

Epoch Maker

What is Good and Evil

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Everything in this universe exists with a unique value and definite purpose. Without unique value, nothing can exist. The unique value of something stems from its unique usefulness. For example, even fertilizer has unique value in its contribution to a higher value by giving to plants. Nothing exists without purpose, but only to contribute its value in order to fulfill the purpose of God's creation of the universe. All of creation exists to contribute its usefulness and its unique value to the visible center of the universe, man. Man is in God's position. Minerals, plants, and animals exist to contribute their usefulness to fulfill the ideal of the world which centers in man. This is all in accordance with the natural law of rotation for the revolution centering in God. This means that everything exists to contribute to the whole purpose of the creation. Consequently, anything that goes against, ignores, or deviates from this law, ceases to develop, bring separation and friction, and destroys its value. This is evil.

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From where does man's law of good and evil come? Man's natural law comes from the human conscience. The good is to follow the truth which is conscientious common sense.

If we knew 100% of the truth, we would be in unification and harmony, constantly elevating and advancing our society. Yet, we see that this does not happen. Many people say that they can't trust their conscience. This is understandable since, unknown to us our conscience has been mixed with the fal-

It is very important that we know what is good and what is evil. If we do not know this, we are like blind men. As Jesus said in the Bible, a blind man leads other blind men into a pit. Many people thought they knew the definition of good and evil but, actually, they did not know. If they knew, why would there be fighting and disagreement in the world today?

It is our human desire to be good and to be righteous. So then, why do people fight each other? Even conscientious men who seek truth and goodness struggle among themselves. This has occurred throughout human history because their standards of right and wrong were different. The definition of truth must be definite and not different. The truth is the universal standard which is good for me, good for you, and good for everyone. In order to bring peace and to save people from destruction, we must know what is good and what is evil based on a common standard.

We must establish a common definition of good and evil. What is good? Very simply, to follow the truth. What is evil? Evil is to go against the truth, or ignore it, or deviate from it. This is very simple. More concretely, what is truth? In nature, truth is the natural law; in human life it is conscientious common sense. If any creature in the universe goes against natural law, it diminishes and destroys its natural value. If man goes against his conscientious law, then he stops the development of his human character, and destroys his value.

len nature which made this nature a selfish one based on self-concepts and a self-standard of value.

What is the keypoint of conscientious common law? We have an infinite variety of good and evil. We have everything that is instructive and constructive to build human life; but also we have many evil things as well. What is the basic truth? If you know basic common sense, then you can distinguish good from evil. The conscientious common law is to prefer the public spirit, rather than the private selfish spirit & benefit according to the law of give and take. Why is there so much fighting today? All kinds of evil, crime and tragedy result when you prefer yourself rather than the public spirit and public benefit. Truth seems to be complicated, but it is very simple. The universal law is to give and then take, not to take and then give.

Many people complain that others do not love them, and do not give them anything. It is because they prefer taking rather than giving. There is only one keypoint that makes the difference - preferring the public spirit rather than self benefit. If you do this you will become a great saint. Many people do not believe this is possible. How can we do it? In every instance we can trust a man who would give rather than take. Though you may be humble or ignorant, you can follow the Principle and know the truth. Your own concept or philosophy only brings trouble in human life.

Knowing good and evil in our life is very simple. Yet, a person cannot be proud merely of his Christianity, Islam or Buddhism; he cannot be proud of a Christian, Buddhist or Islam conscience. You must know the definition of the absolute Good and Evil, from the standpoint of the truth which is universal conscientious common sense. The truth is not of a group standard. If you say that something is the truth, then you must answer concretely what is the truth. Such an answer as, "I don't know, but this is the truth," does not make sense. Truth is based on reasonable reason. You must give substantial explanation and a reasonable word. To say it is the word of God that must be blindly believed is highly absurd. Jesus words about good and evil were truth, because he satisfied the definition of good and evil, by making it reasonable, constructive, and instructive for the establishment of the Heavenly Kingdom centering in God. Without knowing the definition of the truth of good and evil, you cannot say blindly that what you have is the truth. Because some blindly say they know the truth, others become skeptical about truth. **The human way of life is to follow the truth (conscientious common sense.) The keypoint in achieving conscientious common sense is to prefer the public spirit and benefit, and to prefer to give rather than take.**

Why is it possible for us to live together so harmoniously; and why is it so necessary? Firstly, we share common understanding; and secondly, I want to teach you many things. But if there is one thing I would like you to understand, that would be to prefer the public benefit and public virtue and have a public mind; to give rather than take. This is the Universal Principle that elevates and advances human character and society and brings beautiful unification and harmony.

