

## SHOULD **OCK SOO PARK** AND HIS “**MIND EDUCATION**” BE PROMOTED IN **ANGLICAN SCHOOLS**?

**Controversial Korean preacher Ock Soo Park is exporting his “Good News Mission” church and “Mind Education” program across Africa.** Yet Park and his movement have been repeatedly condemned as heretical in official statements by Christian denominations in South Korea. Should his theology be promoted in Anglican schools?

Websites for Park’s many organizations boast that he is a “mind education expert” and “world renowned mind educationist.” They praise him as “founder of the world’s first Mind Education program.” They also claim that Park “discovered” the “world of hearts” by reading the Bible “dozens” (even “hundreds”) of times. But is Park’s “mind education” system truly based on the Bible, or on Park’s personal theories?

### **Ock Soo Park’s “Mind Education” isn’t scientific—it’s sectarian.**

**Park has no formal training or credentials in either theology or education.** In truth, Park’s “mind lectures” and books are essentially sermons loaded with anecdotes and allegorized portions of Scripture. Still, he boldly claims to explain universal human psychology and behavior, based on peculiar concepts such as “three levels of the mind” and “six levels of the heart,” how minds and hearts “flow,” the importance of “throwing away your thoughts,” and how “The evil spirit makes us fall into the whirlpool of thoughts, and this prevents us from normal reasoning and judgement, leading us to commit crimes.”

**There are other problems.** For example, Park’s theology emphasizes that truly born-again Christians cannot sin. He says that confessing and repentantly asking God’s forgiveness for one’s daily sins is not only wrong, but that doing so proves that one is not really a Christian! (He absurdly re-categorizes sinful acts like stealing, lying, and murder as “crimes,” not sin.) Such teaching contradicts both God’s Word and the Anglican Church’s 39 *Articles of Religion* (arts. 9, 15 and 16).

**Park is not above adding to Scripture:** For example, in his book *Repentance and Faith* (p. 21) he claims that the prodigal son in Jesus’ parable left with his father’s money so he could run his own business and prove himself successful. In *The Secret of Forgiveness of Sin and Being Born Again* (p. 12) he misquotes John 8 when he asserts that Jesus told the woman caught in adultery “I do not condemn you. You have no sin.”

**In truth, “Mind Education” is a vehicle for Park’s church and heretical theology to infiltrate Anglican schools and influence untold numbers of Uganda’s young people.**

“I urge you, brothers and sisters, to watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them....  
By smooth talk and flattery they deceive the minds of naïve people.”

*Romans 16:17–18 (NIV)*