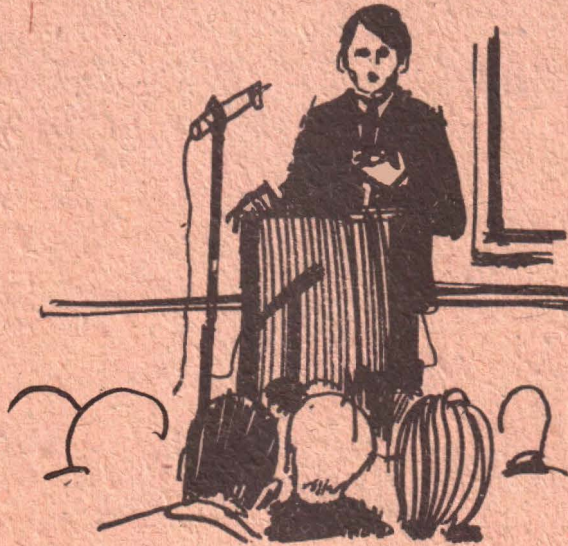


LOVE AND TRUTH



Mr. Sang Ik Choi



Mr. Michael Hart

SECOND MEETING HITS HEARTS and MINDS OF MAN

by Darcy Turner

On Sunday evening, November 23, the Re-Education Center had its second large meeting which we are now planning to hold on a monthly basis. As before, our family members spent the preceding week busily distributing posters, printed invitations, pamphlets, and personally contacting people who have visited our Centers. We also held an additional street meeting in an extra effort to really bring people Sunday evening to hear our teacher, Mr. Choi, speak and also to meet our family.

When Sunday evening actually arrived, most of our family were at the Unitarian Church an hour early in preparation and anticipation. Through Father's help, we were well rewarded for our united efforts. Again, as with our last meeting, the hall was filled well over 200 people, most of whom were deeply interested in learning more about our Center, and the purpose of our movement

and as well as to hear in person our teacher, Mr. Choi.

The night began with a greeting from our Master of Ceremonies, Mike Warder, who led us all in song and set a heartistic atmosphere for the entertainment which followed the accordion playing of Clint Sterry, the New Age Band and solos by Phyllis Yamato and the Reverend Jung Shik Park. Phyllis sang a beautiful prelude WHAT'S THAT I HEAR NOW, for our teacher's speech on freedom, while Rev. Park's deep resonant voice filled the hall without the aid of a microphone.

Following the entertainment section, Mike Hart approached the speaker's podium, delivered a talk on the value of man and a constructive way of life in today's society. He gave a firm effective delivery using many graphic American examples.

As Mike mentioned before speaking, he wished mainly to inform and to set the conditions for the main speech of the evening from our teacher, Mr. Choi.

This meeting Mr. Choi spoke on why freedom causes conflict in today's society. As we all listened we felt the truth in Mr. Choi's words as well as the spirit and energy. He reached our minds, our hearts, and most important our conscience. As the meeting drew to a close, we felt a unity of responsibility in changing this society through changing ourselves and bettering our relations with one another.

Afterwards, we talked personally in small groups, while sampling the refreshments. The newer people present indicated a strong desire to hear more of Mr. Choi's speaking, and to visit our Center on Sacramento Street as well as our Student Center for lecture and discussion. On the comment sheets attached to the program, almost everyone felt the evening was beneficial - constructive, instructive, as well as personally enjoyable. They'd like to get to know us better and our Principle way of life.

Your many children thank you Father!



Successor of the Heavenly Heart

based on listening to Mr. Choi
by Kevin Brennan

Sunday Sermon 11/1/69
Bible reading Luke 15:1-7

To succeed a good spirit is an abstract term; but concrete things begin with the abstract. The President tells abstract things to his Cabinet, but the Cabinet makes concrete statements.