Today many groups say that they are teaching righteousness. But they are only seeking further benefit, because they are teaching false self-concepts. People have been taking rather than giving, and that is the reason the churches have diminished. Taking before giving has stopped communication, relationships and caused distrust, friction and conflicts among many people. It is true that I am a sole existence; however, it is not completely true. A man does not just exist, but has value and relationship. Yes, you and I have unique values and abilities. If you have no uniqueness or ability, you are worthless. My ability and my usefulness is not just to be used for myself, but for the public

benefit. If you follow conscientious law, you will prefer the public benefit. If you have this kind of conscience, you will want to give first, and gratefully take what is given.

You may say that your family exists for yourself, society exists for your family, and the world exists for your country. Actually, a man exists for his family, a family for its society, a society for its country, and the country for the world. If you think and act the reverse way, you are a very narrow minded, selfish and foolish person. There are many reasons to fight it seems, but the battle is not so large or complicated. It becomes complicated when you prefer your own benefit, rather than the public benefit. You want to live a good life; that is only natural. Therefore, before anything, we must know what is good. Contributing myself for the higher value, is good. Evil comes from the smaller value (myself) preferring its own selfish benefit at the expense of the higher (public) value and purpose.

Man and God

BY MIKE HART

Whittaker Chambers was a witness. He witnessed to the two great faiths of our time, Freedom and Communism. He says in a letter to his children in the forward of his book Witness, "In nothing shall I be so much a witness, in no way am I so much called upon to fulfill my task, as in trying to make clear to you (and to the world) the true nature of Communism, and the source of its power. It was the cause of my ordeal as a man, and remains the historic ordeal of the world in the twentieth century."

Mr. Chamber's explains that Communism is not embodied in a particular man, method or phrase. The revolutionary slogan, "Workers of the world, unite. You have nothing to lose but your chains. You have the world to gain," is not Communism. It might be a Marxist simple statement, "Philosophers have explained the world; but it is necessary to change it." This is what binds Communists together across the frontiers of the world, in defiance of truth, religion, morality, law, honor, weaknesses of the body and irresolutions of the mind. Their power, which appears so baffling and which the rest of the world seems to have lost, is to hold convictions and to act on them. It is the same power that moves mountains; it is also the power that moves men. Communists have recovered the power to live and die - to bear witness - for their faith.

It is the vision of man's mind replacing God as the original, creative intelligence. It is the vision of man as the center of creation, not because that is man's nature, but because man's mind makes him the most intelligent of the animals. Communism restores man's position as lord of the universe by simply denying God.

Communism's greatest attraction is its challenge to man to use his rational mind to end the meaninglessness of man's history - by giving it purpose and a plan. It is the vision of Materialism. Its goals are order, abundance security, and peace.

This vision is the Communist Revolution. Insurrection and conspiracy are merely methods of realizing the vision, they are the politics of Communism. It summons mankind to turn its vision into practical reality. It summons men to struggle against the inertia of the past, incomplete or partial ideas, social political or economic which are holding men back.

The way to achieve the vision is a practical problem of politics, which is the present tense of history. It says that man must shoulder the crimes of history so he can replace the suffering and chaos of history with a purpose and a plan.

Communism gives to man a reason for existence. It has been, during the first half of the 20th century, the single most important world movement. It could be the world's final movement unless the free world can discover a power of faith that transcends material. Man is capable of discovering such a power within himself. It can be expressed as universal, intellectual, practical, common sense.



Whittaker Chambers is no longer a Communist. He was asked why do men cease to be Communists? A man's break with Communism is intensely personal. There are great feelings of guilt in the ex-Communist who breaks without clearly knowing that Communism is wrong because something else is right. To the question "man or God" they continue to reply "man". Their pathos is that the Communist ordeal could not teach them that man without God is exactly what Communism said he was: the most intelligent of the animals. "Er nennt's Vernunft." says Satan in Goeth's Faust, "und braucht's allein, neu tienscher als jedes Tier zu sein - Man calls it reason and uses it simply to be more beastly than any beast.

