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Parents Trick Cultist Daughter

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Donna Greiving can't think for herself.

That's not unusual for a bright 20-year-old. But it's true for Donna only because she's been deprogrammed after six months in the Hare Krishna religious cult, she and her family said Monday.

She is back in her northeast Wichita home because her parents tricked her and drove her away last week from the Denver Krishna temple. Then they brought in trained "deprogrammers" to force her to re-evaluate her beliefs.

Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee D. Greiving, parked their motor-home across the street from the temple on pretense of coming only to share a lunch with Donna.

But once she was inside the vehicle, they drove off. When they stopped, she realized what was happening.

HER MOTHER remembers Donna calling, "Krishna. Help."

Then there was a struggle. Donna said that at that point she believed her parents were dragging her "away from God" to some unknown place where they would stuff meat and chicken bones down her throat. (Krishna followers are vegetarians.)

Cult members had warned her that someone might try to "deprogram" her and, they said, lead her to hell. But she now says deprogramming wasn't the road to hell.

It was the road to truth — "You can't see it until you're outside looking in," she said.

Donna's story began last summer. (See PARENTS, 6A, Col. 1.)



Staff Photos
DONNA GREIVING
... Thinking for herself



AUDREY WINTER
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mer in Wichita with a "hypnotic" brainwashing which Donna and her deprogrammers compare to Patty Hearst's probable experiences with the Symbionese Liberation Army.

AND THE similarities go further. They said the person who deprogrammed Donna from her religious indoctrination has been retained to work with Patty Hearst on her political brainwashing when, and if, she gets out of jail.

That person is Ted Patrick, to whom thousands of parents like the Greivings have turned in desperation after, they said, seeing their children consumed with cult life and dogma.

A friend involved with a different meditation and cult unknowingly "hypnotized" Donna, she believes, as they walked along the road outside her home.

"The person who did it to me doesn't even know he did it to me." But after searching for a

clue to why she turned to Krishna, Donna remembers the "spark."

"THERE'S ACTUALLY a ray — energy from the mind. It passes from the eyes into the eyes of the receiver," she said.

In retrospect, she sees that the friend's look removed her ability to evaluate — to think — and left her susceptible to the dogma.

Deprogramming simply is restoring the ability to think, Audrey Winter said. She and Rodney Casey helped Donna through the process and are staying with her during a rehabilitation period.

Miss Winter, 22, of Florida, speaks from experience. She was a follower of another cult called Children of God and was deprogrammed by Patrick at Christmas, she said.

Casey, 22, of Albany, Tex., is still in rehabilitation following deprogramming less than two weeks ago of his experiences in the Divine Light Mission (DLM).

THE DLM MOVEMENT,

Krishna, Children of God and Unification Church make up what Miss Winter called the Big Four cults.

When young people first were attracted to these "religions," parents generally were pleased, Donna said.

"The parents think this is so great. (Their kids are) getting into religion, they're getting off of drugs and rid of their other nasty habits.

"Baloney. It's a con game."

Donna and Miss Winter claim that the cults may be the basis of a revolution of sorts.

The leaders of the churches or cults are amassing billions of dollars in the capitalist system — mostly by sending their followers out into the streets to beg.

But in the United States, they said, money builds power. With both, the cult leaders can expand their churches and extend their communal lifestyles.

DONNA'S FATHER said one

way to prevent cults from gaining other children as followers is by hitting them in the pocketbook — refusing to buy their flowers, books and brochures, which are sold on the streets.

He is not alone in that belief. On Wednesday about 150 parents and former members of various cults, mostly the Unification Church, plan to meet with federal officials in Washington.

At the session — organized by Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan. — the parents hope they'll get answers to questions about the cults and laws that might lead to federal prosecution.

FEDERAL AGENCIES to be represented include the Internal Revenue Service, Immigration Service, Postal Service, Federal Trade Commission and Departments of Labor, Justice and Health, Education and Welfare.

Pickets form followers of the Unification Church are expected to protest the meeting.