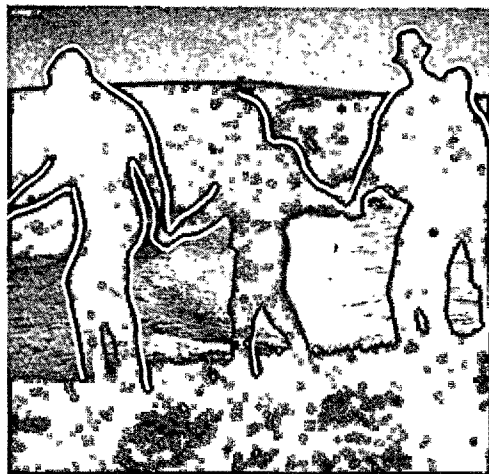


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Religion has contributed greatly to our human life. Through religious teachings, people are more conscientious. This is true whether they are Buddhist, Moslem, Hindu, or any other religion. Also, religion brings us culture and character. But religions have also brought trouble, fighting, and conflict because religious people have been biased and prejudiced. Thus, religion has both good points and defects.

Then, how can we unify to bring peace, the utopia or the heavenly kingdom? These beautiful things will come if the whole world can unify. Religious people do have faith which is very important, and are basically conscientious; also, they sacrifice their efforts for the sake of others. To unify, we need faith, a conscientious standard, and devoted minds to do it. But already, all religions have these.

Then, why are there religious wars? Even though they seek peace and salvation, there is friction; and religious wars have been the cruelest of all wars. Did you know that in 33 years of the 16th Century, 15 million

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people were killed in a Catholic-Protestant War? Also, right after World War II, Pakistan and India divided as a result of their Hindu-Islamic wars, with 4 to 5 million people killed - even though they are of the same race, language and culture. Even today, there are various religious wars all over the world. Most wars come basically from friction of ideas (even non-religious ideas.)

Many thus can ask if it will ever be possible to unify. It isn't impossible since everyone wants it. But nobody has ever done it. Even Christians speak love and truth, but they have separated into 400 denominations today which fight and conflict. Often Christians today think Buddhists worship idols in following Buddha and that therefore Buddhists will go to hell for violating the 10 Commandments. But is this really true? No!

There are basically 3 reasons for wars. First, while all religions believe in God, they have different concepts about God. Some Christians believe Jesus is God; some Catholics believe Mary is like God; Buddhists believe Buddha is God; others believe that

a cow or fox or a saint is God.

Second, what is the purpose of religion? It is to save mankind by the truth; but there is no common or universal definition of truth or of salvation. The center of truth is salvation, but what does this mean? Religions have many different definitions, and this brings conflict. Christians believe that Jesus died on the cross and that salvation is redemption through his blood. But Christian groups really disagree with each other. Baptists say baptism is necessary for salvation; some believe salvation is possible only thru Mary. Moslems and others differ in still other ways. Unity can never exist with such different concepts.

Third, religions are exclusive rather than comprehensive. If there is one God and one true definition of salvation, no matter what, unless you give up exclusiveness, you can never unify. Actually, human nature is to know one God and the ultimate true salvation. Then how can we define it? This is very difficult, as all religions have different definitions. Unless there is a universal definition,

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we can never unify. To unify and save mankind through the truth seems impossible; however, it is possible.

Salvation means the restoration of the evil world, which began with the fall of man, into a good world, and the accomplishment of the ideal heaven and earth of God's creation. This is both God's and man's purpose and desire. It is very simple to understand, but not so simple to do it! Does anyone have any objection? It takes unity to achieve this. Without unity, there is no hope of peace, even after millions or billions of years. All wars, even political wars, are basically influenced by ideology and religion. Religious salvation is the key. Unless we can find a man who has the true definition of salvation, we can never unify.

Then, why is the world evil? This began with deviated man, or the fall of man. Some people have asked me about the fact that animals kill each other. They question if this evil is like a man who kills another man? No! Animals kill only to eat, or for self-preservation. However, men kill each other for reasons other than survival. They fight for various destructive purposes.

Jesus said you must be perfect like the heavenly Father (Mat. 5:48). Also that what you bind or loose on earth also will be bound or loosed in heaven (Mat. 16:19). These are reasons why you need the actualized earthly ideal before you can have an ideal heaven. A very exclusive religion is bad; how can such a religion teach true love, when it discriminates?

Buddha, Confucius, and great saints are like God, yes; but they are not God. We must speak exactly without exaggeration. If you put those people as God, or higher than God, that is idolatry. The truth is reasonable and mathematical. There is (1) God, then (2) relativity, then (3) trinity, then many. God is the founder of everything. If Jesus is God, then how could he pray "Heavenly Father, why did you forsake me?" Some Japanese believed that the Japanese emperor was God. Even St. John in Revelation 22:8-9 was going to worship an angel, but the angel told him (Rev. 22:9) "You must not do that! I am as fellow servant with you and your brethren the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God."

So, a unity of religion is possible, under one God; and the founders of religions are great like God, but not God Himself. There is no reason to disagree, unless you are childish, though many Christians do. Jesus was the Son of man, with a genealogy from the house of David, and a descendant of Adam. Under one God, we can unify and bring common salvation; we must also be comprehensive rather than small and partial in viewpoint to do it.