It is man's nature to seek the constant order and exactness of the truth as seen in the mineral kingdom, the beauty that he finds in the delicate colors and shapes of the plant kingdom, and love as seen in the natural maternal instinct of animals for their offspring. Man, being the lord of creation, has all of these qualities in his character. Man naturally contains much more truth than the mineral kingdom, more beauty than the plant world, and more love than the mere instincts of the animal world. These are qualities not accepted by Communism or Materialism because there is no absolute basis in the material world for their existence. They are spiritual qualities. This would point to the existence of God as being the Originator in whom these qualities are found. Man is the manifested second self of the Creator.

This is what overwhelmed Whittaker Chambers and other sincere ex-communists. They were jolted by the existence of God after trying to hide for so long. The ex-communist is faced with the realization of the political methods of Communism. One day while carrying out some particular duty for the

party, he hears in his mind a scream. It is the sound of a man's soul in agony. It pierces his mind. It pierces his soul. If he cannot stifle that scream, he finds that there persists in every man a spirit. If he admits it for a moment, he will never be the same. He has admitted that there is something greater than reason greater than logic, politics, economics, or history which alone justified the vision. If the party finds out it will humiliate him, degrade him, condemn him, expel him. He has betrayed the faith - the vision of the almighty man. He stands before the fact of God.

Mr. Chambers break came long before he heard those screams. As he tells it, "Avalanches gather force and crash, unheard, in men as in the mountains. I date my break from a very casual happening. I was sitting in our apartment on St. Paul Street in Baltimore. My daughter was in her high chair. I was watching her eat. She was the most miraculous thing that had ever happened in my life. I liked to watch her even as she smeared porridge on her face or dropped it meditatively on the floor. My eye came to rest on the delicate convolutions of her ears, those intricate, perfect ears. The thought passed through my mind: 'No, those ears were not created by a chance coming together of atoms in nature. They could have been created only by a creative idea. The thought was involuntary and unwanted. I had to crowd it out of my mind. If I had completed it, I should have had to say, design presupposes God. I did not then know it, at that moment, the finger of God was first laid upon my forehead.'

The crisis of Communism exists in that it is indifferent to God. The Western World actually shares the Communists' materialistic vision. We are so dazzled by the materialists' interpretation of history, economics, and politics, that we fail to grasp that the only possible response to the Communist challenge of faith is the answer and challenge of faith in God.

Communism is an ideology. It is not going to be defeated with physical weapons used against men. It can only be defeated by an ideology that is based on truth, on a faith in God, and on the value of an individual man's character.

Economics is not the central problem of our time. It is a particular, relative problem that can be solved in relative ways. Faith is the central problem of this age. From faith, based on reasonable understanding, comes the power for a man to live as an individual, and collectively as a world in harmony, peace and happiness.

In Training

BY DARCEY TURNER

During the three day Labor Day weekend, our Center held its fifth training session. This gave us the opportunity to set aside the practical demands of jobs or college classes and develop together a deeper understanding of principle. Under the direction of our teacher, Mr. Choi, we began on Saturday morning with the following schedule:

- 6:30 - Up for exercise in the park. Breakfast follows.
- 9:00 - Sit in the Center of the house, singing together.
- 10:00 - Lecture. The first of seven. Specially by Mr. Choi. (In our family, Papasan)
- Noon - Lunch in the park. Dodgeball for all. Especially the girls.
- 2:00 - Smaller group study, discussion. Principles of Education. Books by Mr. Choi for our Center and community and the world.
- 4:00 - Lecture. Again by Mr. Choi.
- 6:30 - Dinner. Group discussion

On Sunday and Monday the schedule was similar. David Hose and Ron Pepper joined with our teacher to deliver the 6th lecture and first half of the seventh. A special compliment to them on their concrete communication of idea and spirit. In David's words he had a lot of help.

Finally on Sunday afternoon, Mr. Choi delivered the second half of the seventh lecture. All felt deeply in heart and mind the importance of our mission: to restore the truth, original natural law, in the individual, the family, the country, the world. Let's show by our practical living example the peace, order and harmony which exists in this universe, which is based on love, and

respect for our Creator, and for every human being with whom we may share life's beauty and joy.

Learning together during the three days of the training session, we were able to clarify questions and reach a deeper understanding of the principles which we are actualizing here at the Center. For older people in the family such as Josephine, the three days brought a closer awareness of the truth which is everywhere around us, and also a feeling of oneness with the group, the unity of individuals. Most important was the growing sense of importance of our mission. The responsibility and necessity felt by all of us as we work toward concretely accomplishing Papasan's goal.

As for En, who has attended many training sessions, in many places, at many times, he realized once more how every effort is returned under the universal law: rotation for revolution. And that is very nice.

