

FFWPU USA: God's Story Is Inevitable

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Monarch Report's Article on the Double Standard in the Korean Legal System



In the end, good health becomes a reason for detention, and poor health does not become a reason to prevent detention. This is clearly an inconsistent application. Wouldn't it be fair to call it a contradiction or a double standard?

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Madison Square Garden's Last Wedding Was For 2000 Couples at Once



In 1982, 4,150 people got married at Madison Square Garden in a mass religious ceremony. FAMILY FEDERATION FOR WORLD PEACE AND UNIFICATION

In case you missed it: The Wall Street Journal recently looked back at Madison Square Garden’s remarkable history as a wedding venue—including the Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony held there on July 1, 1982. That day, 2,075 couples filled the Garden and made their marriage vows together under the banner of “World Peace Through Ideal Families.” With Madison Square Garden back in the wedding spotlight this July, it is beautiful to see this historic moment—and the couples and families whose legacy continues today—receiving renewed attention.

Read the full story in The Wall Street Journal or click below.

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GREEN @Rb7sUlGcmK69145 · Jul 28
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Abenaki @AbenakiTcham · Jul 28
It is obvious that the arrest of Dr [#HakJaHan](#) is a religion persecution.

It is barbarian to see how this ruling government has been treating this elderly a wonderful advocate of peace and [#nobelpeacepricenominee!](#)

She is in predetention (with no valid reasons) for almost a [Show more](#)

Christine Chevé @ChristineC16543 · Jul 28
The Mother of Peace, Han Hak Ja, is victim of this double standard. She is 83 years old, she is respected throughout the world for her efforts to bring about world peace however she has been detained for more than 300 days without a judgment being issued yet. [Show more](#)

Ulrich Ganz @ganz_ulrich · Jul 28
The state's duty of religious neutrality is at risk. The case of Holy Mother Han raises serious concerns about human rights and should never have reached this point. [#ReligiousFreedom](#) [#releaseholymotherhan](#)

Beryl Green @BerylGreen3k · Jul 27
This is so clear that injustice has been done to Dr Hak Jah Han Moon but as she promised the truth will be revealed. She will be set free because God is her witness . South Korea remember the World is watching, God is watching and so r we. Please set her free. Thank you

JuliBird @ulisoj · Jul 28
All of History Saints and Sages were killed and persecuted. Those who proclaimed God's words or said things that the rulers or other religious leaders didn't want to hear. Also the persecution of Dr Hak Ja Han is like this. If not now then in at least 50 or 100 years Korea will [Show more](#)

Neringa @Neringa84 · Jul 28
Religious freedom is fundamental right. I pray that Han Hak Ja will be free. [#ReleaseTheMotherOfPeace](#)

wakamama @uesankawa · Jul 27
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Reed Darsey @ReedDarsey · 8h
The intention of detention of the aged and poor in health is the infliction of a death sentence by another name.

FFWPU Europe & Middle East @ffwpueume · Jul 28
Dr. Hak Ja Han is a global leader for world peace and interfaith cooperation, respected throughout the world. FFWPU members in Europe pray daily for her health and speedy release from detention. Truth and justice will prevail. [#ReleaseTheMotherOfPeace](#)

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現役2世の小川ちゃん ※本名です。 @PureLittleRiver · Jul 28

日本では昔、【姨捨山】(おぼすてやま)という高齢者を捨てる命令が出た時があった。
深刻なる高齢者差別。弾圧。虐待。拷問、殺人行為です。
あまりにも深刻です。
親に、高齢者に育てられて今がある若い人間全ての連帯的罪になります。

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HaruHaru @haruharuni7604 · Jul 27

速捕状の健康状況は警察の記述を自ら確認すべきでは、ないでしょうか？
医師の診断書もワイロがあるので、信じられないなら・・・

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Beryl Green @BerylGreen3k · Jul 27

This is a Human rights violation so where is the UN on this? 😊

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Kathy @Kathy3k4 · Jul 27

The court was targeting Dr. Han! She has been in detention for 307 days.
Her health has deteriorated greatly due to the harsh detention environment!
There are no evidences of wrongdoing! Please release Dr. Han. Please do the right thing that God will bless Korea!

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Madison Square Garden's Last Wedding Was for 2,000 Couples at Once

If Taylor Swift and Travis Kelce get married at the Midtown Manhattan arena, they would be following a legacy of unconventional weddings

By Olivia Hau

June 21, 2026



In 1982, 4,150 people got married at Madison Square Garden in a mass religious ceremony. Family Federation for World Peace and Unification

Forty-four years ago, Lisa Kohn watched her mother get married at Madison Square Garden. That day, around 2,000 couples tied the knot in a mass religious ceremony, wearing the same dresses and suits, reciting their vows in unison.

