

We will now begin the eighth lecture on Comparative Religion. /At this time we will criticize the Vineyard Movement, /the Elijah Gospel Missionary, /the Darakbang Mission, /the Manmin Central Church, /and the Shincheonji Church.

Chapter 20, the Vineyard Movement

/This is also called the **Association of Vineyard Churches**, and there is a group called the **Toronto Airport Church** in Toronto, Canada.

I. Founder John Wimber

/He was born in 1934. /He received an education in 1962 in a place led by Quakers. /He learned the Bible from Quakers. /The Quakers' beliefs were founded in mid-seventeenth century in England by George Fox.

/Quakers reject principles and formalities. /Quakers ignore the Bible, /and claim that each individual spirit possesses a religious lifestyle and a source of knowledge. /Quakers reject the Bible, Christ, the Church, duties of offices, and the Holy Sacraments.

/John Wimber founded the Anaheim Vineyard Christian Fellowship Church /in 1995 in Anaheim, California.

II. Toronto Airport Church

/This church is located in Toronto, Canada. /The founder of this church is John Arnott. /He is a Pentecostalist. /The church was founded in 1986. /They insist on mystical experiences. /They were called, "**the Toronto Blessing.**"

/This church asserts "Holy laughter." /They tremble. /They make animalistic noises. /They make noises like that of lions, donkeys, dogs, and pigs. /They scream. /They fall down. /They act as if they are drunk. /They spasm. /They emphasize individual experiences like these.

III. Theological Ideas

/1. A Quaker background

/They deny the objectivity of the biblical revelation. /They prefer visions and intuitions. /They encourage subjective experiences. /They put an emphasis on dreams and visions. /This cannot be seen as God's true revelation.

/2. Ideas centered on experiences

/They do not base their ideas on the Bible. /They value miracles.

/They say, "Jesus understood sicknesses as enemies of people. /The sicknesses are founded on evil, /and originate from Satan's kingdom." /They believe, "Sicknesses and poverty are from Satan."

/Criticism: Jesus' work in healing sicknesses cannot be seen as the heart of His earthly ministry. /Jesus did indeed heal sicknesses, but Jesus also taught and evangelized. /Matthew 4:17 /Acts 1:3 /Thus, they have faith for blessings.

/3. Syncretic ideas

/They abandoned true Christianity and preferred faith of miracles of the Roman Catholic Church. /For example, /they preferred holy marks, /sacred objects, /portraits of saints, /and miracles. /They showed great interest for the ecumenical movement and the religious pluralism movement.

/4. Doctrine of Scripture

/They believe that God still gives them revelations through personal experiences. /They claim that they receive direct revelations from God. /This is wrong.

/God allowed prophets, apostles and their disciples to record the Bible. /We must recognize God's will through the already written Bible.

/5. Faults of Toronto laughter worship

/First, participants of worship emphasize unconsciousness. /Second, this is a desire to satisfy human feelings. /Third, they are falling to mass hypnosis. /Fourth, they lack holiness, godliness, and truthfulness. /Fifth, they encourage the ecumenical movement.

/Sixth, they encourage pleasure over repentance and salvation. /Seventh, they exaggerate their powers and gifts before others. /Eighth, they lean towards emotions over God's word, and they have humanistic tendencies.

Chapter 21, the Elijah Gospel Missionary

/This is also called the religion of Elijah. /The Elijah Gospel Missionary is also called the Doalnara Restoration Society. /In China, this is called "the World Elijah Evangelical Missions."

I. Religious Sect Leader Suk Sun

/His real name is Park, Kwang-kyu. /He was born in Boryeong-gun, Chungcheongnam-do in Korea in October, 1943. /He entered the Seventh-day Adventist Church when he was young.

/Then he held a gathering in Wonseong-gun, Gangwon-do in Korea in 1982. /He founded the "Elijah Gospel Missionary" in 1984. The group is now called the Doalnara Restoration Society.

II. Claims of the Doalnara Restoration Society

/Suk Sun claims, "I am the third Elijah." /"I am the late rain." /"I have the key to heaven." /They claim, "The last place of salvation is the Doalnara Restoration Society."

