

We will begin the sixth lecture on Comparative Religion. /At this time we will criticize Mormonism, Jehovah's Witnesses, the Local Church, the Unification Church, and the Chunbukyo Church.

Chapter 10, Mormonism

/Mormonism is also called "The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints."

I. Religious Sect Leader Joseph Smith Jr.

/Smith was born in Windsor, Vermont in December of 1805. /He claimed that the Angel Moroni appeared and gave him a revelation in September, 1823.

/He claimed that the angel taught him, "The actual church is incorrect." /"The Bible of the western world is buried on a small hill in Manchester, New York."

/Smith claimed thereafter that he translated the Bible. /The angel then took the original copy up to heaven. /He published the Book of Mormon in 1830.

/Mormons believe that Joseph Smith was a prophet. /Smith founded Mormonism in April, 1830. /He taught polygamy in July, 1843. /He was murdered by a mob in June, 1844. /Joseph Smith had fifty-six children by seventeen wives.

II. Second Religious Sect Leader Brigham Young

/He insisted on polygamy, /and he had fifty-six children by twenty-five wives. /He moved Mormonism to Salt Lake City, Utah in 1846. /He died in 1877.

III. Main Doctrines

/1. Doctrine of Scripture

/They believe that "the Book of Mormon too is God's word."

/Criticism: The Book of Mormon consists of over one thousand passages of the King James Bible of England. /Oliver H. P. Cowdery and Martin Harris, who translated the Book of Mormon, later withdrew from Mormonism. /When they broke away from Mormonism, they confessed that their testimonies were lies.

/2. Doctrine of God

/They claim, "God is a created being that has a physical form like us humans." /"We humans can become gods at the end." /"Adam is our father and our god." "God was Caucasian."

/Criticism: God is Spirit. /There is only one God.

/3. Doctrine of Sin

/They claim, "It was a good thing that Adam ate the fruit that God forbid him from eating." /"If he did not eat the fruit of knowledge of good and evil, he would not have known good and evil, and he would not have had children of the flesh." "It was a good thing that Adam ate the fruit of knowledge of good and evil."

/Criticism: It was wrong for Adam to eat the fruit of knowledge of good and evil. /He disobeyed God's command. /Mormonism does not acknowledge original sin.

/4. Doctrine of Atonement

/They say, "Christ's atonement was only for Adam's sin." /"The atonement of Christ was not enough for the sins of all humanity."

/Criticism: The atonement of Jesus Christ is enough to forgive the sins of all mankind. /Hebrews 9:12-14.

/5. Soteriology

/They claim, "One can enter heaven through rituals and good deeds." /"There are three kinds of heaven: the celestial kingdom, the terrestrial kingdom, and the telestial kingdom." /"Marriage life will continue even after death."

/Criticism: Man is saved through faith in Jesus. /Believers will not marry or be given in marriage after the resurrection. /Matthew 22:30.

/Chapter 11, Jehovah's Witnesses

/Jehovah's Witnesses gather in "Kingdom Halls."

I. Religious Sect Leader Charles Taze Russell

/Russell was born in Allegheny, Pennsylvania in 1852. /He grew up with a fear of hell. /When he was twenty years old, he gained an interest in the time of Jesus' return through a book written by a leader of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

/He founded a magazine called "The Watchtower" in 1879. /He then claimed in 1874, "Jesus returned invisibly." /In 1914, he claimed that "the time of the Gentiles and worldly political powers will be destroyed," but his predictions were wrong. /He died in 1916.

II. Main Doctrines

/1. Doctrine of God

/They deny the Trinity God. /They say, "There is only one Jehovah who exists forever, and he is the Creator."

/Criticism: They do not believe in Jesus the Son, and they do not believe in the Holy Spirit. /However, the Bible clearly speaks of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, the Trinity God. /Matthew 3:13-17; Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:13; 1 Corinthians 12:4-6.

/2. Christology

/They claim, "Jesus is not God, /and Jesus is the first human being God created. Therefore, Jesus was born without a divine nature."

/Criticism: Jesus is God's Son. Jesus is the Trinity God. /Luke 1:35; 1 John 2:2;

John 1:1; Colossians 1:15; 1 Timothy 2:5. /Jesus is the Son of God.

/3. Pneumatology

/They deny the personality of the Holy Spirit.

