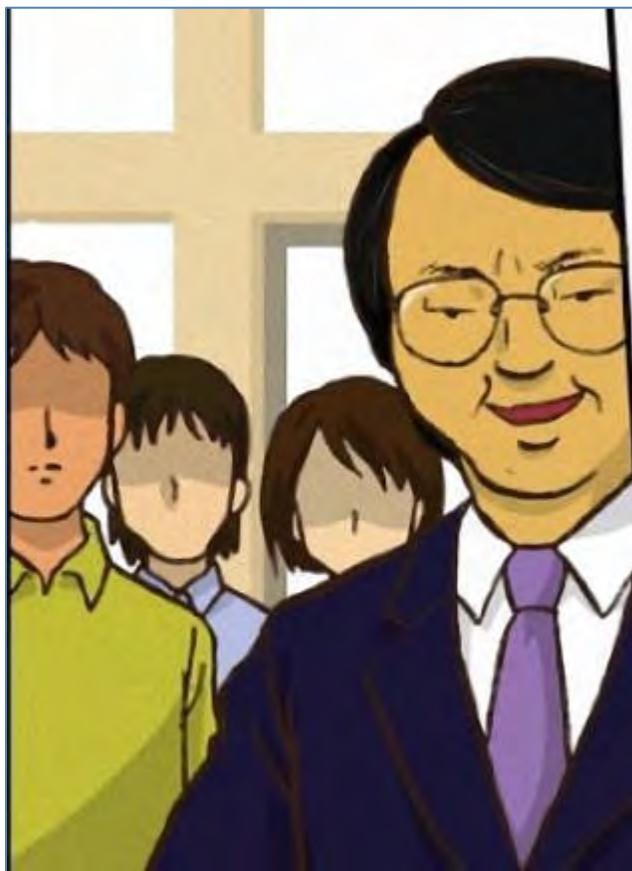


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Faith-breaker Takashi Miyamura (宮村峻)

How campaigners against Family Federation uses smear tactic to cover own criminal acts

Second part of an opinion letter to the court concerning the request for a dissolution order against the [Family Federation](#) (formerly the [Unification Church](#)), written 12th December 2023 by Rev. Haruhisa Nakagawa (中川晴久), Pastor of Christian Church of the Lord's Sheep (主の羊クリスチャン教会), Executive Secretary of Tokyo Christian Theological Institute, President of Japan Christian Theological Institute. He conducted an undercover investigation of the [Unification Church](#) in 2012.

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2. Changes in my perception of the Unification Church



Rev. Haruhisa Nakagawa (中川晴久)

My perception of the [Unification Church](#) changed significantly in 2013. At that time, I was already serving as a pastor. To gain firsthand knowledge of the inner workings of the [Unification Church](#), I conducted an undercover investigation. After several attempts, I personally visited the Yokohama Family Church of the [Unification Church](#). I entered and asked, "I think I, too, should live with some teachings in my life, but what are the teachings here?" To my surprise, this approach yielded positive results. Subsequently, I could confidently say, "I am currently attending the Yokohama Family Church." I also visited other related facilities approximately 20 times and conducted interviews with believers.

I decided to go undercover because I had unanswered questions. The stories told by natural defectors from the [Unification Church](#) (those who naturally drifted away from the faith) were vastly different from the stories commonly told in society. After quitting, many of those defectors struggled with the fact that they had had positive experiences within the [Unification Church](#). Even if they wanted to reject the [church](#), they struggled with how to handle those cherished memories.

To address this, I often share an analogy about a storage shelf as room décor,

"Imagine a shelf where different items are neatly stored in their designated places. Although each item has its own label - some marked 'good' and others 'bad' - the overall arrangement creates a beautiful interior. Similarly, in life, you can organize your experiences and memories on shelves. Some belong in the 'positive' section, while others in the 'challenging' section."

This perspective often resonates with natural defectors, giving them a feeling of having solved the problem. During my undercover investigation, I realized why those words had an impact. Within the [Unification Church](#), there exists a strong bond among believers - a genuine sense of connection and camaraderie. They encourage and support each other while earnestly living their faith. Through this understanding, most of my problems with the [Unification Church](#) were resolved.

As a result of this, I personally felt my interest in the [Unification Church](#) waning. The passing of the founder, [Sun Myung Moon](#) (in 2012), also contributed to this shift. However, in hindsight, the primary reason was that since the [Unification Church](#)'s "Declaration of Compliance" in 2009, there have been significant organizational reforms, and no social issues to speak of. Over the past year, my perception underwent further transformation as I noticed that the [Unification Church](#)'s efforts at improvement were reflected in statistics such as the number of inquiries to the Consumer Affairs Agency.

If that's the case, my only reason for being critical is because it is a "Christian heresy", which is an issue within the religious framework, akin to denominational disputes.

3. "The other half of the truth"



Hans Küng (1928-2021)

The Catholic theologian Hans Küng came with a famous statement during the Second Vatican Council, "Half a truth is also half a lie." His words resonate with the issue of the [Unification Church](#), where half of the truth is presented while "the other half of the truth" is not spoken at all. In that case, as Küng suggests, the part that is presented becomes half a lie.