"I always say the best seats I ever had at Madison Square Garden were at my mother's wedding," said Kohn, 62.

Now, rumors that Taylor Swift and Travis Kelce may wed at the arena have revived interest in its unusual matrimonial history. Though known for sports, concerts and political conventions, MSG has hosted only two known weddings: a 1974 rock 'n' roll ceremony for funk musician Sly Stone, who died last year, and actress Kathy Silva, and the 1982 mass wedding led by the Unification Church, a religious group founded in South Korea.

Whether or not the pop star and football player choose the venue, the speculation has prompted a look back at the Garden's rare and eclectic history as a wedding site.

A Chorus of Matching Vows

At 18 years old, Kohn recalled desperately searching for her mother in a sea of brides and grooms at the Unification Church ceremony on July 1, 1982. She sat by her older brother and her mom’s cousin in the largely empty stands.

Her mother was one of 2,075 brides wearing the “Blessing Dress,” a white polyester and satin gown with puffed sleeves and a modest high neckline. A veil rested on their heads, held by a satin flowered headband. They each carried a bouquet of white flowers.



At the Unification Church wedding, brides wore identical white dresses and grooms wore navy suits and red ties. Family Federation for World Peace and Unification

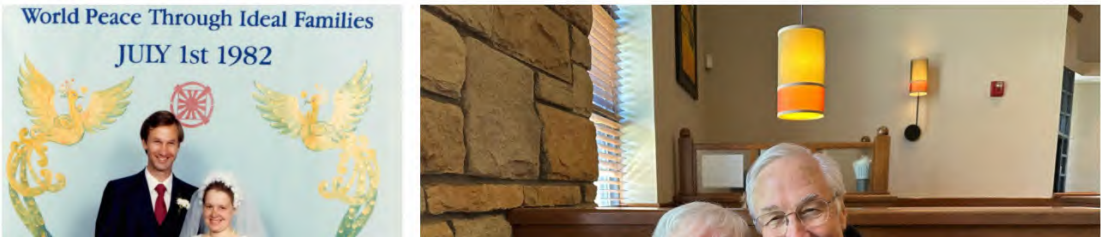
The grooms lined up beside them in navy blue suits and deep-red ties. The men, with their hands wrapped in satin white gloves, each held identical 14-karat gold rings for their betrothed.

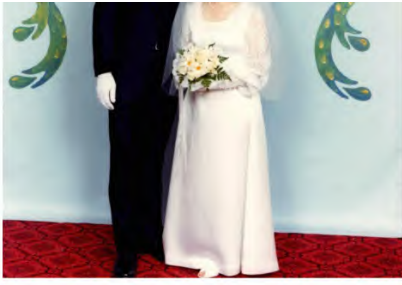
Every match was approved by Rev. Sun Myung Moon, founder and former leader of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, more commonly known as the Unification Church. Moon died in 2012.

“The couples pledged to create families centered on God,” said Rev. Demian Dunkley, president of the church’s U.S.A. chapter. Many of the couples had met just a few weeks prior during their “matchings” ceremony, and some didn’t speak the same language.

Another couple, Marjorie and Richard Buessing, had known each other for three years through work at the church before Moon matched them in 1979. Though they were legally married that year, the religious ceremony wasn’t until three years later.

On their wedding day the Buessings met up in the lobby of the historic New Yorker hotel, which is owned by the Unification Church.





The Buessings on their wedding day in 1982; the couple in 2026. Marjorie and Richard Buessing

A wave of brides and grooms made their way to MSG as bystanders stared and cheered, taxis honked and protesters gathered outside.

Marjorie, 76, thought, how was Richard going to find her? Was she even going to recognize him? “You’ll never see me in any pictures, I’m too short,” she said, laughing.

The couples made their way onto the carpeted floor as Moon sprinkled Holy water onto them. They exchanged vows and rings. In a solemn ceremony, Moon recited his proclamation on an elevated stage.

“My wife looked very beautiful,” said Richard, 75. “I was more attentive to her than everything else.”

After the ceremony, Kohn met up with her mom and new stepfather on a corner of 7th Avenue in the Fashion District. “I was finally going to have a real father,” said Kohn, the author of “to the Moon and Back,” a memoir about her childhood in the church and eventual departure from it.