/They hand out hymns and sell testimonial books. /They receive training on the tenth of each month. /Suk Sun also claims, "I am 'the stone that never dies.'"

/They founded the "Society of the Stone." /They made a constitution and national flag for the "Society of the Stone." /They claimed that the world was going to end in the year

2000. /However, they were wrong.

III. Main Doctrines

/1. They call God their “biological Father.”

/Criticism: Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane, “My Father.” Jesus did not say, “biological Father.”

/2. They claim that God is three beings.

/3. They claim, “God has a head and hair just like us.”

/4. They claim, “There was poison in the fruit of the knowledge of good and evil.”

/Criticism: There was not poison in the fruit of the knowledge of good and evil. /Why did Adam and Eve die? /They died because they disobeyed God’s command. /It was a sin to disobey God’s command not to eat the fruit of the knowledge of good and evil. The wages of sin is death.

/5. They claim that Korea is the east.

/Criticism: Korea is not the east. /Isaiah 41:25 /Revelation 7:2 /The east is any place where God’s works take place.

/6. They claim, “The last Elijah must appear when Jesus comes.” /Suk Sun claims, “I, Suk Sun, am the last Elijah.”

/Criticism: This is wrong. /Elijah (John the Baptist) will not come before Jesus returns. /Jesus will return by Himself.

/Suk Sun asserts three things about the Bible. /“First, the Bible is the natural world.” /“Second, the Bible is sixty-six books.” /“Third, the Bible is the spirit of prophecy.” /“Hence, Suk Sun’s preachings are God’s last words.” He claims, “My preachings are like the Bible.”

/Criticism: We must not add to or take away from the Bible. Revelation 22:18, 19.

IV. Their Faults

/First, they worship Suk Sun as an absolute idol. /Second, they reject worldly knowledge and studies, and they teach students to drop out of school. /Third, they destroy families and encourage separation and divorce.

/Fourth, they believe in the theory of judgment of the impending last days. /They make believers escape from reality and make them helpless. /Fifth, they keep Saturdays as the Sabbath like the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

/Sixth, they deny the immortality of the soul like the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

/Seventh, they call male believers “princes,” and female believers “princesses.” /Eighth,

they claim that one cannot be saved if he eats meat.

Chapter 22, the Darakbang Mission

I. Founder Ryu, Kwang-su

/He founded “Dongsam Jeil Church” in Busan, Korea. /He was condemned as a heretic in 1991. /Ryu, Kwang-su studied at Kim, Ki-dong’s Berea Academy.

II. Characteristics

/There are four stages of training. /The first stage is evangelical camp training, /the second stage is team leader camp training, /the third stage is evangelical seminary training, /the fourth state is the seventy personnel camp training, /where they train seventy main personnel.

III. Main Doctrines

/1. Revelation

/They claim, “Other revelations apart from the Bible are revelations.” /“We must believe in visions, dreams, and other words today.” /“We must know what the devil’s revelations is.” /“The core of the revelation of the Bible is to destroy the works of the devil.”

/Criticism: They believe in the double revelation theory, which teaches “the devil’s revelation” and “God’s revelation.” /The double revelation theory is wrong. /This is a dualistic idea that teaches the coexistence of good and evil. /This rejects the sovereignty and works of God. /The revelation of the Bible is the grace of God that man needs for salvation.

/2. Doctrine of God and the sin of man

/They believe in the mobilization of angels. /They also claim that sin and Satan are one. /They believe that Satan and sin are always together. /Hence, Satan must be bound.

/Criticism: The problem of sin is not resolved with the binding of Satan. /Satan is a fallen angel. /Sin is disobedience of God’s law.

/3. Christology

/They believe that the purpose of the incarnation Jesus was to pay the ransom to Satan.

/Criticism: Jesus came to this earth to save God’s people from sin. /Matthew 1:21 /They claim, “Jesus’ suffering on the cross was to pay the price to Satan.”

/The price for our sins that Jesus paid when He died on the cross was for “the law of God’s justice.” /He did not pay to the devil. /Jesus’ death on the cross satisfied the law of God’s justice.

/4. Soteriology

/They claim, “The concept of salvation is daily liberation from Satan’s power.” /They teach “receive” and “believe” in John 1:12 as two separate ideas.