Jesus sought religious people - the Israelites rather than the Gentiles. He told them to repent from evil, to turn to goodness, because now the heavenly kingdom is coming. Heavenly kingdom means the accomplishment of God's creation of ideal heaven and ideal earth. Is the heavenly Father in the sky? There is no air or anything up there. Today, unfortunately, Christians emphasize St. Paul's writings or the writings of the disciples. They were only men, too, like us. However, Jesus was entirely different. One should go more by what he said as recorded in the Gospels. He always talked about establishing the heavenly kingdom on earth rather than salvation by his blood on the cross. Is it better to convert those with some religious background, devotion or conscience? If you object to the idea of one God, one truth, you are the enemy of humanity or if you are religious, you are a heretic. Even communists, SDS people, and others probably have no objection to this. Otherwise, as mentioned above, even in millions or billions of years, unity is impossible.

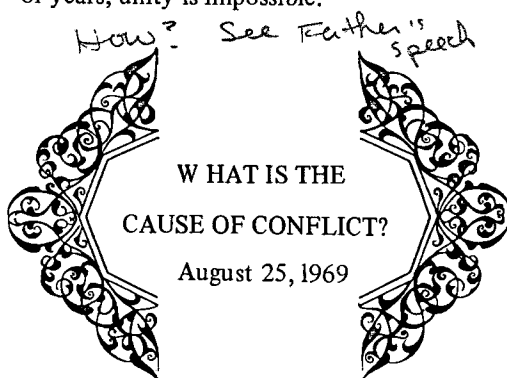
must know the cause of conflict. Without knowing the reason for conflict there is no way to stop it. In order to cure an illness we must have the proper diagnosis in order to treat it correctly. This is very common speaking.

Then, what is the cause of conflict? All conflict and fighting comes from anger and being upset. The next question is, why are we angry? Why does anger arise? When you confront evil, automatically anger arises. So, the cause of conflict comes from anger which comes when you confront evil. α λ σ ο

(What is the human way of life? It is to fulfill our feeling, our emotional life) People are primarily emotional existences. What is the difference between man, animal, plant and minerals? Man is the most emotional existence, although each of us have different degrees of emotion. The fulfillment of emotion is to feel good. Why are we living? to have good feelings. With bad feelings you get upset and fight. When you feel good then you feel this is a meaningful, joyful, worthwhile and happy life. So, a joyful life begins with feeling good. When you feel good, you fulfill the physical and spiritual desires. What is the human way of life? To feel good twenty-four hours a day, even when you are dreaming.

You feel good when you fulfill basic physical desires, eating, dressing. But only physical fulfillment is not enough. You need fulfillment of some higher desire, the spiritual desire for truth, beauty, and love. The highest peak of spiritual desire is love. Eating comes first, It is the indispensable desire; but the highest desire is the spiritual desire of love. If you fulfill the basic desire and the highest desire then you can comprehend all the desires in the middle. So our joyful life comes from good feelings which come from the fulfillment of our physical and spiritual desires. Our mind and conscience functions and guides us to the right conditions for the fulfillment of our spiritual and physical desires

This morning I want to analyze the origin of most evil. What does evil come from? If we know this, then we can have some kind of solution. Most of the trouble comes from three conditions. Firstly, our conscience seeks and moves for common profit or the universal profit. So when evil comes up, it is against conscientious law, which means we are not seeking universal benefit or advan-



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(As you know, we have all kinds of conflict) in our family, society, nation, and world. Everyone wants to stop this conflict and fighting because this brings destruction to one wants to destroy; everyone wants to construct. In order to stop destroying we

tage. This is a basic reason. Why is a man evil, wrong, or bad; because he is against conscience. To be against conscience means to be against the profit of all and to seek partial and selfish benefit. Universal common benefit means, benefit on an equal or fair basis. When you are against universal benefit, or an equal or fair basis, then people get angry, contrary and upset.



Secondly, we also have an intellectual mind. An intellectual mind always seeks eternal benefit rather than temporary benefit. Sometimes I see gangsters who work very hard in order to steal money. Maybe sometimes they work harder than other people. They spend the same labor; but, the man who works in the office is doing very diligent labor, while someone like a gangster works hard in order to steal money. Digging a hole to hide the loot under the ground, day and night is a hard job. What is the difference? There are two basic differences. Firstly, one man works to try to get profit and advantage for everybody and lives for the happiness of others: for a company, for a family, for society, or for food for all people. A gangster, however, is working for only his own benefit without regard for the happiness of others. If someone just works for his own benefit, rather than the benefit of society, it is the same labor, but he is an evil man. This is because he is not seeking universal common benefit, but only seeking his own benefit. This means he is against the law of the conscience. Secondly, he is caught by the police and thus loses his whole life. One man is seeking benefit for today, one is seeking benefit for the future. In conclusion, evil begins with partial benefit, rather than universal benefit and also seeks present benefit rather than eternal benefit. To seek in such a way is against your intellectual mind and foolish. Also it is against the law of your conscience and thus you are an unrighteous evil man.

So, today conflict exists all over the world. Where does conflict come from? (It comes by unfairness of profit.) (There seems to be many reasons for fighting and conflict among people but basically it is due to unfairness of benefit or profit.)

You may think Tojo or war criminals are really bad men. You might think the Russians think President Nixon is a really bad man. If you confront anyone who has the advantage of profit, you always feel friction or conflict. But if you ignore your own political benefit and just drink coffee together, then there is no reason to fight, then you can get along. If you don't confront someone seeking advantage or profit, then there is no reason to fight. Hitler really was evil when he preferred his national benefit and advantage over Israel. As long as the people of Israel were smart, earned a lot of money, occupied all economic fields, were very exclusive to their own group and did not mix, Hitler reasoned that the material benefit of Germany would lose. Therefore, he really oppressed them for the profit and advantage of Germany. So for the destructive results of action from bad feeling came.

