mission of the first, second and third Adam and Eve is identical:
TO FULFILL GOD'S ORIGINAL PURPOSE OF CREATION FIRST ON EARTH,
then automatically expanding God's Kingdom into the Spirit World.
Christ's second coming must therefore also be born on earth.





The world of goodness will expand from a true couple

The third Adam will break through Satan's barriers to become a man of perfected character. He will live a life of true love, investing all his energy and resources for the benefit of suffering humanity.

To fulfill the second blessing, he will find a God-prepared bride, and together they will overcome the human fall, thereby finally establishing the ideal that Adam and Eve did not realize in the Garden of Eden. Through accomplishing this, they will establish the position of True Parents.

The True Parents will open the way for every human being to reach individual God-human oneness, the pre-requisite for overcoming the real conflicts within families and between nations, races, religions and cultures. Gradually this will bring about a world of lasting peace.

To fulfill the third blessing, they will guide humanity to unite religion and science, our technology and our values, leading to a world of both spiritual and physical perfection. They pioneer the course for recreating all of human life in the likeness of what God had originally designed for us.

The True Parents will speak clearly and plainly of the truth, liberating all human beings from suffering and ignorance and firmly planting the new seeds of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. Their fundamental motivation, however, is to liberate the suffering heart of God.

The original world can only come about based upon human cooperation with the divine Parent. But as with Jesus 2,000 years ago, the True Parents can expect to meet persecution and misunderstanding because they will challenge many old traditions and dogmas. In fact, Jesus himself warned of this when he asked, "When the Son of man comes, will he find faith on earth?" (Luke 18:8).

The restoration of God's ideal on the global level

In our present state of chaos, there are nevertheless many phenomena that reflect the intention of God to realize, at this time, His blessing for humanity.

More people are striving for self-realization by seeking spiritual truth. Inner freedom is actively sought by many individuals. The original human value is being restored as the democratic spirit spreads, to bring greater assurance of human rights in a climate of equality and brotherhood.

In accordance with God's will for this time, mankind's dominion over creation is expanding. We are now experiencing a stronger relationship to our inner and outer environment than ever before. International economic communities, church ecumenical movements, and numerous political alliances are now functioning across former barriers. The idea of world government is discussed by some and the United Nations serves as a world forum. Jet travel, mass communications, and the Internet have virtually eliminated the barriers of time and space. All these things signify that the old history has reached its consummation and a new day has dawned in which the providence of restoration will be fulfilled.

Time to rejoice. The darkest hour comes before dawn. This age will see perfect harmony of all cultures. One world will be established horizontally between the East and the West, and also vertically between the spiritual and physical worlds. All will share a common religious philosophy under God's direct guidance. In this world, the conscientious, the righteous, and the good will prosper and lead in all fields of life, with divine love and truth.



Finally, the unity of the two worlds, the invisible and the visible, will be accomplished. Perfected men and women will serve as the mediators between them, and there will be a complete harmony and communication between the two worlds. Consequently, the new world of perfection will be highly spiritual; it will be the Garden of Eden in heaven and on earth.

God has obtained His foothold, the foundation of His dwelling with us. (Rev. 21:3) Through this pivotal foundation, He is turning the spiritual axis of the universe unwaveringly in the direction of eternal good. The old heaven and the old earth are passing away, and a new heaven and a new earth are being established. God will wipe away every tear from the eyes of His people; there shall be no mourning or crying or pain any more; and all things will be made new. (Rev. 21:1 -5)

God's longing heart

For God human history since the human fall is a path of extreme patience. Waiting for humans to make the right choices while slowly - over ages - beginning to understand their true identity. For humans it is like a very long wake-up into the life God always wanted them to live. Only step by step could God reveal His word to us, according to our level of heart and understanding. Many prophets suffered while trying to convey God's truth.

History has a clear goal

God's will to realise His ideal of creation - a world of absolute goodness - is absolute. History moves toward the full and complete realisation of this ideal. But there is one component which even God can not influence: human responsibility. Even though God's will is absolute and He always fulfills His part, if humans lose faith and fail to fulfill their part history must be repeated until the necessary conditions for restoration are fulfilled. Therefore we can see time parallels in the historical courses of Israel and Christianity, the eras of the Old and the New Testament.

Don't expect him descending from literal clouds

In order to bring full salvation and restoration Christ's second coming must be born on earth. Only here can he establish a real physical, genealogical human lineage that will take root and become the foundation for a family, tribe, nation and world free of sin. Jesus was hindered to do that in his own life, which is why a second coming became necessary. If we expect the resurrected Jesus to descend from the literal clouds in a supernatural way, we expect something that will not bring full salvation.

Central line of history

In order to save *all* of humanity God must first find some persons, families and a people to walk a model course of restoration. God worked through Cain and Abel, Noah's family, finding Abraham, Isaac and Jacob - resulting in His work with Israel. He needed to prepare a group of faithful people who would someday be ready to welcome and attend the Messiah and understand the purpose of his coming. When Israel failed to welcome Jesus, God had to transfer Israel's mission to Christianity. Christianity had to walk the difficult course to prepare for the second coming of Christ.

The Last Days - time of transition

It is not God's desire to destroy planet Earth or the evil people. The biblical references to the Last Days with destruction of the world mean the end of the dominion of selfishness, ignorance and faithlessness. The Last Days of the old world herald at the same time the dawn of God's kingdom of - the new world of mutual peace and true love.

This series content

This introductory series comprises 6 brochures covering essential contents of *The Divine Principle*.

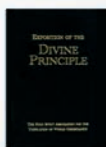


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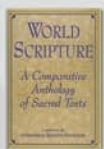
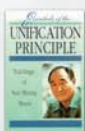
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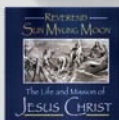


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THE DIVINE PRINCIPLE GENERAL OVERVIEW

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God's nature, His ideal and the principles of His creation.

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How evil came into this world and how it influences humanity.

The Restoration of God's Ideal

Revealing God's work of salvation and the principles of restoration in human history.

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Sun Myung Moon (1920 - 2012)

Already by age sixteen, Sun Myung Moon had received his commission through encounters with the risen Christ and was continuing his lonely and prayerful search to find the answers to fundamental questions about life – profound insights that now form the systematic teaching known as *The Divine Principle*.

By identifying spiritual principles that reveal the workings of God behind human history and through the world's great religious traditions, a way is opened up to transcend traditional boundaries of race, religion and culture and move toward a truly 'unified' view of life wherein the spiritual and physical dimensions are harmonized.



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