/Criticism: We believe that “receive” and “believe” are the same.

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Chapter 23, the Manmin Central Church

I. Founder Lee, Jaerock

/He was born in Muan, Jeollanam-do in Korea in 1943. /He said in May of 1978, “I am the servant who was chosen ten thousand years ago.”

/He was condemned as a heretic in 1990. /He founded the United Holiness Church of Korea.

II. Main Doctrines

/1. Revelation

/Lee, Jaerock and female preacher Han, Jung-ae claimed that they received direct revelations from God. /He claimed, “The prophecies of Han, Jung-ae and her messages hold the same authority as that of the Holy Spirit.” /He claimed, “I speak regarding greater issues, /and Han, Jung-ae speaks regarding smaller issues of man.”

/2. Doctrine of heaven

/He claimed that there are five stages of the doctrine of heaven. /He also claimed that there were five stages of faith. /He said that he received a revelation of over one hundred pages.

/Criticism: Han, Jung-ae later left this group. /Han, Jung-ae confessed that she had lied. /They are mystics. /The already recorded Bible is the special revelation.

/3. Their faults

/(1) Lee, Jaerock deified himself. /He claimed, “I act with the power of the savior.” /“I am the alpha and the omega.” /“I have the authority to judge.”

/(2) He claimed, “I am the Spirit God, and I am the Son of God.”

/(3) He claimed, “I sit on the right hand of God.”

/(4) He claimed, “Waste water will turn into miraculous spring water when I place my hands on it.” /“Anyone who drinks the miraculous spring water will be healed of all sicknesses.”

/(5) He claimed, “I do not have original sin.” /“I bled for eight days while continuously drinking water, and my original sin and actual sin disappeared.”

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Chapter 24, the Shincheonji Church

/They are also known as the “Shincheonji Church of Jesus the Temple of the Tabernacle of the Testimony.”

I. Religious Sect Leader Lee, Man-hee

/He was born in Cheong-do, Gyeongsangbook-do in Korea in September of 1931. /His real name is Lee, Hee-jae. /He participated in Ryu, Jae-yeol's gathering of the Temple of the Tabernacle of the Testimony. /Ryu, Jae-yeol is also a heretic.

/Lee, Man-hee participated in Chunbukyo, or Jundogwan's gather. /Jundogwan is also a heretic group. /Most of the doctrines of the Shincheonji Church came from Chunbukyo.

/He founded the "Shincheonji Church" in Anyang-si, Gyeonggi-do in 1984.

II. Claims of Lee, Man-hee

/Lee, Man-hee made the following claims.

/1. The existing church does not have biblical knowledge. /The existing church is an old and corrupted religion. /The Shincheonji Church along is the truth. /The Shincheonji Church is a holy city that is without sin. /The Shincheonji Church alone has mastered the entire Bible. /We have brought together Confucianism, Buddhism, and Korean Buddhism.

/2. I saw a vision like that of the entire Book of Revelation. /I spoke with angels on several occasions. /Lee, Man-hee alone has seen the truth of the revelation in this world. /One can only be saved if he joins the Shincheonji Church.

/3. The Holy Spirit spoke through me, Lee, Man-hee. /What I know is eternal life. /I am the one who seals, I am Christ who has returned, and I am the Helper. /I am the true and only shepherd in this period, /and I am the two olive trees. /Cheonggye Mountain in Gwacheon-si, Gyeonggi-do is the New Jerusalem.

/Criticism: Lee, Man-hee made these claims. /Lee, Man-hee claims that he is God. /Lee, Man-hee claims that he is the savior. /Lee, Mam-hee cannot be the savior.

/Lee, Man-hee is a liar and an arrogant man. /This group is a syncretic group. /Lee, Man-hee cannot be the Helper Holy Spirit. He is nothing more than a human being. /Cheonggye Mountain also cannot be the New Jerusalem. /The Bible says that the New Jerusalem will come down from heaven. /Revelation 21:1, 2.