(You feel bad because there is unfair profit, benefit and advantage rather than universal, common benefit and advantage on an equal and fair basis. So if we ignore benefit and are just friendly, we will have no conflict. However, our human desire demands to be fulfilled by benefit. But this benefit must be universal, not partial, not just selfish benefit. A gangster spends the same amount of labor, but he seeks his own benefit rather than regarding social benefit, national benefit, or world benefit. Today we have conflict in the U.S., because everyone is seeking national benefit rather than the universal benefit of the world. You and your neighbor constantly conflict. Why? Because you are both seeking your own benefit rather than common benefit. Once Russia and China were good friends, but today they are fighting. Why? They crossed a borderline for selfish benefit. So all kinds of anger and conflict come when the equal, common, or universal benefit is invaded.

(If you want to have equal, fair and universal benefit, there is only one way. You must follow the law of the conscience. If you are really conscientious, you are a really righteous man. What is a righteous man? He is one who prefers the whole benefit, the benefit of all human beings, rather than just one person's benefit. Also, if you are wise or interested you should not seek benefit or solution just in the present, but the universal eternal benefit. You have to seek the benefit that is good for today, and also good

for tomorrow.

(Many people seek to solve and overcome problems by physical force or power. Maybe you can overcome in this way. But, overcoming by force is only temporary. Force breeds enmity and more enmity, which always brings fighting. Christians overcome the Romans by ideology, by the Truth, that is why the Romans never fought back. Truth is the eternal solution which brings eternal benefit. Force is only a temporary solution good for today, but not for the eternal benefit. It brings enmity and the return of fighting. So if the enemy fights with you, then you fight back. Then, the next generation, your children will also fight. But if you stop fighting, if you reward enmity with mercy, with love or truth, this is the eternal solution. Force or power against truth is only temporary.

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Why do we get angry and upset? There is just one reason. Because you often want selfish, partial benefit, or advantage. This is foolishness. All kinds of destructive activity comes from anger. So, anger must be controlled by your conscience and your rationality. If your anger can't be controlled, or you lose the balance between your feeling and rationality, then you become angry, and cause destructive actions. If you want to stop destructive actions there are three ways: (1) you must not ask for your partial benefit or your own advantages (2) you must prefer no temporary, present benefit, over eternal benefit; and (3) control and check emotion by rationality by conscientious law.

So first try to stop conflict by common universal benefit. Then if you can't do that make a balance between rational control and emotion. When I'm angry, my feeling must be balanced and controlled by my rational mind. All conflict comes from evilness which comes from feeling bad. Evilness comes from seeking, selfish or temporary benefit. If you can control these three, then you can prevent bad emotional feelings and avoid destructive results. So why do we fight? Because there is conflict over advantages. If you ignore a selfish group advantage, then by natural law, conscientious common sense,

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you have no reason to fight. So political people especially are always fighting with each other and hating each other because politics always regards profit or advantage. They regard national social advantage, rather than public advantage and the common benefit of the whole human race. So if we want to stop conflict and fighting, first we must prefer the universal and eternal benefit and control our self-emotion by rational reason.

STUDENT ACTION

Action is a five letter word which is happening at our Student Center on 8th Avenue. Since the evolution of our main Center on Sacramento Street, the Unified Students have taken over the house which our teacher Mr. Choi originally started 3½ years ago, with a very tiny family. Now there are 16 living at the Student Center currently enrolled at San Francisco State and City College. They share a living and studying environment which the house provides and helps the students grow and learn with one another. Discussion actively revolves around current campus problems, and the application of principled ideas in classroom situations and in outside student activities.

In the paraphrased words of Steve Hart, recently elected Student Body President of City College, the Unified Students at City College are trying to understand the situation which already exists at City College. Student government is weak and the fault lies in the students. They've no desire to help. We want to put a spark underneath. Lift the students. Bring them up from their lack of concern. We wish to concretely define what we can and cannot do. And before we can bring in our own ideas, we've got to understand the reality out there. We came in with no experience and now we want to learn what's there - get our feet on solid ground. More will come later as we meet with people in the administration who can help as well as witness to the students.

We're gaining experience running a few meetings, feeling the situation out, seeing a need for better practice knowledge.

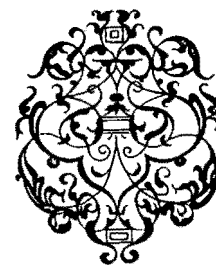
David Endo, City College Vice President, feels the new student council has good potential for co-work with the Unified Students. The council feels a need for a more active role of student body officers in student policy and decision making. City College, David feels, lacks good student publicity, and needs a more effective way of communication between the administration and the student body. The Guardsman, the City College newspaper, will soon be printing a letter to the editor from the Unified Students.

Stefan Phaender at San Francisco State has been working industriously following his appointment as Director of Communications on the Student Council. Stefan is presently in charge of all Student publicity and is seeking to develop a fair objective treatment of campus issues. The students Stefan sees are hungry for the truth and a good paper. He's currently actualizing the idea of an Independent Newspaper representing the Unified Students.

Clint Sterry notes that there's good participation in the State College Experimental class which is under the directorship of our teacher Mr. Choi. Also there's been increasing student interest in Mr. Choi's PRINCIPLES OF EDUCATION which are being distributed throughout the campus.

The situation is different at the University of San Francisco, since we have no family members currently enrolled on the campus. Although progress is slower, Mike Hart has been witnessing and working effectively. He's organized an experimental course parallel to the ones at State and City Colleges, and has had beneficial discussion with several of the college administrators. At a recent experimental coordinator's meeting, Mike proposed a festival of artists, creators, and "contemporary thought musicians," which met with good response. Basically, Mike's discovered that the people at U.S.F. are interested in being human beings. He hopes to work harder up there.