/Criticism: The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity God. /The Holy Spirit has a personality. /1 Corinthians 2:11; Ephesians 4:30; 1 Corinthians 12:11; John 14:26; Acts 13:2.

/4. Doctrine of Resurrection

/They claim, "After Jesus' crucifixion, His body rotted away and only His Spirit resurrected."

/Criticism: The Bible says that Jesus resurrected in both body and Spirit. /John 20:24-29; Luke 24:43; 1 Corinthians 15:12.

/5. Doctrine of the Second Coming of Christ

/They say, "Jesus already returned invisibly in 1914. He is currently reigning over the world in heaven."

/Criticism: Jesus will return at the end of the world for all to see with their eyes. /Acts 1:11; 1 Thessalonians 4:16; Revelation 1:7.

/6. Doctrine of Scripture

/They use the New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures (NWT). /They also changed "Lord" and "God" to "Jehovah."

/Criticism: They changed the Bible. /They added to and took away from the Bible. / Yet, the Bible was written by the inspiration of God. 2 Timothy 3:16 /Therefore, no one should add to or take away from the Bible. Revelation 22:18, 19.

/7. Soteriology

/They split those who are to be saved into two groups. /First is the chosen 144,000. /Second, the "other sheep" must work hard to receive salvation. /They also believe that there is an earthly heaven. /They claim that the Millennial Kingdom will take place on this earth from 1975 to 2975. /They believe that one is saved by "faith and actions."

/Criticism: Anyone who believes in Jesus Christ receives salvation. /Ephesians 2:8; Acts 2:38 /Revelation 7:4-8 speaks of the 144,000. /This is a symbolic number. /This refers to all believers who are saved. /This is written in Revelation 7:9.

/8. Doctrine of Hell

/They say that there is no hell or eternal judgment.

/Criticism: The Bible speaks of hell, which is punishment for sin. /Matthew 5:22; 8:11; Luke 13:14; 2 Peter 2:17; Jude 1:13; Revelation 20:15.

/9. Doctrine of Man

/They claim, “The soul of man is not immortal, /but will die with the body of man and will be exterminated.”

/Criticism: The Bible says that the soul of man is immortal. /Genesis 5:1; Job 32:8; 2 Corinthians 5:1; Ecclesiastes 12:7.

/10. Doctrine of the Last Days

/They said that the Armageddon would take place on October 1, 1975, but they were wrong.

/Criticism: No one knows the day or time of Jesus’ Second Coming. /Matthew 14:36.

III. Publications

/Some publications are “The Watchtower” and “Awake!”

IV. The Problem with These People

/They refuse to serve in the military or hold guns. /They refuse blood transfusions of patients. /They reject national systems.

/They do not believe in Jesus. /They do not believe in the Holy Spirit. /They do not believe in hell.

Chapter 12, the Local Church

/The Local Church is known as Huhan Pai or the Shouters in China. Please refer to the previous lecture on Huhan Pai.

I. Doctrine of the Trinity

/They claim that there is a Triune God. /They believe in the Triune God. /What is the Triune God? /They claim, “The three persons became one in the process of incarnation.” /“The Father is in the Son, and the Son is in the Holy Spirit.” /“There are three levels of one God.” /“The resurrected man can become one with the Triune God.” /They say, “Man can ultimately become God.”

/Criticism: This is similar to modalism. /They say that the Father becomes the Son, and the Son becomes the Holy Spirit. /However, we cannot become God. /Isaiah 43:10; Ecclesiastes 5:2. /We believe in the Trinity God.

II. Christology

/They say, “At Christ’s incarnation, His two natures mingled and He became neither man nor God.”

/Criticism: We believe that Jesus’ divine nature and human nature became one. /Jesus is completely God and completely man. /Matthew 1:18-21.

III. Doctrine of Man

/They say, “Satan entered the body of man after the Fall.” /“The physical body is satanic and demonic.”

/Criticism: They see man’s flesh and bones as evil. /This is incorrect. /They are ascetic. /They are also connected to Gnosticism. /Gnostics claim that the spirit is good but the flesh is evil.

IV. Doctrine of Sin

/They say, “Sin is the devil incarnate.” /“Man’s body is a dwelling place for sin.”