Hiroshi Yamaguchi

Hiroshi Yamaguchi, leftwing activist lawyer from National Network of Lawyers Against Spiritual Sales. [Bitter Winter](#) writes, "The most visible lawyers of the Network, Hiroshi Yamaguchi (who represented Toru Goto's main tormenter, Takashi Miyamura), Hiroshi Watanabe, and Masaki Kito, were involved in defending those accused of having acted as deprogrammers. Some attorneys in the Network relied on deprogrammers who sent to them their deprogrammed victims. They were then persuaded to sue the [Unification Church](#), generating significant revenues for the lawyers." (From "[The Abe Assassination. Lawyers 'Against Spiritual Sales' - or Against Religious Liberty?](#)", article by Dr. Massimo Introvigne 29th Aug. 2022.

The crucial truth that must be clearly conveyed here is "the other half of the truth". It pertains to the fact that the National Network of Lawyers Against Spiritual Sales (全国霊感商法対策弁護士連絡会 - Zenkoku Benren) collaborates with an organization involved in abduction and confinement of [Unification Church](#) followers. Behind the relentless efforts of the National Network of Lawyers Against Spiritual Sales to dismantle the [Unification Church](#) lies the existence of numerous victims of abduction and confinement. While the [Unification Church](#) claims the number to be [4,300 persons](#), the actual number is likely much higher. Because the [police did not intervene](#), the groups behind the abduction and confinement operated with impunity.

In cases of abduction and confinement, Christian pastors were involved. They absolutely do not want the actual criminal acts of abduction and confinement to be brought to light. That is why, for them, the [Unification Church](#) must be portrayed as "extremely wicked and immoral". It became necessary to dismantle the [Unification Church](#). To achieve this, negative remarks and slander against the [Unification Church](#) must be propagated. Particularly, recently in Yahoo! News articles that frequently target the [Unification Church](#), you'll find the reporter using the term "〇〇〇〇". This reporter is one of the perpetrators who assisted in pressing [Toru Goto](#), who was held captive for [12 years and 5 months](#), into leaving the [Unification Church](#).



Professional faith-breaker Takashi Miyamura (宮村峻)

Even within the Christian community, some individuals who currently play a central role in addressing cult-related issues were once involved in abduction and confinement under the guise of "protective persuasion" alongside Takashi Miyamura (宮村峻) from the Ogikubo Glory Church (荻窪栄光教会) [in Tokyo]. In essence, due to the media's lack of attention and the [paralysis of police intervention](#), those involved in abduction and confinement continue to operate with impunity.

To be continued. Part 3 and 4 coming soon.

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In a Nutshell

The Unification Church

Name: Unification Church

Founded: 1954 in Seoul, South Korea

Founder: Sun Myung Moon (1920-2012)

Faith: The Unification Principles, a series of revelations Father Moon received from 1935 to 1944.

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Goal: A Kingdom of Heaven on Earth, a harmonious world family, where everyone can experience peace, security, freedom and love.

Distribution: Largest in South Korea and Japan, but widespread throughout the free, democratic world. Representatives to 120 countries already in 1975

Europe: First representative here in 1965.

Discontinued: 1997. The Family Federation for World Peace and Unification took over many of the tasks of the Unifications Church.

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

History:

The Unification Church was founded by Sun Myung Moon (1920-2012) and a handful of followers in 1954 in Seoul as the "Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity".

It was established based on Sun Myung Moon's vision of creating a big global family under God, where all people become like brothers and sisters in a world of freedom, peace, happiness and love.

The Unification Church was dissolved 43 years later, in 1997. The Family Federation for World Peace and Unification took over many of the Unification Church's functions.

Father Moon first turned to the Christian world, which he believed should have a central role in the work to realize such a vision. Large parts of Christian teachings coincide with his own message. At that time, he explained what he was teaching, by frequent use of Bible quotations. Many Christians then also began to follow Father Moon.



The Unification Church logo



Sun Myung Moon with early followers in 1954

The movement began to be called the "Unification Church", which is far easier to say than the original long name. Sun Myung Moon himself also began to use this name, although he

never intended to establish any church.

Those who opposed him, eventually began to call the movement a sect. However, a narrow-minded, introverted sect that believes it has a monopoly on the truth, is about as far from his vision as you can get.

Because the leaders of the Christian world in Korea were not open to his message and did not cooperate with him, he decided to create his own organization.

The Unification Church was the first of several organizations that came into being



as the movement grew and became what we call the Unification Movement, of which the Unification Church was the central part.



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First meeting place in Seoul

However, the Unification Church was discontinued in 1997. Then **Father Moon** declared that it had served its purpose. He claimed that the age of the different religions was over, and that we therefore no longer needed a

movement that had been founded for the unification of world christianity.

The required foundation had been laid for a much larger and universal movement more in line with his original **vision**. Therefore, from the end of the 90s, he started to set up many peace organizations. The **Family Federation for World Peace and Unification** took over many of the tasks of the Unification Church. In many countries, e.g. in the USA and Japan, people continued, often for purely practical reasons, to use the name Unification Church long after 1997.

The **Family Federation** sees the family as the key to world peace. If there is harmony in the family, there can also be harmony in society and the world in general.

So the name, and also the times we live in, have changed, but the goal is still the same: to create a big global family under **God**, where all people become like brothers and sisters in a world of freedom, peace, happiness and love.

[More about the Unification Church](#)



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