Can you believe in a God with a heavenly heart? This is more reasonable than atheism which says the universe was created by chance or accident. To believe the universe exists by chance is more mysterious than magic; also, it implies that we need no truth. It is just as blind as religionists who say of their partial truth, "Just believe it." Atheists believe in chance, because they say the cause of everything is energy. But order, harmony, quality, love and beauty also exist in this universe; they also exist in God. That all this is by chance is not sensible.

Today, time is limited so I cannot explain more about the existence of God. No matter what, man actually desires to be good. All destruction comes from those things that are against either physical or spiritual truth. To eat poison is against physical truth, such that you become sick or die. Some faithful Christians ate poison as a test but died

afterwards. Then they accused God. But such action was against physical truth, and God could not do anything about it. In rare special cases, such as when a poisonous snake bit St. Paul (Acts 28:3-6), a miracle can occur; but usually the necessary special conditions are not present.

If you are against spiritual truth, then love becomes hate and beauty becomes ugliness. God's heavenly heart never changes, but His feeling changes when man deviates. This is similar to a loving father who is unhappy with his spoiled child. The father still loves his child, but only sorrowfully rather than unconditionally. We cannot see God's sorrow because God Himself is invisible. But He sends visible righteous men through whom we can feel God's heart if we follow them. Moses was just a common man; but he felt the Heavenly heart when he gave up everything for God's sake. Buddha could have been king of India, but he forsook this for the sake of fellow Indians who were poor and suffering. To feel others' unhappiness this way as your own unhappiness is (to feel) the Heavenly heart. Buddha and Moses both were successors to the Heavenly heart, in giving up everything for God's sake.

The high priests rejected Jesus, but his heart never changed. Many people, including his own family and even his 12 disciples right before the crucifixion left him, but his love of people never changed. Instead, at the end (his crucifixion), he cried out, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34). Did you know why Jesus could not carry his cross when the two thieves could? He was not physically weak, but he was really disappointed and broken-hearted, that his mission could not be completed. He wanted to actualize the Heavenly Kingdom on earth - not just speak about it; but he lacked the support necessary to do it. If the Heavenly Kingdom were achieved on earth, everyone would automatically go to heaven after physical death, don't you think so? Hell began on earth with the fall of Adam and Eve, which has continued into the afterlife. Those high priests of Jesus' day read the Bible day and night, really expecting the Messiah to come. But they failed to

recognize him when he came. Why? They learned the outer meaning, but not the inner meaning of the Bible. They fasted over a week, too. But all their prayers and efforts were in vain, because they were not for the sake of the Heavenly Kingdom, but only for their own selfish sake.

Today, many pray selfishly, such as "I pray, but God didn't give me..." Selfish! God prefers the happiness of everyone, not just your own happiness. Since the high priests were concerned only with their own happiness rather than the happiness of everyone, they could not recognize Jesus as the Messiah.