May our spirits and energy be with the Unified Students at their Center, and with their work on the three principal San Francisco College Campuses.



To discard the limiting mind is no easy thing. The chief difficulty is that the mind has to be annihilated through the mind itself. Intense longing for union with the Infinite Reality as well as infinite patience are indispensable in the process of crossing the mind. One Master told his disciple that in order to attain the highest state he had to be thrown, bound hand and foot to a plank, into a river, where he must keep his garments dry. The disciple could not understand the inner meaning of this injunction. He wandered until he encountered another saint and asked him the meaning of the injunction given by the Master. The saint explained that in order to attain God, he had to long intensely for union with Him, as if he could not live another moment without it, and yet to have the inexhaustible patience which could wait for billions of years. It is only when there is a balance between infinite longing and infinite patience that the aspirant can ever hope to pierce through the veil of the limited mind, and this combination of extremes can only come through the grace of the Master. **Mehr Baba**

question and answer

Q: Is the order in the universe real or assumed?

A: There is perfect order in nature and the universe under the law of rotation for the revolution for the center. For instance, the huge universe has perfect order and harmony. Also, we see in the plant kingdom the exhibition of beauty under the order and harmony of color. Also, insects and ants esta



blish beautiful societies. Each ant contributes itself for the whole purpose of the ant society centering in the queen. Sometimes we can see struggling in the animal society. That is not for the sake of struggle - that is the purpose of self preservation. It is not fighting as men do. On the other hand, we cannot see order and harmony in the human society. That proves men are deviated. So, you cannot see order and harmony in our human life.

• Q: What is a good practical way to relax before an important event?

A: There are three reasons why you cannot relax: (1) You have no confidence to speak, or you worry too much, (2) You are impatient about what you're going to speak, (3) You are not honest - pretend to speak as if you know everything about your subject. You must speak frankly and honestly - then there is no reason to lose your balance and you can speak coolly. The most important thing is that you have faith in God and be honest and conscientious. Then there is no reason for conflict in your mind and you can have a cool mind.

• Q: What is the best way to explain that Principle is not just another religion?

A: Principle and truth are not identical. We have infinite truths about us, including all reasonable reason; but infinite truth begins with one definite truth in relativity through the basic Principle. Most religions speak of part of the truth? we speak the basic Principle. If I have only partial truth. I can answer only some questions, from those things that I know; but the whole truth can answer any and all questions. Most religions are like the branches or leaves of a tree of truth; but Principle speaks the trunk of the tree of truth.

• Q: What is a good way to begin, or learn to begin, how to be a good friend to brothers and sisters if it doesn't feel natural?

A: The standard is different between you and others and the base of your idea and characters are also different. That is why those things bring friction. So, you don't feel natural. Naturality comes not from conflict or reaction but from response. Response comes from the same standard, nature thought. Another reason is that you are not honest and frank. You are superficial - this always brings an unnatural feeling. No matter what, you must speak honestly with your conscientious common sense. Then you can always feel very natural. This is the best way to begin brotherhood.

• Q: Why do some people seem good but do not join principle? How much should we push them?

A: Sometimes you can meet a conscientious or good man in our society, but their conscientious scale is a very small scale - between friends or just with one's group - a little kindness for the society. That conscience is very small scale and will sometimes react to the big scale of conscientious activity. For instance, 2,000 years ago the priests and high priests and Israeli people were faithful people. They had a religious background and lived conscientiously. But those small conscientious men were just regarding their own friends or own family or group and reacted to Jesus' universal scale of conscientiousness. So, our Principle, our faith teaches us to have at least an international or universal scale of conscience - beyond the nation, family or individual. So, sometimes those very small conscientious people cannot understand. Therefore, it takes time to convince those conscientious men. Anyway, men who have a conscientious background have a possibility to be convinced and become righteous men to bring to our family. But, conscientious men who base on their own religion or own prejudiced philosophy are difficult to convince. So, it is not wise to spend more time with those people who have their own established concept. But, we had better try with men who have just common conscientiousness.

• Q: What is the best way to develop and discipline faith in God?

A: This begins with realization of God; blind belief is temporarily good, but it does not last long. Did you know that many followed Jesus blindly, but left him later? Communists however, are persistent. They are really faith-

ful to communism because it has value based on reason. Just emotional (blind belief) goes up and down, and does not last long; but rational thinking lasts. Once you see it is really right, your belief in God is steady with more than just emotion. At the same time you practice your faith in your daily life and always try to contribute for God's sake.

• Q: How can we establish a good base with old friends?

A: It is difficult to establish a good base with old friends. You have changed your character with the truth and your friends are still in a secular life without the truth. That is a conflict base. So, naturally you feel uncomfortable and unnatural. That was true for Jesus between himself and his family. He said you are not my brothers and aparents. Those who follow me are my true family. If you want to make a good base with your old friends, you must give up your faithful life and talk secularly. You bring your conversation standard down to them and talk secularly. Or, you must convince him and bring his spirit up. No matter what, you must make the common base. It is smart to convince him by bringing yourself low outwardly while always keeping your faith inwardly. This is wise.

• Q: How can I accept Principle as a child after Catholicism?

A: Do not accept Principle childishly. I want you to accept the Principle openly with your full conscience and rationality. This is not blind faith. "A child" means one who judges with pure heart and mind without any established concept. You compare which is more constructive, instructive and reasonable between Principle and Catholicism. If you are stubborn and you are honest and wise, automatically you will choose the more reasonable, wise way.

