

FFWPU Europe and the Middle East: Lawyers And Deprogrammers Hand In Hand

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A look behind the scenes into an ugly world where lawyers and deprogrammers scheme together

Part 3 of the amazing story of medical doctor Hirohisa Koide

The role of the lawyers

After that, the lawyers Kito and Yamaguchi appeared on the scene. They were brought to Niigata by deprogrammer Takashi Miyamura, and they were remarkable. Lawyer Hirata [Hiroshi Hirata] visited the place of confinement, but lawyers Kito [Masaki Kito] and Yamaguchi [Hiroshi Yamaguchi] were very smart. They did not show up the place of confinement at all. [They tried not to be connected to the crime. Yamaguchi was from the former Socialist Party and founded National Network of Lawyers Against Spiritual Sales (Zenkoku Benren) in 1987 in order to destroy the [Unification Church](#). Kito joined the network after a while.]

My father, Miyamura, and I went to a joint law firm in Niigata. And we were introduced to them there. After that, Takashi Miyamura, my father, and I drove back and forth to Tokyo with one bodyguard. Then they told me, "Suing the hospital where you used to work is taking responsibility. You have to take responsibility. Take responsibility."

Then I wondered,

"They thought that I had gone crazy. Therefore, I have been locked up, haven't I? Suddenly they talk about responsibility. Something is strange here. These people locked me up because they think I am crazy."

They said to me,

"If you don't believe in the church, you have the responsibility to sue them. You have no other responsibility but suing that [church](#)-related organization."

And it was not only of me they demanded this. They did not talk just to me. In 1993 there were lawsuits the lawyers called "Give me back my youth" in Niigata City. There were also monthly meetings about it there [to prepare new ex-members for such cases]. I and five or six other persons were always locked up in the Niigata area, in [what was then] Niitsu City. If someone said, "I've left the [Church](#), I've left," they would be made to say that at a meeting. It was "rehabilitation". And the kidnapers thought that it was "rehabilitation" to have ex-believers sue the [Church](#).

At that time, about 50 people had already participated in the [meetings preparing new ex-members for] "Give me back my youth" court cases. But only about five of them actually showed up in court. The actual plaintiffs [who appeared in court] were not so enthusiastic, not very passionate. The pastors and deprogrammers told them that it was their responsibility now to sue the [Church](#). Once they agreed to do that, they no longer had the freedom to refuse to sue.

Christian pastors

And above all, something was really frightening about study groups in some Christian churches. If someone's son or daughter said that he or she was doing something unusual, such as joining an unfamiliar religion, the parents would become concerned and look for someone to consult with.

When you say, "Christian church", doesn't that sound a little reassuring? Ordinary people think that Christians don't do anything bad. It is of course a bit of an exaggeration to say that they are yakuza [gangsters, someone involved in a Mafia-like criminal organization]. And if there is such a beautiful Christian church, everyone will trust it a bit. And what do they do there? They show you videos, and some ex-believers talk to you, and they say, "Oh, if you were in such a [Unification Church](#), your life would be miserable. You would go crazy." And they keep going on and on about it and convince people / parents that the only way to get you to quit your faith is to lock you up.

If parents to some degree think they have to lock up their son or daughter, then that's it. There is a 2-day seminar [for them]. When I went to a 2-day seminar, there was practical training included. I played one role - the enthusiastic believer. When asked what kind of attitude the parents should have when their son or daughter is locked up, the parents would say, "My son, you have to stop!" A former believer would then say, "You can't tell him to stop like that, father. I would not hurt the feelings of a believer in that

kind of way." They would continue to do this mock training all the way through until they decided on X-Day [day to take action and do the abduction]. They even had the parents and relatives make a schedule where the X-day was determined.

How they treat believers

I could go with that pastor to prepare a place of confinement. It was done by the pastor. The windows were locked with a special gadget to make sure they could not be opened. I could hardly believe that a pastor would do such a thing. He would also be the guard at the place where a believer would be confined by his or her relatives. This was really painful for me to watch. Just in this one case [I watched], just one night, he would let in about 10 or 15 relatives, really that scrum around the believer. He or she would be brought in while the crowd would be screaming and shouting all around him or her.

It's really kidnapping people, just like the title of my book says ["Escape from Kidnapping"]. I was there, and so I told the pastor, "It's a successful lock-up." He said, "It's almost a success." But it's definitely confinement, no matter how you look at it.

I was also present at a place of deprogramming. I am a believer who was confined in that way.