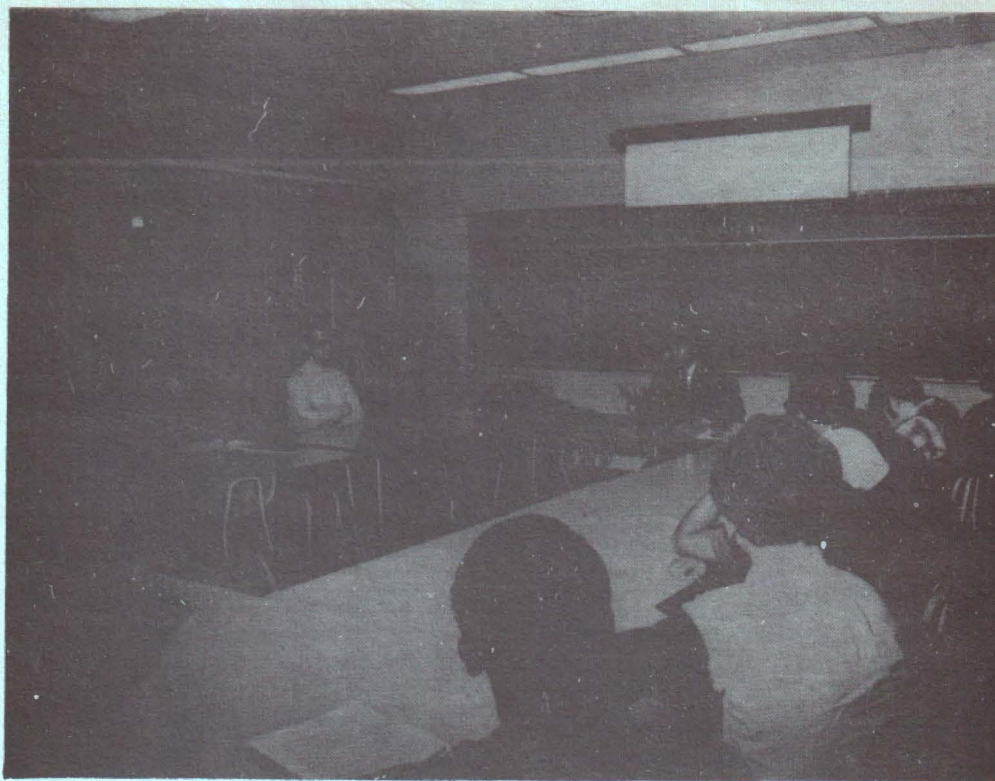
Jesus had other problems, too. His own family was physically good but spiritually poor hence, they accepted him as part of the family but not as the Messiah. Eventually Jesus had to leave his family. And some people not only rejected him, but even mistook him as Beelzebub or the chief of Satan when he performed miracles. The high priests and scribes were great theologians; but since Jesus, was neither, they thought he was a heretic. Jesus was not a scribe, but he taught the truth. And his 12 disciples, even though they said "I will die with you" deserted him right before the crucifixion. They did this even though today a soldier will die with his general. Such lack of support is why Jesus had no power then. The high priests had millions of followers, but not even one true man. They rejected him as a heretic, agitator and chief of Satan; they kicked him, everything. But even then, he prayed, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do". (Luke 23:34)

To fulfill the
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Without heartistic communication, there can be no true friends at all, nor any positive relationship between a husband and wife. Nobody, not even one, really understood Jesus' heart. Today, millions of people follow Jesus to go to heaven after physical death. This is selfish and not good enough. If you seek righteousness on earth and heartistically follow Jesus, heaven in the afterlife is assured. You check with spiritualists whether this is true or not; they report that not many today are in the Heavenly Kingdom. To prefer your own sake over the sake of everyone is against the heavenly law. Do you want that? Those religionists who seek only their going to heaven after physical death - they are heavenly thieves or beggars. That kind of religionist I will fight with first.

Some church elders are very conscientious, but they would not read my book. Why? Because they believe to do so is to risk becoming a heretic. But such a response is not universal and is not good enough. If you do not succeed righteous men's hearts, you have no connection with the Heavenly Kingdom; this is why we must follow those men who are more righteous than ourselves. True communists succeed Lenin's heart; where are the successors of the Heavenly heart today?

If the free world is to defeat communism, we must be more heartistically powerful than the communists. The only way to be so is to succeed the Heavenly heart. Today is a new age, when Christ will come; we must find him. But before the true Christ comes, false Christs or anti-Christs will come. An example of an anti-Christ is the communist leader Lenin, who said "I am the light of the world." If the true Christ cannot be found, there is no way to save this world from spiritual decay and corruption which is so powerful today. Today, we must find the Christ, or become like him. The Christ and all good leaders must be servants for the sake of the whole world. Unfortunately, today's leaders are selfish or seek only their own national benefit. Such leadership is outmoded and cannot endure.