Newer people such as Bob McTyre, who has been living at the Center since the 4th of July session, felt himself gain confidence and be able to understand and act concretely rather than just respond.

Gil Fox was physically exhausted, mentally burdened and spiritually lifted. Welcome! He thanks everyone.

For myself, the session was an infinite opening. Thank you Papa. Thank you Father. Please bless us all.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

Q: WHAT IS A TRUE FRIEND?

A: Firstly, true friends trust each other. This is the basic condition. Next, they love each other. So, all religions taught faith - faith in God. Faith is trust. Without a foundation of trust, you will never have a good communication. The best communication is love. That's why we have good friends, marriages and child-parent relationships. The goal of relationships is love with the foundation of trust in each other. Practically there is trouble in society and human life and that is why we have to learn to trust one another

and share the situation and circumstances of each other. So, your happiness is my happiness, your sorrow is my sorrow, your pain is my pain, and your troubles are my troubles. A good friend knows how to share situations. So sometimes troubles arise and a friend says, "Oh, I'm busy; I can not help you." Today's friends stress their own advantage. How can we trust each other? Conditions of trust begin with the truth of a conscientious life with faith in God. First we must establish trust.

Q: THE CATHOLIC CHURCH HAS PUBLICLY EXCUSED THE JEWISH NATION FOR THE DEATH OF CHRIST. DOES THIS HAVE ANY MEANING PERTAINING TO THE END OF THE WORLD?

A: At the end of the world, human beings will have paid all the indemnity for crime. This is the Universal law, an eye for an eye, a hand for a hand. The Jewish people were the most faithful people of God. But they made a mistake against Christ and have been persecuted and had to pay indemnity. The last indemnity was paid in the last World War. The persecution by the German soldiers was really great. They paid this indemnity for crucifying Christ on the cross - a faithless act against God. This had to be paid before the dawn of the new age. Whether or not Catholics knew this principle, I don't know.

Q: WHY DIDN'T GOD WAIT UNTIL THE ANGEL WAS PERFECT BEFORE HE CREATED ADAM AND EVE? IF THE ANGEL HAD BEEN PERFECT, HE WOULDN'T HAVE TEMPTED EVE AND THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN NO DEVIATION.

A: Although God created Lucifer before Adam and Eve, He didn't want Lucifer to be perfected before He blessed Adam and Eve. This is a delicate question. God created the whole universe, (including Lucifer), for man. Lucifer was an angel a heavenly servant. This reflects the parents' heart who wants to provide everything for perfecting His children. Beautiful nature, beautiful house, gold, diamonds, anything man needed was provided. Also, he needed a servant. So...He created the angel for man. A parents heart wants the perfection of his own children, then next the servant. We have a human nature like this. Why? Because this is the nature of our Originator.

Q: WOULD THE TRUTH OF MAN EXIST IF MAN DID NOT EXIST?

A: Words of truth existed before man. However the actual truth of man existed after man was created. Which is more reasonable, a creation beginning with reason, or a crea-



tion beginning by chance or accident? Any creation begins with the thinking of words or a creative idea or plan. To say that this masterpiece of the universe exists by chance is the same as to say the masterpiece in an art gallery exists by chance. This is unreasonable. So, God is the law of synthetic reasonable reason. Also, God's law is conscientious. So, whether you believe in God or not, if you are very conscientious or your reason is very reasonable, God can work through you. Christians spent 2,000 years but could not expand better than Communism. Why? Even if you believe in God or are fasting, no matter what, if you do not apply the truth, God cannot work. God is truth. The primary thing is the true way of life. If we are not in the truth, even if we pray a million times, we cannot have a result. For instance, if you want bread, and say, "God give me bread!" God will say, "I'm sorry, I cannot; why don't you work hard?" This is the Principle. Negative action brings negative results. Positive action brings positive results. This is God. Such childish action, that's why all religions come to an impasse. Childish truth, childish activity is available, until you're enlightened. So, the story of Santa Claus was available while you were a child. Now we are enlightened, so it doesn't work.

Q: WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE VIET NAM WAR?

A: Under practical situations, we cannot solve problems idealistically. The Bible taught two ways - the idealistic way of life and the practical way of life. For instance, all people perished in the Age of Noah. Is this idealistic? God sent righteous people and through Noah, God's purpose was to restore all people. He waited 120 years to restore idealistically. But the people were stubborn and incorrigible. Incorrigible means they were like cancer.