There was actually a board next to the pastor's room with a list of five or six names on it. So, everyone talked about it and asked, "Who's going today?" And if it was for rehabilitation, they would make me go. But once I was there, I was having nightmares every night. Even now, when I decided to come to this symposium, I had nightmares again. That's how painful it is for those who were locked up. They were really in pain. Even one day was painful. It was a really painful experience for me too. My true desire now is for people who have gone through such experiences, to get better, even if just a little.

Conclusion

However, both Pastor Matsunaga and Attorney Kito believe that they have done the best thing possible.

Kito appears on TV and looks very dignified. He is convinced that he is doing something great. I think he believes that he is a hero who does things that no one else does.

It is actually really difficult to use brute force to destroy someone's belief. There is a saying, "In times of trouble ask for [God's](#) help!" I couldn't even do that. If you belong to a faith, you are told that also praying is a superstition.

It was so hard and so difficult that I think it would have been easier to have my head cut off. I was denied even the world of prayer, and told that I'm delusional. It's really painful to have all of my religious experiences reduced to delusions, and to have my loved ones force me to go through this deprogramming. I believe that the 4,300 persons [the number of members of the [Family Federation](#) abducted and subjected to deprogramming] are still suffering and being hurt. Those people who were mentioned earlier may not be able to regain their sense of security, safety and self-confidence.

I am currently doing medical service at Angkor Wat [in Cambodia]. There, you can see such a Buddha statue that has been decapitated. (Showing a photo.)

It is written about it in Masaki Kito's book. A deprogrammer (exit counselor) says that the moment a Buddha statue is broken, and the moment a person renounces the faith, is the most satisfying moment of his life. The deprogrammer says that the moment when believers abandon what they believe in is the greatest joy for him.

That was all. Thank you very much.



God

God as reality

God exists. You may have felt it. So have millions and millions of believers.

Some have felt God through the beautiful harmony of nature, and some through religious scriptures.

Others have had spiritual experiences. Millions have had near-death experiences.

In any case, the Creator is not something you just believe exists. He is reality. He is as much a part of reality as you or any physical object. It is not only physical things that are real. Some people believe that, in the same way people used to think that the Earth was flat, and that the sky was an arc that stretched above the Earth.



When asked on an Australian TV program, "Do you believe in God?" famous Canadian psychologist and author Jordan Peterson

"said he considered himself a deeply religious person, and he acted as if God existed and he was terrified he actually might."

(Quoted from "Why rock star psychologist Jordan Peterson struggles with this question," an article by Stephanie Bedo on news.com.au 1st March 2019.)

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[Father Moon](#) says,

"We have a mind. The mind is invisible and may not appear to exist, yet it exists. Does it exist in the head or in the heart? The mind exists throughout your body. It is present in every cell of your body without exception. The same is true for God. Because this world is like His body, He is present everywhere in the world." – From a speech [Sun Myung Moon](#) gave 8th January 1971, quoted from [Cheon Seong Gyeong](#) (2005 version), Book 1, Chapter 1.



[Father Moon](#) 25th June 2005

"You cannot see God. Can you see energy? Since God is the original body of energy, you cannot see God even in the spirit world." – From a speech [Sun Myung Moon](#) gave 21st October 1979, quoted from [Cheon Seong Gyeong](#) (2005 version), Book 1, Chapter 1.

And by all means: God is not unscientific. Natural science does not disprove the [existence of God](#).

[More](#) about God.



Family Federation

The Family Federation for World Peace and Unification

The Family Federation for World Peace and Unification is a global federation of individuals and families who aim to create a world of peace and unity beyond national, cultural, religious and ideological barriers, a world where everyone may live together in peace and harmony.



Father and Mother Moon 1st August 1996.

In a nutshell

Name: Family Federation for World Peace and Unification

Founded: 1996

Founders: Rev. [Sun Myung Moon](#) (1920-2012) and Dr. [Hak Ja Han](#)

Teachings: [Unificationism](#), a long series of revelations received by [Sun Myung Moon](#). See: [Brief about the Teachings](#) of the Family Federation

Goal: The [Kingdom of Heaven](#) on Earth. A harmonious world family, where everyone may experience peace, security, freedom and love.

Strategy: Unite all good forces

Distribution: Largest in South Korea and Japan, but found in most nations.

Background: The Family Federation took over many of the functions of the [Unification Church](#) and its basic teachings.

Frequently asked questions: See: [Faq](#)

Three ideals

As the name indicates, the Family Federation is based on three ideals – family, world peace, and unification.