RE-EDUCATION CENTER SAN JOSE

The San Jose Re-Education Center is starting to move under Father's guidance and bids everyone welcome. Our sister, Carmela Acohido, began this Center in late August of this year and was quickly joined by sister Diana Swank and our new brother, Ed Dyckman. They are located just a few minutes from the San Jose State campus on 1575 Santa Maria Avenue, San Jose.

Presently, they are busy laying an economic and spiritual foundation from which to live. Carmela has a job as secretary in the athletic office and Diana and Ed both contribute their efforts toward the practical necessities of life - food, clothing and shelter.

As part of the spiritual program they offer, they have lectures every evening on the Divine Principle lecture series. This is complemented by the Principles of Education volumes written by our teacher at the San Francisco Center, Mr. Choi. Also on Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. in room 348 of the Education Building, weekly classes are held which concern the Unification Principles and its practical application. The

hospitality and warmth radiated from these three people are perhaps the best presentation of this idea we study.

All three find their work there a tremendous challenge. All sense a great responsibility for San Jose and realize more and more each day that they must be the cause of enduring constructive change in the world today. They must be the givers. Faced with this responsibility, each has found the value of unification and working together as sincerely and honestly as they can on the practical problems of running a home.

The response of the people of San Jose has been good. Usually about 15 to 25 people attend the Thursday evening class and many people visit the Center during the week with often three lecture presentations given an evening.

The stimulating idea which comprehends the many philosophies and religions of East and West, the practical direction it points to in a person's life, and the genuine sincerity of Carmela, Diana and Ed, makes for a moving evening at the San Jose Re-Education Center.

Meaning of Thanksgiving Day

based on listening to Mr. Choi
By Kevin Brennan

Sunday Sermon 11/9/69
Bible: Genesis 1:24-31

Thanksgiving actually started in America about 350 years ago, when the first American settlers came. This tradition has continued, and spread all over the world. And today, America is a leading country in this world; why is this so? A primary reason is that Americans know how to thank God. To those who are thankful, God gives more; to those who never show any thanks, God takes away.

Those early settlers landed at Plymouth Rock, Massachusetts in the cold of winter, and had little food with them. They were at the point of starvation at that time. Today, food is that scarce in the Orient, such that meat is almost never seen, even at times of celebration. Yet, Americans have so much food that they feed meat to their pets. Americans have lost sight of the starvation-level poverty which prevails throughout most of the world even today. We should share our food with other not-so-well fed nations.

The early American settlers left England for the sake of freedom of life and religious freedom, but they encountered serious wintertime starvation. They had mostly grain with them, which could be eaten then or planted for a better harvest the next year. They decided to plant it, for the sake of future generations rather than just for themselves. Some of them died of starvation. But next year, the harvest was great. Then, they gave thanks to God.

Today's people buy food at the grocery store or supermarket. But just money is not the real price of food. One would pay the real price if he created the food by his own effort. Only God can do this; we are not sufficient unto ourselves. This is why we should be thankful to God.

We should thank God just as a child thanks his parents. When a child thanks his parents, they give more to the child because to do so is a parent's heart. However, if the child is spoiled and unthankful, the parents do not give, and often they take away. Today's young generation especially is unthankful to its parents. Such unthankfulness helps to widen the so-called "generation gap."

The true meaning of Thanksgiving is not just to offer these foods, but to offer ourselves for God's sake. Today is "Heavenly Children's Day", to show true thanksgiving. This day (also the American Thanksgiving of the last weekend in November) today is ignored, except for being regarded as another secular holiday. But a true holiday is a "holy day", a time to celebrate in a heavenly way.