If you have cancer, what are you going to do? Cut it out! In Noah's lifetime, God had to destroy all people. If the cancer were left in man, all eight good people of Noah would be lost. God doesn't care about the number of people, but their quality. Noah's family was more conscientious. The same thing is true with the end of the world. Before the actualization of the dawn of a new heaven and a new earth, if all incorrigible people exist, we will never have a New Age, because good and evil can never co-exist. That's why God needs judgment.

We want to solve idealistically, but cannot do it. The next step is to use force. If you don't want to, then you must yield and you lose. You should not yield to Communists or to evil people. You only yield to righteous men, or good men. If you yield one step to a communist, he takes two steps forward. Whether my speaking is right or not, look at the last 55 years of past Communist history. At the Paris conference over the Korean War, the Communists every time advanced with the other side yielding. If you find a better man than I, I will gladly yield to him. Why? If he comes to a higher position, then restoration will be hastened. But if he is negative, then I will never yield.

I know America is tired of the Viet Nam War, but the Principle if Principle, law is law, truth is truth. One way or another, if America does not strongly oppose Communists, sooner or later most of the country will be conquered by them because they are more aggressive than the free world. Korea is the country most friendly to the U.S. President Park came because the American policy towards Korea is not so trustworthy anymore or directly opposing communist today.

Q: ARE TODAY'S STUDENT PROTESTS HELPFUL TO THE WHOLE PURPOSE OR UNHELPFUL?

A: Frankly speaking, they are unhelpful. There are some reasons to protest against the government, school administration and society. Those reasons reflect very shallow, narrow thinking and see only the present not the future, and only the idealistic and not the practical. Also, students often use violence. Why do they destroy schools? A school itself has nothing wrong with it. It is just human minds that are wrong.

Q: COULD YOU PLEASE EXPLAIN THE SUBJECT AND OBJECT RELATIONSHIP? WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE SUBJECT? SHOULD THE OBJECT MERELY OBEY IF THE SUBJECT HAS A PLAN THAT HE THINKS IS BEST? SHOULD HE FOLLOW

TRUTH TO EVERY DETAIL REGARDLESS OF OTHERS?

A: What is the true subject? The first condition is that he has a higher character than any other. This is the indispensable first condition. Secondly, he must have ability and experience. What is the object? Objects work together and help the subject. What is Democracy? How are decisions made in a democracy? Majority decision? Then I can say Hitler and Communists decide by the majority. What do you mean, No! They decide everything by the majority. Those leaders like Hitler have a committee and a small group that make decisions and they agree together. Dictatorships are also followed by the majority. Some theories of Democracy say that Russia is a social democracy. They have meetings and adopt all things and decisions by the majority. A true democracy decides by a majority, but it also must listen to the minority. A democracy decides by the majority, but it should not ignore the minority. Communism decides by the majority, but it ignores the advice of the minority groups. What is the difference between a dictatorial subject and a democratic subject? If you ignore the object, you are a dictatorial subject. If you are this kind, you will not last long. The people will revolt. The first thing to be a good subject, is to regard the majority's opinion. Secondly, regard the opposition and the advice of the minority. If you don't, you are a dictator.

Q: WHEN WITNESSING, YOU MAY MEET SOMEONE WHO IS KNOWLEDGEABLE IN ONE SPECIFIC AREA SUCH AS SCIENCE. WHAT DO YOU DO WITH SOMEONE WITH A NARROW FIELD OF KNOWLEDGE?

A: Sometimes when you witness, you may meet many types of people. Chemists, politicians, economists, etc. Many people try to emphasize their own point of view. Our purpose at the Re-Education Center is not to talk politics or science, but to emphasize the true human way of life based on conscientious common sense. These other things we can speak in school, but today we want to speak of the way of life. Study the Principles of Education and you can learn and tell many good things. "Yes, you know many things about biology and things, but I am a member of the Re-Education Center and we speak about the universal way of life based on conscientious common sense." Then ev-

ery one can constructively agree together stimulate each other, and you can make a good human relationship. Then you can begin to talk about the true human way of life. Our purpose of speaking is not to prefer to talk about science, politics, etc. It is to tell the true way of life which is conscientious common sense. Then everybody will open to and respond to you.

Letters

AUGUST 22, 1969

Dear Family,

During the last 12 days we have been in the formation stage sowing seeds: searching for conscientious, dedicated people who would be strong and determined enough to be foundation members for a Center here.