The Buessings are still married today, living in Colorado, and have four children and six grandchildren. Kohn said her mother and stepfather broke “the blessing” and got divorced a few years after the wedding.

A Rock ‘n’ Roll Union

Sylvester Stewart, known as Sly Stone, was navigating a career dip when his friend and representative Stephen Paley suggested he get married at MSG. Stone was already planning to propose to Kathy Silva, with whom he shared a 9-month-old child. Plus, rumors of a wedding was seen as a way to boost publicity for his band, Sly and the Family Stone. Silva could not be reached for comment.

“By the power that is vested in me, I pronounce that they are husband and wife,” said the officiant on June 5, 1974. Stone and Silva were married onstage as the audience roared.





Sly Stone and Kathy Silva on stage at their MSG wedding in 1974. Oscar Abolafia/TPLP/Getty Images

The outfits were designed in a little over a week by Halston, a celebrity fashion designer. Stone wore a sequined gold jumpsuit, unzipped to the bottom of his chest, with a matching shiny cape. Silva wore a long sequined gold dress with a halter neckline paired with bangles and gold pumps.

Shortly after 10 p.m., Stone turned to the crowd of around 20,000 people and began his regularly scheduled concert.

“Years later I saw a picture of a ticket someone kept: \$8.50 for a wedding and a concert both,” Stone said in his memoir “Thank You (Falettinme Be Mice Elf Agin).”

A New Yorker article at the time called it “The Biggest Event This Year.” Stone and Silva divorced two years later.

Half a century later, the spotlight on Madison Square Garden has never been bigger.

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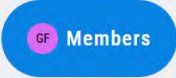


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The Unification Church has long been a subject of both strong support and controversy in South Korea and internationally.

Discussions surrounding its leadership often intersect with broader debates about religious freedom, the role of faith-based organizations in public life, and how society evaluates spiritual movements.

Understanding different perspectives from within the community itself remains important for a balanced view.

Religious groups continue to play a significant role in shaping personal values and social activities for many citizens.

How should society approach discussions about religious leaders and movements to ensure both freedom of belief and informed public understanding?

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Ernst Spari

@ErnstSparix · 23h

There are no crimes that justify the imprisonment of the Mother of Peace, Dr. Jak Ja Han. Her accusers are acting politically. It's time Korea learned the truth. This is the person who deserves the Nobel Peace Prize.

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Ulrich Ganz

@ganz_ulrich · Jul 29

Holy Mother Han's detention is incompatible with the principles of religious freedom in a democratic society. It represents an egregious violation of human rights and a senseless political attempt to suppress spiritual freedom. #ReligiousFreedom #releaseholymotherhan

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Abenaki

@AbenakiTcham · 9h

Joseph!!!!

You are such a genuine young man who has understood everything!

It gives hope to see this kind of young person who dedicate his life to peace and support such a great woman as #drHakJaHan!

#Familyfederation 's Second Generation are even greater than their parents!

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FFWPU Europe & Middle East

@ffwpueume · Jul 29

Thank you Josef Buerga for your testimony. Members of the FFWPU in Europe are praying for the health and quick release from detention of Dr Hak Ja Han, the "Mother of Peace". The media have a responsibility to report impartially and objectively. Truth and justice will prevail.

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Dumas Maria Evi @evi54768_evi · Jul 28

Thank you for speaking openly about the need to ask the right questions and make an effort to research the answers. [#ReligiousFreedom](#)

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Kathy  @Kathy3k4 · 14h

Korean prosecutor court does not know about Dr. Han Hak Ja and her worldwide peace efforts. The court must know that Dr Han known is to the world as the Mother of Peace! All the slanders, accusations and charges are based on political and secular views. Remember how Jesus was [Show more](#)

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Christine Chevé  @ChristineC16543 · 12h

thank you for your testimony Josef. [#GodsDreamOneFamily](#) [#ReleaseTheMotherOfPeace](#)

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faithfree @faithfree123 · 6h

統一教会の二世のメンバーであるヨーゼフ・ブルギ氏が、平和の母として知られる韓鶴子博士を支持する声を上げた。彼は、メディア報道が彼女の活動について混乱を生んでいるとして、人々に対してニュース報道にのみ頼るのではなく、彼女の人生と著作から直接学ぶことを奨励している。

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るんるん @Sachikopmpo117 · 9h

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Bruno  @Klabouzaazyp · Jul 29

Thank you !

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Rob Mayze @RobMayze · 17h

thank you for speaking up

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