In Genesis there was a "tree of life"; this refers to spiritual life. To have spiritual life means to be faithful, hopeful, and loving of others like brothers and sisters. But today there is no tree of life - only trees of (spiritual) death. Evil doing is rampant all over the world. All this evil springs from evil or impersonal people, who do not show faith, hope, and love, but instead conflict and ugliness. Jesus said he was a vine or tree, his followers the branches, and the earth a vineyard (John 15:1-5). We are not able to offer ourselves to God today because we have deviated from the truth and God is the source of truth. God wants us to offer ourselves to Him, but we must restore ourselves first. That is why the Bible said "Unless you are born again, you cannot enter the Heavenly Kingdom (John 3:3-5)." Man has character, but your character needs a spiritual cleaning before you can offer yourself to God, because good and evil can never make any reciprocal base. Man was made in God's image, according to Genesis 1:27. But hooligans, drunks, prostitutes, and hippies, who go unwashed (physically) for weeks or even

months are ugly people. Then I see pictures of soldiers that are severely mutilated in Vietnam. Such people apparently show none of God's image, so I feel cynical. Yet they, too, were created in His image.

Man is the highest of creatures. But man is spiritually dead and deviated. We are not the original fruits of the tree of life. This is why we distrust each other...We lack faith, hope, mission, and desire. We live secularly, just moving around pointlessly, without any particular direction. To have faith in God in any way is essential to overcome such pointlessness of life. That is why religions throughout the last 6,000 years through righteous men of all kinds have taught values of faith and restoration. The true way of life if actualized means the restoration of Heavenly providence. However, Christianity (and other religions, too) contradicts itself, because the various Christian groups emphasize their own theology rather than the true meanings of the Bible.

But then how can one restore himself to the true or Heavenly way of life? Just reading the Bible alone is not sufficient by itself. But if one man researches the Bible and finds the hidden truths in it, then you need only follow him without worrying about missing the keypoints. If he is really spiritual and you follow him, you need not worry about it. Such a man is a prophet, and if he is really smart and spiritual, he is the Messiah. That is why the Bible talks about the Messiah. Such a man finds and researches the truth, and restores himself; then he share the truth with us.

The Heavenly Kingdom on earth must start with one man, individually restored and spread to others. Jesus compared the growth of the Heavenly Kingdom to a tiny mustard seed, which grows into a mighty tree (Mark 4:30-32). Adam fell; Jesus, the 2nd Adam, said "I am the way, the truth, and

the life . (John 14:6). God is the smartest existence in the universe. He desires that everyone be restored or saved from sin and deviation. It brings Him much joy when anyone, even only a few (one) turn from their evil, secular ways and take up the heavenly way of life. "There is more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over 99 who have no need of repentance." (Luke 15:7-10), so Jesus said. But restoration has not happened all at once. If this could happen, God would have arranged it to happen somehow long ago. This is part of why restoration of all men can happen starting with one and spreading on an individual level to all men all over the world.

Today, monks and others spend their whole lives in seclusion . . . yet they grow very little. But if we follow a good leader, we can grow much more definitely into powerful, good men. If we refuse, the results will be worthless. But if we accept, then we can become good men. Today is a new, different age. Jesus promised, that when the time comes, he would tell us of many things that his disciples could not bear then (John 16:12-25).



...our big sister

Phyllis Yamato is a warm person and hard worker who willingly contributes her abilities and heart to the people living here at the Center. Whether it be in leading a song at a meeting, cooking a meal, doing book work at the print shop, speaking the

Principle, or typing for the many, many publications we have, she never complains and puts forth her best effort. Phyllis gives whenever she can and is always willing to help younger brothers and sisters in any way she can.

Phy was born in Poston, Arizona in a re-location camp for Japanese during World War II. She moved with her family to Denver when she was very young and then moved to Pasadena when she was eight. One of nine children, she began college at Los Angeles State and then transferred to San Francisco State to become a teacher in the elementary schools of the Watts area in Los Angeles. She felt this would be a way to work directly at changing the social conditions that made for many of the problems in our society.

After meeting the people who composed the Re-Education Center at that time, she decided to continue with her plan to teach here in the schools of San Francisco. Although it has been difficult to work in the San Francisco schools and our movement at the same time, Phy has learned to do both with the same spirit that allows her to type day and night for our newspaper, magazines and books. With an occasional "Oh my!" and pleasant smile, Phy goes about her work of changing society with love and truth. We all deeply love her.