En and I have been concentrating on the Stanford campus. Unfortunately there are no classes in session now but the cafeteria and library are open and many students come here. Several people are listening to lectures. Some respond well, others don't. We hope to send two boys, Rick and Tim to the training session. If they go, please take good care of them.

As difficult as it is to generalize about people, we've found students to be more conservative and apathetic than in San Francisco. It is warm and beautiful here and very protected from the realities of suffering and struggling in the world. Yet, there are people who are seeking changes and a better way of life - people with a large perspective of life and who have hope for the future. People are open and have time to talk and in most cases prefer an educational approach rather than radical action. We think there is good potential here.

Through my experience, it is becoming very clear that it is understanding of truth that brings faith, confidence and the power to act. Understanding is the foundation on which we can begin to learn how to apply truth to individual people and situations.

As we speak to many people, the feeling of responsibility and seriousness of our mission grows. Also a deeper appreciation and awareness of the value of Master, Papa-san and each of our brothers and sisters.

Let's get fruits!

-Diana & En

AUGUST 22, 1969

Dear Papa, Mama, Brothers and Sisters,

Hello, family and thank you ever so much for everything. It's difficult to express in words the gratitude and love that is within my heart for each of you.

Principle is definitely the greatest truth ever revealed to mankind. It's only been a week since I left San Francisco, but each day Heavenly Father tries to make me realize more deeply the reality of His presence and above all, His love and patience.

San Jose, for the most part, is a very friendly town and yet, here - as throughout the world - can be found many lost, problem filled individuals. At first, just listening to some of the seemingly "incurable" attitudes and deep problems of a few people lowered my spirits. But later, Father made me realize that He was trying to teach me something deeper - about His heart, His sorrow for man, yet - at the same time - Father has never given up hope - and always preferred to love and to offer a new direction to His lost children. After that, my feelings of depressions and self-pity disappeared, and in place of those feelings - a new hope.

The holy salt and books arrived yesterday. Thank you, Tacco for wrapping everything so carefully. Everything arrived in very good shape. The climax of the surprise package was your encouraging and heartfelt note. Thank you again.

Mariam Hiltibrand, a prospective art student about 23 years of age whom I just met, will be visiting in San Francisco this weekend. She might be stopping by this Sunday. Miriam hasn't heard a lecture yet, so possibly she could be encouraged to hear Creation.

Dr. Bauham, the experimental college program director, has granted me permission to

conduct an evening class this fall. Please inform me if a special approach should be used in the class.

Also, is there a certain name or title that should be used for the course? If not, I'll try to think of something patterned after S.F. State and City College.

How are Esther, Richard, Bob and Kathy coming along? Please forward Kathy's address when time permits. Was Mr. Glasgow able to hear the whole cycle of lectures? He's really impressed with our Heavenly Family. It's such a good feeling to see parents respond so positively to the truth their child has found.

Well, good-night Family and may Father keep us all united at every moment with His Love and Truth.

In our True Parents Name,
Carmela



*He who holds back rising
anger like a rolling chariot,
him I call a real driver; other
people are but holding the reins.*

*Let a man overcome anger
by love, let him overcome the
greedy by liberality, the liar
by truth!*

*Speak the truth, do not
yield to anger; give, if thou
art asked for little; by these
three steps thou wilt go near
the gods.*

From the Dhammapada



AUGUST 1969

Many people deny Satanic existence. But you cannot deny by fact or phenomenon. You know that Jesus was tempted by Satan after his forty days fast.

Sometimes when you dream you can feel some black force which renders you helpless, causes fear and pressure. That is the Satanic force or power. If you open your spiritual eyes, you can see it.

Often when I am speaking, you lose the faith and sleep. This is Satanic temptation - I can feel the black force behind you. If I were not spiritual, I would not be able to see it; then, maybe I could ignore your sleeping. But I can see not only your physical face, but also a spiritual black force behind you. Both those things make it very difficult for me to speak. That is why sometimes I really sweat, I really have to fight it out.

Sometimes I realize that if I didn't know any spiritual things, I could easily ignore it, just forget it. But I do know, so I can never ignore it when you sleep.

So, be patient, just five more minutes, then I will finish

**MAKE
YOURSELF
PERFECT**

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Make yourself perfect. Most people might react to this word and think this is impossible. But, Jesus himself concluded in his sermon, "You must be perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect." This is the purpose of religion. Before we can perfect collectively, first we have to perfect ourself individually.