• Q: How can we impress a rich man like John D. Rockefeller?

A: There are many ways to impress and convince. Righteousman by righteous speaking; conscientious men by conscientious speaking; intellectual men by intellectual speaking, or greedy men by greed and profit. I don't know what category Rockefeller belongs to. If he is righteous, then you speak righteously, not only speaking but also you must impress him by your character and by showing something concrete of the group which is instructive and constructive. Anyway, by conscientious reasonable reason, good character and the living example of collective life.

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●Q: Are drugs like Marijuana bad if they are taken to understand other people, or to be more heartistic?

A: Taking drugs makes men emotionally fanciful (light headed). This is not a realistic or heartistic life feeling, or realistic wisdom. That comes from paralysis by marijuana and the chemical stimulation. Therefore some people try to fly like birds, or try to stop trains. Those phenomena or fancy feelings are not real or practical. So, it's just like an opium addict. If our minds and spirits are normal, heartistic or true understanding must come from Truth, Beauty and Love of spiritual character - not by fanciful, emotional stimulation. Many misunderstand true spiritual heartistic things and fancy, emotional stimulation by chemicals.

●Q: What is the clear difference between brother and sister relationship and a pure boy and girl relationship?

A: Brothers and sisters are brother and sister; friends are friends. But today many people misunderstand girl friends and boy friends. They don't live like friends, or don't feel like friends. They associate with lusty feelings and feel like mates. Today they say we are friends, but actually they are not true friends. They are very lusty friends. That is why between brothers and sisters, and lusty friends there is an entirely different relationship. If you live really pure, boyfriend and girlfriend, you feel like brother and sister and also you feel true friendship. But most are not this way today.

●Q: Are today's evils worse than past evils in God's eyes?

A: Today we have more conflict and fighting and chaos all over the world. From this viewpoint, it is worse than any other past time. But on the other hand, people are enlightened, conscientiously and righteously by the development of religion, philosophy and education. So, we don't repeat the same foolish big persecutions, such as burning people - as we did before. So, if you see one side according to the fighting, then, yes it is much worse than before. But, if you see the enlightenment of human life, it is much lighter than before. There is less persecution but there is more fighting today.

Today, atheism is widespread and is much worse than before by God's sight. Atheistic influence on people gives no eternal life, no eternal hope, no truth, beauty and love in this life. From God's side this is much worse than before.

●Q: In an ideal family would a boy leave home before marriage or would sons and daughters stay home until marriage?

A: This depends on the situation; if there is a good purpose to leave home, you should do it. But ideally, it is better to stay at home until you marry; you need practical education from (1) the family, (2) the school, and (3) the society. You need family education until you marry; if you leave home, then try to make a family-type situation of your environment. Unfortunately, there is not good family-type education in America today, so that many children grow up spoiled. If you leave your family, you have no way to promote your character; the school helps, but is not sufficient. If you refuse to do it, you can never become a good husband or wife.

●Q: Does man have a reason to fear that there will not be enough food for the world and that this will apply spiritually as well as physically?

A: If the human brain is not developed, then there would be too many people. But we have creative ideas today, so that we also can produce food without land-like beansprouts. We have brains to use and to create with; otherwise, we have just the same things endlessly and would soon tire. After evil is overcome, then many resources now devoted to war and other costs of evil can be used for idealistic purposes to maximize the use of all existing wealth. We can go to the moon and other planets, too, with infinitely creative ideas.

●Q: The purpose of plants is to contribute themselves to the higher value of animals. Are carnivorous plants like the "Venus Fly Trap" exceptions to this law?

A: Such plants catch flies? I think it is good for the ideal man as the center of the universe. Each thing that exists has a purpose. A plant such as this follows a particular biological law that it has in order to preserve itself. Sometimes our study is not complete. Some plants are poisonous. Why? Creative or intelligent people can use plants for good purposes. There is a reason.



SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS

BY GILBERT FOX

St. Thomas Aquinas was a Catholic theologian living in the 13th Century. His writings were so logical and basic that he is considered the standard theologian of the Catholic church. He is also the philosophical link between Aristotle and the Modern day philosophers and theologians.

Aquinas' books. "Summa Contra Gentiles," and "Summa Theologica" are of most value to the churches because of their proofs of the existence of God. His proofs are all based on the teachings of Aristotle's "Metaphysics," and his "Physics." The "Metaphysics" consists of concepts in the abstract realm of thought. This is the particular study which gives man his essence, his superiority over the lower creatures. The study of Aristotle's "Physics" however, is the systematic usage of the sensible experiences of life. This sorts out the basic physical sensations so that we can understand them as effects and trace them back to their causes.

Whether or not the statement "God exists" is self-evident is the first idea Aquinas discusses in "Summa Theologica." In his day and ours, many people believe that this statement is self-evident. This means another proof of God is unnecessary. Aquinas however, makes an interesting point here. He contends that the statement is both self-evident and yet not self-evident. The theory is simple. He says that a truth may be self-evident in two ways: in itself, and in the human mind; and in itself, and not in the human mind. An example is simple also. A circle is round if you know the definition of the words "circle" and "round". Then you need no proof for the statement. Here then is a self-evident statement that is known to your mind. Imagine however, not knowing the definition of circle. When you say, the circle is round, you state a self-evident truth. However it is no longer self-evident to your mind.