MERCY

based on listening to Mr. Choi
by Kevin Brennan

Sunday Sermon 10/29/69

Bible - 1st John 1:13-32

How is mercy different from love? It differs in the sense that one truly loves good people, but can only feel merciful or pitiful towards evil and unlovable people. If my family and friends are really righteous, I unconditionally love them. But suppose my

wife is no good, my children are spoiled, and my friends are really corrupt. Then I can only have pity on them, I cannot possibly love such people unconditionally. Before they deviated, God really loved Adam and Eve because they were pure and innocent. But after the fall, they hid themselves in shame among the trees of the garden. Even animals move freely in gardens or forests without any shame. How could God love such people? He could only feel pity toward them.

About 20 years ago, I was really atheistic. I asked my Catholic friend to explain how he could believe in God without feeling Him when atheism seemed more reasonable. He said God is Almighty, spiritual, and loving, but he could not give a spiritual, reasonable reason. Nor could he explain why an Almighty God or love could exist in the context of today's evil world.

Later, a really dedicated Christian woman persuaded me to attend church once. Christians are supposed to be very good people, so I went. But at church the minister said that Moses crossed the Red Sea with the waters divided, that Christ fed 5000 people with a few loaves of bread, and other beautiful stories. However, these seemed good only for children, like Santa Claus stories, so I rejected these stories. However, she persisted. She invited me to a prayer meeting on a mountain, as if it were a picnic, so I came but nobody could eat anything for 7 days first!

This meeting was guided by a revivalist who had fasted 40 days. At the end, he said "Today, the Holy Ghost did not come because there are evil people here." When he said that, I felt ashamed for the others' sake. I tried to pray and said very humbly, "God how are you?" Right then, great spiritual power came into me, and my attitude about God really changed. I promised to give all my resources and effort for God's sake, and my life really changed. For three days, I felt a merciful attitude towards all the evil people that I knew at that time. Afterwards, I started to develop a practical mind.

We must be merciful toward evildoers or
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deviated people. If we judge too harshly and quickly, we cannot expect mercy from God either: "Judge not, that you may not be judged." (Matthew 7:1) Jesus was rejected by the high priests and even his 12 disciples left him during his last hours; nobody really understood him. However, his attitude toward them all was merciful right to the end. Even when he was on the cross, he prayed "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34). Throughout his mission, he was merciful for the sake that deviated people might restore themselves to goodness. To be merciful or to feel pity is not to cease being against evil; it is meant to give evildoers a chance to restore themselves before the time of judgment comes. This is a central teaching in all religions.

Today's religions overemphasize mercy or pity, as if salvation consisted of God's mercy alone. This teaching is a great mistake; salvation of the Heavenly Kingdom can come only through restoration from evil to goodness according to the truth or the heavenly way of life, both on earth and in heaven. No matter how merciful a father is to his spoiled children, he can never feel any joy or happiness about them, unless they become good children. Likewise, although God may be very merciful to us. He can never feel any true joy about us, unless we become good people. But God is merciful to us now, that we may restore ourselves rather than having to be judged.

No matter what, we must establish peace or good human relationships. If a poor and a dirty beggar comes into your home, you naturally have a feeling of reaction within you. Although nothing is wrong with this feeling of itself, you must first seek to understand his circumstances and communicate heartistically and mercifully with him. Otherwise, you can never make a human friendship with him. If your mind is only rational or like a computer, you always react against anything which differs from your own self-concept of what is proper and right. However, a merciful person can love those who are not really lovable so that they might be restored.

LETTER

FROM

CARMELLA.....

November 12, 1969

Dear Family,

Hi, everyone! Just a very brief note to say thank you very much for a most meaningful and rewarding Children's Day weekend. We ate so much that we have enough energy to last us a week! Everytime we visit our home we come back feeling spiritually refreshed and enlightened.