/Criticism: The body of man is not evil, but man’s sin is evil. /Sin is disobedience of God’s word. /We believers sin because the corruption within us makes us sin.

V. Ecclesiology

/They say, “There must only be one local church in whichever city.” “Man cannot be saved if there is no local church.”

/Criticism: They claim that there must be one church in each city. /There must be one church in Beijing, /one church in Seoul, /and one church in New York. /We must carefully read Romans 16:3-5. /There it says that Paul visited the home church of Priscilla and Aquilla. /There were many churches in Rome. /Matthew 18:19-20 says that Jesus is where two or three come together in Jesus’ name.

/They also say, “Salvation is found only in our local church.” /This assertion is wrong. /Anyone who believes in Jesus receives salvation.

Chapter 13, Unification Church

/The Unification Church was founded in Korea. /It is also called the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU).

I. Religious Sect Leader Moon, Sun-myung

/Moon was born in Jeongjoo, Pyeonganbookdo in Korea in 1920. /His real name is Moon, Yong-myung. /He married Choi, Sun-gil in 1945. /He divorced her in 1957.

/He married Han, Hak-ja in March of 1960. /Moon, Sun-myung had seventeen children by four women.

/He studied the Divine Principle by Kim, Baek-moon in 1945. /The majority of the Exposition of the Divine Principle came from the ideas of Kim Baek-moon.

/He was taken into custody for three months in 1946 after being charged with social disorder. /He was imprisoned for two years and eight months after committing adultery with a married woman in 1948. /He was also imprisoned for three months for violating the military service law. /He was imprisoned for fifteen months in America after being charged with tax evasion in 1984. /He died in September, 2012.

II. Overview of Doctrines

/The Exposition of the Divine Principle is the addition of 800 verses to the Bible. /They added eastern philosophy to the Bible. /They also added Hegel's philosophy. /They also added philosophies of Joachim of Fiore and Lessing.

/The Exposition of the Divine Principle says the following. /"The Old Testament is a textbook in a primitive stage." /"The New Testament is a textbook of the next stage." /"The 'new truth' that suits this period of modern science is the Exposition of the Divine Principle."

/The Exposition of the Divine Principle was influenced by the Yin-Yang and Five Elements Theory of western philosophy. /They claim that God is the male god of the two natures of Yin-Yang.

/They claim that God is the root of the relationship between the universe and man's Yin-Yang. /Thus, the Exposition of the Divine Principle calls God, Adam, and Eve the Trinity. /They say that the entire universe was created through the operation of Yin and Yang.

/The Exposition of the Divine Principle also says the following. "Eve fell to the temptation of the fallen angel Lucifer, and Eve ate the fruit of knowledge of good and evil." "This means that Eve had sex with Lucifer." /"After that, Eve had sex with Adam." /"That is how the blood of Satan was passed on."

/"As a result, Adam and Eve did not reproduce the good blood of God, but reproduced the evil blood of Satan." /"Therefore, the blood of mankind, which has the blood of Satan, must be made clean."

/They refer to this as "the renewing (changing) of blood." /They believe that Moon, Sun-myung, the Lord of the second coming, is the savior who gives clean blood. /They believe that Moon, Sun-myung cleanses the blood of mankind that has been tainted by Satan.

/This is ultimately a religion of group sex. /They are unethical and immoral.

/They say, "Jesus took up the cross at the first coming to redeem enslaved man, but he did not fully redeem mankind." /"Moon, Sun-myung, the Lord of the second coming, completed perfect atonement." /"That is why we must believe in Moon, Sun-myung." /"The blood of those who have sexual relationships with Moon, Sun-myung will become clean."

III. Main Doctrines

/1. Doctrine of God

/"The Jehovah God is a failure who did not accomplish an ideal creation." /"Therefore, we must believe in Moon, Sun-myung, the other creator, who completes the works of

restoration.”

/Criticism: The LORD God is Almighty, is the King of all kings, /and is the only God. /The LORD God is the Creator. Genesis 1:1 /1 Timothy 6:15-16.

/2. Christology

/① They say, “Jesus was not conceived by the Holy Spirit, but is an illegitimate child.” /“Jesus is a created being like us humans.”

/Criticism: The Bible says that Jesus incarnated. /John 1:14; Romans 9:5. /Jesus was born of the virgin Mary through the Holy Spirit. /Matthew 1:18.