Now the statement "God exists" is self-evident because it is true. However this truth is not self-evident to the human mind. For man, this truth needs to be evidenced or proved. Can he prove that God exists? Yes. Aquinas reasons out the truth. There are two

methods of reasoning the truth. One is knowing the cause so well that we may reason from it to the effect; this is known as "A priori" reasoning. Secondly there is knowing the effect so well that you may reason back to the cause, this reasoning is "A posteriori." In proving God, Aquinas uses the latter.

Aquinas presented five demonstrations to prove the existence of God. They are equally conclusive. However his theory of motion is the easiest to grasp. The demonstration originally appeared in Aristotle. The "Summa Theologica" presents the demonstration as follows:

Whatever is moved is moved by something else. Now our senses tell us that there is motion, the Solar movement for example. The sun, therefore, is either moved or not moved. If it is not moved, then our conclusion is right, namely, that we have to affirm that there is an unmoved mover whom we call God. If it is moved, it is because another mover moved it. We must then either go back to infinity or else we must affirm that there is an unmoved mover. Now we cannot go back to infinity; therefore we must affirm that there is a first unmoved mover.

This proof leaves two propositions to be proved. First that all things are moved by something else, and secondly, that we cannot go back to infinity in the series of movers and things moved.

These two propositions Aquinas proves through Aristotle also. When this is done the first Thomistic Proof of God through motion, is complete. The simplicity of these syllogisms is deceiving. To be able to grasp Aquinas takes years of hard work. Considering that he is the base of the entire superstructure of the Catholic church and that he is one of the most reasonable witnesses to the fact of God, it would seem to be a worthwhile study.

FREEDOM

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BASED ON MR. CHOI'S SPEAKING
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What is freedom? Whatever it is, it includes happiness, which everyone seeks. There are many different ideas of how to achieve happiness, at least by a materialistic

standard. But fundamentally before there can be any happiness, peace is a necessary condition. You as a husband may have a beautiful wife and beautiful children, but then you and your family may conflict and argue. Unless you restore peace within your family, all this beauty becomes worthless. All over the world, people cry for peace. Some conscientious men throughout history have died fighting for their concepts of freedom. Is their sacrifice in vain? Peace or absence of conflict is thus essential to any happiness of man.

But then what causes conflict between men? One could say freedom causes all troubles and conflicts. If there were no freedom, there would be no actions which would bring conflict or fighting. For example Tolstoi said he regretted 99 out of every 100 words he spoke and only 1 out of every 100



words that he did not speak. Why would he feel this way?

The cause of all this trouble is not freedom, but rather license or self-indulgent freedom. We know that man has 100% freedom to love and act according to truth and instinct, while the animal, plant, and mineral kingdoms are much more restricted. But man also has 100% freedom to love and act according to truth and instinct, while the animal, plant, and mineral kingdoms are much more restricted. But man also has 100% freedom to deviate to become greedy, destructive, licentious, and lusty, causing much conflict, confusion, chaos, and turmoil. Such things are not true freedom. When man behaves this way, he is being selfish, or rotating only for himself rather than around any center such as his family, society, nation or world. But in the lower kingdoms mentioned above, there is freedom only to rotate

around respective centers, such as a planet does around a sun or an electron does about a nucleus. If that planet or electron deviates from its rotation around its center, it will be destroyed by natural selection. In these kingdoms, there is freedom only to grow, live, and behave according to corresponding natural laws.

Conscientious activity brings true freedom; however, anything else brings only trouble and conflict. For example, "free love" is not true freedom or true love, because it is not based upon conscience. Nor is academic or dogmatic "free intellectualism", true freedom, since it, too, is not based upon conscience, but only upon blind or partial concepts. Man has 100% freedom, having been created in God's image, because God also has 100% freedom according to the truth.

All of us want communication of beauty and love; it is natural for human beings to desire these. However, we lost our beauty, truth and pure conscience as a result of the fall of man, when we deviated from the truth, or the true way of life. This is important. Although nothing is wrong with love, beauty, and truth by themselves, they become wrong when love becomes lust, desire or instinct becomes greed and intellectuality becomes vice as we deviate. Also, after the fall, God really restricted us as described throughout the Old Testament.

But why did God restrict us after the fall? We lost the true way of life and became unrighteous; God will never restrict a righteous man. A righteous man can freely do as he wants, as Jesus did in curing sick people on the Sabbath. Restrictions apply to deviated people or sinners, who restrict good men and offend God.

Did you know that the 10 Commandments, when conscientiously applied, do not restrict a truly righteous person? He can obey the Commandments easily merely by using conscientious common sense. For example, Jesus applied conscientious common sense in doing good works on the Sabbath, which appeared to violate the Commandment concerning the Sabbath. His actions were not for just his own sake and thus were righteous. However, the legalistic high priests restricted Jesus, believing him to be a heretic. In a similar way, conscientious objectors who care about today's whole purpose are free by conscience, but society's vs really persecute them.

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"On the other hand, evildoers are restricted by the Commandments, by God generally, and by the more righteous of today's secular laws as well, because their standard of conscience is low or secular. They feel restricted because they selfishly want to do various evil things, such as stealing, which violate both the Commandments or laws and the common benefit also. But the evildoers are not restricted by other evil people. Indeed, evil hooligans may gather together, to commit really terrible organized crimes that they could never commit individually. They behave like spoiled children who want candy before dinner, whom good parents must restrict. However, children need less restriction by their parents as they grow or lose their spoiledness. Likewise, evil men who decide to give up their evil ways do not need to be kept in jails or otherwise restricted after they become truly good men.