/This group also puts an emphasis on the interpretation of parables. /Lee, Man-hee claims that one cannot be saved if he cannot understand the parables. /The Bible has parables, but there are also God's revelations. /Lee, Man-hee says that people receive salvation through him. Most heretics say the same thing. Lee, Man-hee cannot be a god.

III. Other Claims

/1. Doctrine of the Trinity

/They claim, "God was the LORD God in the Old Testament, /Jesus in the New Testament times, /the Holy Spirit in the era of grace, /and Lee, Man-hee in the last days as the Lord who has returned."

/Criticism: This is the assertion of modalism. The One who will come in the last days is Jesus Christ.

/2. Soteriology

/They claim, “One was saved by keeping the laws in the Old Testament times, /by faith in Jesus in the New Testament times, /and will be saved through Lee, Man-hee in the last days as the Lord who has returned.”

/Criticism: In the Old Testament times, people were saved by faith in the coming Christ. /In the New Testament times, believers are saved by faith in Jesus Christ who has already come. John 14:6; Acts 4:12. /Lee, Man-hee cannot be our savior.

/3. “Angels are human beings.” /“The location of Jesus’ return is the east, which is Korea.” /“The theory of evolution is wrong.” /“People will live forever in the bodies they had on this earth.”

/Criticism: They believe in an earthly heaven. /They lie and say that people do not die but live forever on this earth.

/4. “The new heavens and new earth will be fulfilled in Gwacheon, Gyeonggi-do.” /“Only 144,000 will be saved.” /“Only the Shincheonji Church will be saved.” /“You must give lots of offerings and evangelize a lot to be saved.”

/Criticism: Because of such beliefs, members of Shincheonji give up their studies, leave their homes and get divorced. /This is wrong. /We will all die someday. /Hebrews 9:27 /We believers will resurrect when our Jesus returns.

/The 144,000 do not literally mean 144,000 people. /This is a symbolic number. /This refers to all believers who receive salvation. /Revelation 7:4, 9. /Therefore, anyone who believes in Jesus is part of the 144,000. /Anyone who believes Jesus receives salvation.

IV. Other names for this group

/They have many other names. /Free Bible Seminary. /Zion Christian Seminary. /Korea Christian Religious Workers Mission Conference. /World Gospel Mission Conference. /SCJ School, and Mannam are some of them. They deceive believers with these names.

V. Methods of deceit

/They use questionnaires to ask people questions to entice them. /They lure people at clubs and societies at schools. /They say, “Let’s go to Bible study,” and deceive others. /They say, “There is a famous missionary there. Let’s go and learn the Bible.”

/Criticism: It is good to study the Bible. /However, we must not go to random places to learn the Bible. /We must learn the Bible at the right church with the right pastor. /We must go to right seminaries to learn. /We will be deceived if we go to ransom places to learn the Bible.

/They also tell people not to tell anyone while they study the Bible. /They say, “Keep this a secret from your families.” /“Keep this a secret from other members of your church.”

/They allow them to tell others three or five months after they have been indoctrinated. /By this time, those who have been deceived will have fallen deep in the group. /We must be cautious when anyone tells us that they study the Bible in secret.

/They teach the Bible by interpreting parables. They use words like seeds, fields, trees, birds, waters, rivers, nets, and meat when teaching the Bible. Anyone who frequently uses these words is from Shincheonji. They separate the Bible into eight eras. Their meeting places look like classrooms (not like church sanctuaries). They entice people by saying that they will teach them to sing, play the guitar, or soccer. They also run cultural cafes and healing centers. We must be careful of these.

/They are wolves in sheep’s clothing. /Therefore, we must not enter the houses of heretics. 2 John 1:10. /We must follow the truth. /There are many temptations in these last days. /We must stand firm on the right church and the right truth.

/There are many other false groups. /Groups such as Ae-chun Church (Morning Star Church) - Jung, Myung-seok, /Lineage Curse Group - Lee, Yoon-ho, /Word of God Preservation Society - Lee, Song-oh, /Beloved Church, Great Faith Church - Byeon, Seung-woo, /the New Age Movement, /Christian Science - M. B. G. Eadie, /Children of God - Moses David Berg, /the Raelian Movement, /and Unitarians are false groups.

/With this we will conclude the last lecture on Comparative Religion. /Thank you.