- **The family ideal.** Most religions focus on the individual and its spirituality. The Family Federation teaches a broader concept of spirituality, where your [relationships](#) to your loved ones are of decisive importance for your eternal life. As [God](#) is the source of love, [marriages](#) blessed by [God](#) and families full of [true love](#) are the very foundation for the [Kingdom of Heaven](#) that [God](#) longs for. It is a love kingdom, and the family is a [school of love](#).
- **World peace.** If there is love and peace in the home, there is hope that we may also create societies and nations with peace. The family is the fundamental social institution. If we can learn to love our fellow human beings on micro-level, in a family, we may also do so on macro-level, i.e. in the society around us and in the big world we live in. Well-functioning families are the very key to reducing crime, alcohol and drug abuse, the number of suicides and many other social problems.

- **Unification.** We talk about unification on all levels, from the individual to the global level. [God](#) is the source of unity, evil the source of division. Therefore, the goal of the Family Federation is to remove the barriers and create a world of unity, a social unity, such as that between husband and wife, between parents and children, different social groups, nations and religions, but also unity between the inner world and the outer, between mind and body, spirit and matter, religion and science.

The inauguration

The Family Federation for World Peace and Unification was first founded in the USA 31st July 1996 by [Sun Myung Moon](#) and his wife [Hak Ja Han](#), and in many European nations soon after that.

As co-founder, [Mother Moon](#) gave the inaugural address titled "View of the Principle of the Providential History of Salvation", reading a prepared text. [Father](#)

[Moon](#) spoke without a script at the closing banquet the following day, 1st August, at the Sheraton Washington Hotel. His speech was titled "In Search of the Origin of the Universe".



The Inaugural World Convention of the Family Federation 31st July 1996

Gerald Ford, U.S. President 1974-1977, spoke at the inauguration 31st July 1996. He said,



Gerald Ford 31st July 1996

"While the world's finest athletes test themselves in Atlanta, this gathering is sort of a spiritual Olympics. Like the Olympians, you have assembled from all over the world to further the cause of peace among nations.

But while those Olympians are dedicated to gold and glory, you in this room pursue other objectives. The glory you seek, comes from God, not gold.

I sound a bit like an Old Testament prophet, it's because there is nothing about which I feel more strongly, more deeply, than the survival and the strengthening of the family. No civilization that neglects the family, can be called civilized for long, and no political philosophy that takes the family for granted, will be taken seriously by anyone who values morality, compassion and peace."

The chronicle "40 Years in America" describes the event,



Mother and Father Moon 31st July 1996

If at times



National Building Museum, Washington DC. [Public domain](#) image. Cropped

"The movement's most spectacular world convention was held in Washington, D.C. from July 30-August 1, 1996, inaugurating the Family Federation for World Peace (FFWP).

This event included a cast of luminaries rivaling anything the movement had yet undertaken: two former Presidents of the United States, Gerald Ford and George Bush; former President and Nobel Peace Prize winner Oscar Arias of Costa Rica; former Prime Ministers Edward Heath of Great Britain and Brian Mulroney of Canada; thirty-six one-time heads of state or governments; university presidents including Boston University's John Silber; Christian television personality Robert Schuller; Christian Coalition Executive Director Ralph Reed; Coretta Scott King, the widow of Martin Luther King, Jr.; Maureen Reagan, the daughter of former U.S. President Ronald Reagan; well-known comedian Bill Cosby; and Christian singer-actor Pat Boone. In addition, the main proceedings were covered live by C-SPAN television network. (p.443) [...]

The establishment of the FFWP represented a new stage in the movement's development. Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak, who was appointed International President, maintained that the FFWP was more important than the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity (HSA-UWC) or [Unification Church](#). HSA-UWC, he noted, was "not [True Parents'](#) ultimate organization".

The rationale for this assertion was connected to the historic shift that underlay the emergence of the Completed Testament Age. As noted previously, Rev. Kwak



[Completed Testament Age](#). As noted previously, Rev. Kwak explained,

'Religious organizations have always been centered upon the salvation of the individual, but we have now progressed to the salvation of the family. [...] Such an organization is not a church; it is the Family Federation for World Peace.'



[Sun Myung Moon](#) 1st August 1996



From the Inaugural Convention 31st July 1996.

Given this understanding, it wasn't surprising that the FFWP rather than the [Unification Church](#) was the main sponsor of the World Culture and Sports Festivals and International [Marriage Blessings](#) after 1996." (p.444) (From the section "Federations for World Peace and Unification", in "40 Years in America – 1959-1999 – An Intimate History of the Unification Movement", by Michael Inglis and Michael L. Mickler, published by HSA Publications Oct. 2000, 624 pages.)

The Family Federation was launched on the foundation of the [Unification Church](#), a spiritual movement [founded](#) in South Korea in 1954. The original intention was neither to establish a church nor a new religion.

The Family Federation took over many of the activities and tasks of the [Unification Church](#) and the same basic teachings, but has a pronounced goal of creating a world of peace and unity based on well-functioning families.

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