/② “Jesus gave His body to Satan when He took up the cross.” /They say, “Jesus did not complete redemption.” /“Moon, Sun-myung completed the restoration of providence and completed redemption.”

/Criticism: They deny the redemption of Jesus.

/3. Doctrine of the Fall

/They claim, “The fall of man happened because of Satan’s blood. Humanity received Satan’s blood.” /“Therefore, we must cut off Satan’s blood and receive the blood of new parents.” /“The story of the fruit of knowledge of good and evil is nothing but a parable and a symbol.” /“Eve, who became defiled by the blood of Satan, slept with Adam, and hence the blood of Satan was passed down to their offspring.”

/Criticism: This is very wrong. /We humans became corrupted because we disobeyed God’s command. Adam and Eve ate the fruit of knowledge of good and evil, which was a sin. /What is sin? /Sin is disobedience of God’s command. /Genesis 2:17; 3:11.

/They chase after sexual desires. /Moon, Sun-myung emphasizes a doctrine of group sex. /This is an extremely absurd religion. /They are unethical and immoral.

/4. Mass Wedding Ceremony

/They say, “We will restore the family that failed to exist in the Garden of Eden as a result of the fall of the fathers of humanity.”

/Criticism: They perform mass wedding ceremonies as an odd ceremony. /Their goal is to make the blood of the world one through mass wedding ceremonies. /This is their attempt to build a kingdom of the Unification Church. /We must not be enticed by such absurd religions.

Chapter 14, Chunbukyo

/Chunbukyo is also known as Jundogwan.

I. Religious Sect Leader Park, Tae-sun

/Park was born in Deokcheon-gun, Pyeonganbookdo in Korea in 1917. /He founded Jundogwan in 1956. /He built the Shinangchon in 1957.

/He was imprisoned for one year and three months after being charged with fraud in 1958. /He changed the name to “Korea’s Chunbukyo Jundogwan Revival Association” in 1980.

/Park, Tae-sun claimed, “I am the Father God.” /“I am the new 5,798-year-old God who came down to this earth.” /He said, “The entire Bible is a lie.” /He died of a heart disease in 1990.

/Chunbukyo’s business entities include /“Zion Synthetic Fiber Joint-Stock Company,” /“Zion Steel Joint-Stock Company,” /and “Shinangchon Industry Joint-Stock Company.”

II. Main Doctrines

1. Mystery Principle

/The “mystery principle” is the restoration of a millenary city based on Park, Tae-sun. /The name “mystery” comes from Colossians 1:26. /Park, Tae-sun claims that he is the “mystery.”

/Criticism: “Mystery” in Colossians 1:26 is “musterion” in Greek, and this refers to God’s secret or Christ’s gospel.

/2. Doctrine of Creation

/They say, “There are two principles of good and evil in the universe that became independent at the time of creation.” /They claim, “The two principles of good and evil oppose each other and are in continuous and everlasting battle with each other.”

/Criticism: They support dualism, and treat God and the devil as equal beings. /Their ideas are based on eastern philosophies.

/3. Soteriology

/① Theory of salvation of one from the east. /“Isaiah 41:2 speaks of ‘one from the east,’ and ‘the east’ is Korea, /and the ‘one from the east’ is Park Tae-sun.”

/Criticism: This is wrong. /“The east” is God’s direction. /Ezekiel 43:1 /Ezekiel 44:1 /The one from the east historically refers to King Cyrus. /Prophetically, it refers to Christ. /“The east” does not indicate a certain worldly nation or town, but the place where God’s works of salvation take place.

/② Theory of salvation of the olive tree. /Park, Tae-sun claims that he is the olive tree. /He tells people to pray in the name of Park, Tae-sun. /The people praise him, saying, “Our olive tree has come!” /They say, “We are saved by the olive tree.”

/They believe that they receive forgiveness of their sins by the laying on of hands by the

olive tree. /They claim that they receive blessings by the spring water and blessings that the olive tree gives.

**/Criticism: This is wrong. /The olive tree in the Bible symbolizes Jesus Christ.
/Zechariah 4:12 /Revelation 11:4. /Man receives salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.**

/Here we will conclude the sixth lecture on Comparative Religion. /Thank you.