Until today Christians have really loved Jesus' words in the Sermon on the Mount. But these words were just a concept to them.

This doesn't mean we become as perfect as God in spirit. Man can become perfect, as a physical existence. God is perfect in spirit and is not confined by time and space. So, you can't be perfect just as a spirit. For instance, if I have spiritual love, I love all people; but physically I am confined, because love can only manifest itself in front of each person. So perfection in the physical is different from metaphysical perfection.

This morning, I want to speak on the appearance of the perfect man. Some say he looks like Jesus. Christians want to be not exactly like, but very much like Christ; Buddhists want to be like Buddha; Islamic people want to be like Mohammed. To say a perfect man is like one of these men in a certain way is right. But in a certain way it is not right. This is a strange concept, it makes a perfect man mysterious, an almighty existence. But in the animal kingdom, a dog and cat are perfect at their kind, their level, their species. An apple is perfect as an apple, a banana is perfect as a banana, and a peach as a peach. But even though a banana is big, or small or straight or too curved, still it is perfect as a banana. A banana is perfect if it tastes like a banana. Is everyone like Christ with the same mind, same uniqueness? Why is there so much variety in the vivid and kaleidoscopic world? Because of many individual uniquenesses, everyone is created comparatively, or contrastively. You are you and Mr. A is Mr. A. Your uniqueness is based on a common humanity which means you are a universal conscientious man. What man was a perfect man but not exactly like Jesus? Buddha, because of his individual uniqueness based on a conscientious common humanity. Without knowing the true meaning, sometimes people misinterpret the Bible and think the things it says are impossible. The Bible often says there are no righteous or good men at all, not even one. Is this true? I'm conscientious, but a certain group type good man, a Christian or a Buddhist kind of good man. You justify your goodness, your conscience, by your own self-standard of the group, not the universal international standard.

If we have a common universal standard of goodness we can not fight. Why? Basically, because our human conscience, heart, and mind, seeks goodness. Do you have any objection? Even though we fight, no matter who we are, basically we are seeking good-



ness. Seeking self-benefit, or partial group benefit is not a common standard and not for the common benefit. This is not right. We may have a million good men, but prejudiced men. If they were truly universally righteous men, conscientious men, they could have no reason to fight. Many people fight each other because they are good according to a certain religion, they allow man to have three or four wives and it doesn't bother their conscience. But you should ask your universal conscience which is the public spirit or public mind. Certain religions promise that you will have some benefit. Is that rightness? Is that goodness - to seek only the benefit of after-life? I care about this world before I care about the after-life. I care about righteousness first, on earth. Many groups and people are fighting with each other. Why? Because there is self-compromise and self-justification involved in all human struggling. All troubles start from the self; how can I get more profit.

Collective perfection begins with individual perfection. Without self-perfection, you can never expect collective perfection in the family, society, and world. That is why it is very important to know how I can perfect myself. So we have an infinite amount of truth and many kinds of teachings, but the most important truth is how I can become a good man.

I prefer the Bible, but my speaking doesn't follow a certain philosophy. I want everything judged by a common standard or universal standard. How can I be perfect? The first thing, in order to be perfect you must begin with self-examination and self-repentance. Many people think they are good, righteous. But these people are prejudiced and do not know their own defect. Without understanding your own defect, you will never eliminate it. It is like a doctor trying to cure an illness without knowing what it is. You must self-criticize, self-analyze and self-repent. To perfect, we must find our defects and repent.

A perfect man is not a group type, not a Christian type, not a Moslem type, but a universally conscientious man. So as long as you think you are right, you are not a good man. If you have such an arrogant mind, such a selfish mind, you have no means to change yourself. In order to change, have a humble mind, look at yourself. In order to become a universally conscientious man, you must have a humble mind.

Then, how can I become a universal conscientious man? This is very simple. By conscientious common sense. It is the universal truth. If you have a certain strange religion, you had better observe it and self-examine. So, if you desire to be a universally righteous man by conscientious common sense, you must have a faith in the universal conscience which is the universal truth. So, basically, you must have faith or confidence. This is why all religions and philosophies basically teach you belief and faith. Faith is righteousness, goodness, conscientiousness, or public spirit. This gives you power. Then you have loyalty and faith that is unchangeable. You have to have a faith in universal righteousness, faith in God. Why do I say God and not just conscientious common sense. Faith in God is stronger than just conscientious common sense. Faith in God is stronger than just conscientious power.