Today, there is much trouble all over the world. Many advocate "freedom", but their "freedom" is deviated and causes more conflict. A great America was built upon conscientious freedom and democracy. But today, this freedom has become only individualistic and selfish. This is not good for the happiness of all Americans or everyone around the world as a whole. Such freedom is only license. The earliest Americans were really devoted: they built churches first, public buildings second, and their individual homes third or last. Today, this is not the case; and there is much more separation and reaction between groups in America than there ever was right after 1776.

To achieve freedom on a world-scale requires a world-scale conscience; to achieve national-scale freedom requires a national-scale conscience. Whatever level of freedom you seek, your conscience must have a corresponding scale. Thus, an individual scale of conscience is good only for individual-scale freedom, which is selfish. True freedom also requires heartistic love and true conscience. If you lack these, you are selfish and must be restricted for the sake of common benefit and happiness.

Today many people ruin their lives in licentious activity or misused freedom, which hurts everyone. Such behavior must be restricted. However, if you don't want to be restricted, then understand and actualize love and truth. The 66 volumes of the Bible, and the Buddhist teachings also, are teachings for the sake of love and truth. It is true

that many people do not want restriction in life; this is because it is humanly natural to desire to be free . . . I feel this when I watch birds fly in the sky. But to overcome restriction, you must understand love, beauty and truth, and you must actualize these.

" MEANINGFUL LIFE "

BASED ON LISTENING TO
Mr. CHOI

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What is a meaningful life? We seek two things: a conscientious life and also profit or advantage (spiritual and physical satisfaction). For instance, early Christians speak of the forgiveness of sins and the afterlife and say that if you believe it, you will gain everlasting life. This is profitable. Also some religious people do good things without thinking of profit. This is a conscientious attitude of contribution to the happiness of all. This approach seems to be unprofitable with a loss of time and effort, but actually you gain a meaningful life.

I spent twenty years as a Christian and began with an orthodox Presbyterian group. There was no smoking, drinking or movies. They believe that by believing in the crucifixion, you can gain heaven. But when I asked the minister, "What does heaven look like?", he really didn't know. Just praying? How boring. Praying forever, there is not even a release like suicide. Then a person might think that people in hell have a much more interesting afterlife.

Anyway, beyond the benefit of an after-life, I wanted to spend a conscientious life. Many Christians were martyrs and died with a faith in order to gain heaven for profit, while some died more nobly for the happiness of all.

Today's religions are confused. Religions are based on love and truth. Yet, Christianity itself is divided into 400 denominations. Today's religions emphasize their own dogma, concepts and benefit. But the truth is universal. To seek benefit is O.K. This is indispensable. But rightness is a necessary condition for benefit. For example, in the economic system of capitalism, people emphasize benefit before rightness. Christians

believe in certain things for benefit. This is O.K. but what is a righteous and meaningful life? We need to know this first.

Soko Gakai has gained 15 million members in 15 years. It is the third largest political group in Japan. Why do they grow so quickly? They say if you believe in an idol and if you chant the words you can gain things that you want - like a color T.V., a good job or anything. Some people say to them, "I can't believe it," but they say, "Just try it and then you can see for yourself." Sometimes if you have a certain concept repeated over and over again, you can brain-wash yourself. Actually, nothing is wrong with that if it's with love and truth. Once a Catholic told me many things, but I couldn't believe him. He said I would feel close to Americans and Europeans alike if I would try to believe in Catholicism and attend church. I was interested in my own advantage. Gradually I believed it. At first, one can't believe it, but in time a person can, if he is weak for profit and advantage. But a righteous man lives for righteousness. To seek advantage is O.K. but first a man must seek rightness, seek God's kingdom and have a public, universal spirit. Contribute to God - the happiness of all, then on this basis seek advantage.

What is a meaningful life? To be respected, loved, thanked or received. A millionaire has no meaning in his life without the give and take of true love. If a person chants, he possibly gains some advantage, but no meaning. Many people desire peace today. But in itself, this is nothing. We desire love and respect and peace is a condition for this. Why did I start this Center? I was the first son and my father died when he was in his forties. At that time I was just enjoying myself. Then I had to return and take the responsibility of the first son. I felt that I had lost my freedom but that it was my destiny that I had to endure. I began to work for my family and devoted myself to it, and then I began to notice that my mother really respected and loved me. Also I provided for my brothers and sisters many things for which they thanked me and loved me, I had lost my selfish freedom and desire, but had gained much more.

Also, the neighbors who had disliked me before, said I was really a good first son. They really loved me. I will willingly sacrifice even to death, to live such a conscientious life. I receive a million times more than which

I sacrifice. This is a meaningful, joyful life.

Myself and the 50 people who live here sometimes have some trouble, but always we consider the happiness of others. I am 45 years old and yet I look young. Why? Because I have led a meaningful joyful life. Maybe we will open a beauty shop? A man who loses - gains, a man who gains - loses. If you say that people don't love you, you must give. Otherwise, you have the mind of a thief or beggar. If you sacrifice, you will gain with interest.

The ideas that you have are very important. If you have a materialistic concept, you will become that way. Ideas change you. If you accept individualism, you will lead a very narrow life. Even the great truth of a monk in the mountains is only self-goodness. It isn't Truth. Give and take is necessary for a meaningful life. We must change hell to heaven by a stronger truer idea. Otherwise, we cannot escape this world of hell.

What is a righteous, conscientious life? To have faith in God is righteous but still can be abstract. To have faith in one's pure conscience is concrete. Our pure conscience responds 100% to God and is manifest in the physical world. If you go anywhere in the world, North, South, East or West, if you are truly conscientious, everyone will respond to you. Today the conscience has been distorted; Jesus brought the standard of the pure conscience. What is right? To live universally by conscientious common sense, then there is no friction. If we have 100% public spirit, then we are perfectly free and then the utopia will come.

