

FFWPU Europe and the Middle East: Media Hype Draws Founder Hak Ja Han into Political Storm

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Holy Mother Han, here September 6, 2024 in [Gapyeong](#), South Korea

In response to media hype, Family Federation says founder may be called only as a witness in politically charged probe ahead of Korean elections

Korea JoongAng Daily

May headlined "[Unification Church](#) leader banned from leaving country". Several sensationalist articles seem to do their best to link the co-founder of the [Family Federation for World Peace and Unification](#), previously known as the [Unification Church](#) - Dr. [Hak Ja Han](#) (82), by many called Holy Mother Han - to what the media call "bribery allegations" involving former First Lady Keon-hee Kim and some of her aides.

Starting on 22nd May, there have been many media reports, mainly in South Korea, similar to one featured in Korea JoongAng Daily 23rd



Dr. Michael Balcomb January 1, 2025

Asked to comment on the background of the case 23rd May, [Family Federation](#) Europe Director Dr. Michael Balcomb says,

"As we all know, the current political situation in Korea is chaotic. Presidential elections are coming up soon, and meanwhile prosecutors seem to be casting a wide net as they try to establish a criminal case against the impeached former President and his wife. Our [founder](#) is one of the most prominent citizens of Korea who has dedicated her life for the sake of Korean unification and world peace."

In a statement 23rd May, Rev. Demian Dunkley, North American Continental Director

of the [Family Federation](#), comments,

"[True Mother](#) is currently under a temporary travel restriction. Due to her high profile, it is likely that this news will soon begin circulating in Western media as well. [...] This development is linked to an ongoing investigation in Korea involving former public officials, including former South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol."

Dr. Dunkley explains that one of the persons under investigation is someone referred to in the South Korean media as "former global executive Yoon" - with the same surname as the former president of the country but not related.



Dunkley points out that the Yoon in question previously served in a leadership role in the [Family Federation](#). The American leader emphasizes,

"Although this situation does not involve any wrongdoing by [True Mother](#), there is a possibility she may be called as a witness - not as someone accused, but as part of the investigation into Dr. Yoon's activities. This is why the travel restriction has been imposed. In Korea, it's not unusual for authorities to restrict travel even for people who may simply be called as witnesses.

This is all taking place amid a season of political turbulence in Korea, with ongoing investigations and a national election on the horizon."

The Korea JoongAng Daily refers 23rd may to a statement from the [Family Federation](#) in South Korea. [News and Insights](#) has obtained a copy of the statement, translated by generative AI.

The South Korean daily writes,

"The [church](#) has denied any organizational involvement, distancing itself from Yoon's actions. In a recent statement, the [Unification Church](#) said the allegations pertain to 'the private motivations and actions of one of the many individuals who have been affiliated with the [organization](#),' and that they 'bear no connection to the global mission' of the [church](#)." [See editor's note below]

[Editor's note: Although the Korean JoongAng Daily writes "[Unification Church](#)", the name of the movement has since a long time been "[Family Federation for World Peace and Unification](#)".]

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Mother Moon speaking. Photo: FFWPU

repeatedly in her speeches over the last years, is the motherly heart of God. In order to understand the essence of God, and in fact, in order to create peace in the world, Mother Moon points out that we first need a more complete understanding of God. Traditionally, God has been understood as a Fatherly God, as seen in the opening words of the Lord's Prayer, "Our Father, Who art in heaven".

It is essential to know that God also has motherly aspects, and that he/she is not just our Father, but also our Mother in heaven. In Mother Moon's memoirs "Mother of Peace", she says, "I talk about Heavenly Mother, hidden behind Heavenly Father." (Preface, page xv) She elaborates that the motherly aspect of God has come in the shadows of the male God that has dominated the view of the divine in the religious world.

That is the very reason Mother Moon stresses the concept "Heavenly Parent". But she doesn't stop there.

Taek-yong Oh, professor of theology at Sun Moon University in Asan, south of Seoul, was the main lecturer at the above-mentioned 14-days seminar in South Korea. In the fifth of seven presentations, he pointed out that Father and Mother Moon's more complete view of God also extends to their concept of the Messiah.



Professor Taek-yong Oh. Photo: Screenshot from video published by PeaceTV.

Dr. Oh explained that since the time of Jesus, the concept of Messiah has been used to mean Jesus. Paul refers to Jesus as a second Adam, thus giving a clue to understanding God's original concept of humanity's salvation. God created human beings as man and woman. If God sent a new "Adam", there had to be a new "Eve" as well. If Jesus was the "Only Begotten Son", there should have also been an "Only Begotten Daughter". Indeed, that was God's plan 2,000 years ago, but the circumstances did not allow that plan to be realized.

In the same presentation, professor Oh emphasized that since the time of the crucifixion of Jesus, God has worked continuously to prepare not only for the second coming of Jesus, but also for the birth of a new "Eve", the Only Begotten Daughter. Through the Holy Marriage of these two persons, "True Parents" are established – the original ideal that the man and the woman God created at the very beginning of human history, were meant to realize.

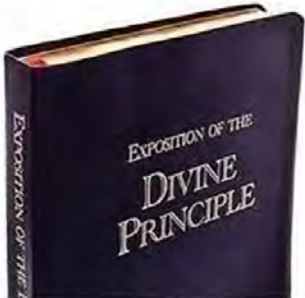
The Holy Wedding of this one man and one woman becomes the prototype and model for marriage as in the original world God intended to manifest.

The Korean academic asked,

"So how is the Second Coming of Jesus accomplished? By the time he reached maturity, Jesus had perfected the position of the Only Begotten Son. So, in God's providence, God does not carry out the providence of the Second Coming by giving birth to another Only Begotten Son.

The providence of the Second Coming of Jesus proceeds as the providence in which a person called by God inherits Jesus' Messianic mission, inherits his foundation, and appears as the Messiah at the Second Coming to fulfill the Messianic mission [...]."

As God's work has progressed a lot since the official version of the Unification Principles was published in 1966 (English version in 1973, revised in 1996), the time is ripe for it to be complemented and developed further by new insights. As Dr. Oh explains,



"The current Exposition of Exposition of the Divine Principle,

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the Divine Principle only published 1996. deals with the providence before True Parents [1960]. In addition, because it is organized centering on the Only Begotten Son, Jesus, and the Messiah at the Second Coming, the truth and the providence about the Only Begotten Daughter are not yet revealed." (Presentation 5)

In the 7th presentation, Dr. Oh addressed the issue of our Heavenly Parent as the First Cause and Parent (Father and Mother) of humanity. In the mutual true love relationship that God longs to see develop between himself/herself and human beings, there must first be two concrete persons – True Parents – with the maturity of heart that can profoundly sense God's deep parental heart.

As a single person, you can't have that perfect relationship of heart with the Heavenly Parent. The Korean professor emphasized,

"That is why the ideal of True Parents was already in God's mind before creation. The ideal of True Parents was already in God's heart before creation."

See also [English Edition of New Core Textbook Released](#)

Featured image above: A pre-publication version of "True Parents' Status and Value from the Viewpoint of Heaven's Providence". Photo: Screenshot from video published by FFWPU.

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