In order to control yourself, you must have strong power. Today many people say you can't overcome sin because there is no faith or confidence and then no power to overcome and control self. That is why religions teach forgiveness. Forgiveness of sin is not the purpose of human life. The purpose of human life is to overcome sin. Forgiveness is a secularized religious concept in order to spend an easy religious life. If you do that, you will never have the Heavenly Kingdom in your heart. Don't deceive yourself by your religious concept. You go to church and pray to God, "Please forgive me, please Father, forgive my sin, thank you." But greed and lust still comes again. Don't deceive yourself, then your religion is good for nothing. You can deny a concept, but you can't deny fact. Fact is fact.

So, the ideal man is liberated from self-justification. Unless we liberate ourselves from self-justification, you will have a certain group type of conscience.

Then, you are not truly righteous. That is why the Bible said there is no good man, no righteous man, no not one. Unless we find universal righteousness we can't judge. Jesus said you shouldn't judge because your judgment is based on a certain righteousness, not universal righteousness. Jesus always spoke

universally based on conscientious common sense. But his followers had a certain academic theology. Jesus made universal conscientious common sense.

To perfect yourself firstly, you have to liberate yourself from self-justification and find the universal righteous way by conscientious common sense. Then you must have a strong faith in God, loyalty, humility and endurance from beginning to end - unchangeable.

Secondly, even if you are conscientious, if you lose the wisdom of rationality, sometimes you make mistakes. Why? Even if you are conscientious and good, there are many kinds of goodness. Big and small, big value and small value, first and second, subject and object position. We have many kinds of value. The value of the collective, the value of the individual. There is material value that has nothing wrong with it; but also there is spiritual value which is higher. Without knowing what is more valuable, without distinguishing the order of their value, even if you know of goodness, then there is trouble. If you prefer the small value over the big value, the lower value over the higher value, you will be confused and make trouble. Today many socialists are in some way conscientious. They think man's happiness is based on material. They are poor. How can I liberate them? How can they live a happy life? These people are conscientious, but they

make a mistake in putting material value over spiritual. Material value is indispensable, but why is a man a man? Not because of his shape, but because of his character.

Today the United Nations has peace discussions but each nation prefers national value above international value. Without wisdom, without true rationality, there is a disorder of value. International value must be preferred over national value. If you prefer your own individual value rather than the family value, then you are selfish, you are egoistic. Self-goodness is good. But while the individual good is good, you have to know the order of value, of goodness. Today I told you America's greatness was established by conscientious Americans, righteous Americans, who preferred the common benefit, rather than self-benefit. In this way America established a great country, a true democracy. But today's democracy destroys families, destroys the society, and destroys the nation. Today's democracy is individualistic and selfish. Where is the true American democracy? Love God and love your neighbor, rather than yourself, your ego. That is why the conscience teaches you conscientious common sense, and rationality teaches you the order of goodness and to distinguish goodness. That is why first you have to be conscientious; secondly, you have to be smart. Also, rationality is important to control self-emotion, self benefit. You have to

cultivate your rationality to distinguish the right order of big and small purpose, and you must control yourself.

Thirdly, you must be heartistic. However much you are conscientious or rational, you are not an ideal man without a heart. So how can I love others and understand others? Without understanding his situation as my situation, his mind as my mind, his trouble as my trouble, his heart as my heart, you cannot love. If you have such a mind, then you can understand, then you can comprehend. Without understanding his mind, then you can't speak. If you want to love your neighbor, exchange your mind and share his situation and his circumstance. You cannot just love him.

What is a perfect man? That is very simple. He never conflicts with his universal conscience. The enemy of the perfect and ideal man is one who self-justifies. Secondly, don't do anything against your rationality, you have to distinguish value. Finally, you must have love. Conscience, rationality, and love. These are the three basic conditions of the ideal man, or perfect man. So, the status of ideal man is not impossible, it is possible. You are conscientious, rational, heartistic with your uniqueness, your talent, and not exactly like Jesus or Buddha. Basically you are true human beings as Jesus, Buddha, Mohammed, and other great spiritual leaders. But you have your own uniqueness. It is fundamental to perfect myself. Unless you are conscientious, you can never become a good man never make a good family, and good society in this world.

Editor's Note

Day by day, battle by battle, victory by victory, the high standard of God's perfect truth and love is raising man from his spiritual death. These good tidings can travel as quickly as our efforts allow. Let us all raise our determination, share the heart of the Father & fully give our uniqueness for this heavenly purpose.

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