•Q: YOU SPEAK OF GIVE AND TAKE, BUT ISN'T IT SELFISH TO TAKE?

A: Someone may think that I made an extremely selfish statement about giving and taking. That isn't selfish. It is the desire of human life. Without giving, you are greedy and not truly free or happy. If you sacrifice for others, you deserve benefit. After giving, take. But if we just take, that is the mind of a thief.

•Q: WHY IS THERE SUCH CONFLICT IN THE PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP OF THE AMERICAN FAMILY?

A: During the age of adolescence you must be very careful. Whether you believe that the Bible just speaks symbolically or not, man deviated from the truth before he matured. You may feel mature, but you are not. You are still young and flexible. Ori-

nally, the parent has responsibility for the child until then, you must obey the words of the parent. Once you perfect yourself individually, you must find a perfect mate. This is the beginning of the ideal society. Perfection is not really complete without perfect relativity between a man and woman and the individual and the collective. Many churches teach celibacy because they unconsciously know it is wrong to marry until one is perfect. God said to marry in the ideal, in the pre-fall stage. After the fall, Jesus and Paul said not to.

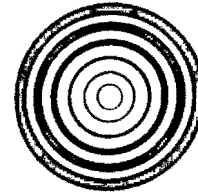
You can't see God so it is necessary to obey the parents. The only way to know God is through the parents. To trust in God is abstract, but to trust in the parents who stand in God's position is concrete. That is why parents naturally take care of and love their child. Today the youth are influenced by individualism, selfishness, existentialism, licenses and other destructive ideas. Today the youth often want rights without duties. While still growing, the child should obey the parent and be free to act constructively and conscientiously.

•Q: HOW DO YOU BREAK A BAD HABIT?

A: If you overcome a bad habit, then you almost can become a perfect man. Forgiveness of sin cannot continue. We must learn to overcome sin, Jesus spoke very strongly about this. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. Don't deceive yourself. How can we overcome sin? By strength, life force, or will power. Where does this come from? You may habitually smoke, unable to stop because of a lack of will power. You can't because you don't clearly understand the truth about smoking. Maybe you have a vague belief that it's bad, but you don't have power to stop. If you knew clearly that cigarettes would soon kill you, you would stop. Similarly, a child won't put his hand in fire because he learns clearly that it will hurt. We must understand clearly. Today's religions lack power because they give little understanding about life. People can't believe because of this, and they shake their heads. If I don't speak reasonably, you will shake your head and your mind will react. No power will result.

Love and sex are the most difficult things to overcome. Even strong men like David and Solomon who were chosen by God, could not overcome a woman. If they could've they would've been strong and free. Brothers and sisters in this house live to-

gether with no trouble. How is this possible? In the 2,000 years since Christ no monasteries have had men and women live together. We have a clear understanding that gives true faith which gives power. Today is the "New Dawn of History" and Satan is really attacking. We can control ourselves by will power coming from understanding.



THIS IS HAPPENING

Our sister Soo Lim has returned from Korea with great spirit and great hope which she is generating throughout our San Francisco family. Welcome Soo, we're truly grateful to have you back.

We now have our Sunday dinners and entertainment for special guests, twice a month. On October 26 we are specially planning a large public meeting in an effort to bring a common understanding among the different groups and people of the San Francisco area. The meeting is open to anyone who would like to attend. Specific details of time and place will soon be available. Contact the Center for this information. Let's work earnestly to make it a success.

Josephine Louie, our sister in Palo Alto, held her first experimental class Monday evening on the Stanford Campus. Daikan drove down from our San Francisco Center and gave spirit and encouragement to the four new people attending. The class may be small, but the interest and questions are good.

Jackie, our sister who has also been pioneering, is currently staying at our main Center before leaving for Sacramento where she will be working closely with students on the Sacramento State Campus.

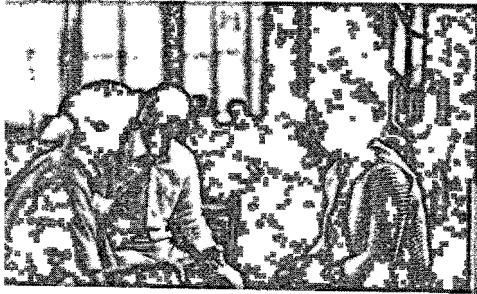
Mr. Choi, or Papanan, our teacher, has been lecturing at the San Francisco State experimental course on topics such as Happiness. He hopes the Unified Students will soon be able to conduct the classes under his instruction, so he may attend them occasionally as a guest lecturer.

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Our witnessing partners have multiplied into teams for better effectiveness. We leave the Center every evening to visit people in the community surrounding, and especially to invite them for Wednesday evening to hear Papasan speak.

Under the direction of Mike Hart, the University of San Francisco Experiential College Class began this past Tuesday. Eight new people listened and talked to members of both the student center and main center. Everyone learned a great deal and all said they would return next week.

Our family members have also been visiting a variety of religious and philosophic groups in order to gain a better understanding of other group techniques and ideas and also principle.



Editors Note:

To create a world civilization based on love and truth is our mission. But how can this be done? It begins with each person who makes an effort to give up his past and learn and actualize what his pure conscience tells him. It is a responsibility that all people share and must embrace in order to live a life of no regrets. By studying the principle, understanding it and experiencing the learning process with a good teacher, we move forward and can then help others. In time, with Father's help and over enduring united effort, we can accomplish our mission.

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