Much is going on in San Jose. Father is teaching us many things about ourselves, others, and His will. I hope that we can wisely use the inspirations and thoughts which have been given to us this past week. I really feel that Heavenly Father is watching over us and trying to help us even though we still need so much more practical wisdom and ability.

We are starting a nightly lecture practice program at 11:00 p.m. Last night Ed practiced giving the 2nd lecture on Deviation. We will try to learn the Principle of Creation in the new way based on the notes that Diana has taken while in San Francisco.

Do you remember Jack Higgins, the fellow who came with us about two weekends ago for Saturday question and answer nite and Sunday meeting? He is now on his fourth lecture and is responding well. He is very broad-minded in his thinking. We are really praying for him so that he may understand and recognize the higher standard of truth. He's a good person and would be a very faithful core worker for Heavenly Father if he can be convinced by the Truth.

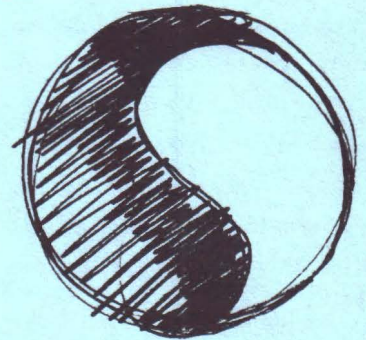
Have you heard from Josephine or Jackie? We would really like to share experiences with each other but there seems so little time when we get together during the weekends in San Francisco. I really am grateful for all

brothers and sisters who are alone - I realize how much more strength and willfull determination must be exerted. At the same time I am also grateful for Diana and Ed both - and I pray that our sisters will soon find good co-workers in their area.

Ron told me about the new press which was recently added to the print shop. That's really great!

Tacco, the astringent is much appreciated and well used by both Diana and I. You and everyone are always in our thoughts and prayers!! There is much love in our hearts for all of you - it's difficult to express.

Gerry, we received your little greeting note along with Linda's letter. I wish we could have talked this past weekend. Next time, Sis!



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REASON & EMOTION

Wednesday Night: November 5, 1969
based on Mr. Choi's speaking
by Mike Warder

The purpose of the Bible and a philosophy (love of wisdom) is to tell of love and truth. Love controls our emotion and truth controls our rationality. There are many kinds of people but basically only two: emotional and rational. The ideal man possesses both in balance. If we are only emotional, we can deviate. If we are only rational, we are cold. Both are necessary. Love is emotional and warm. Truth is rational and cold. They are opposite but both must

be balanced and make a good base with one another. They are different elements but can make a good base with one another. They are different elements but can make a base like (+) and (-) or North and South.

What does the ideal man look like? Jesus was strict and had truth but also was very warm like the sun or fire.

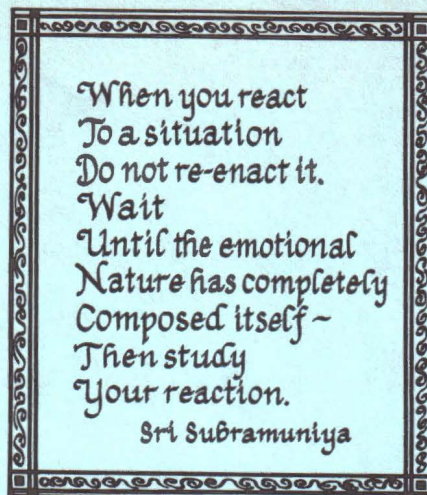
Sometimes people have stubborn minds. Love is the only thing that can melt a stubborn mind.

How can a rational man develop his emotion? How can an emotional man be rational? If you are just rational, you are like a machine and must develop your emotion. If you think you lack emotion, you must train your heartistic side.

If emotional people lack rationality, you cannot trust or rely upon them. Their feelings go up and down and not in a straight direction. The changes of emotion must be checked and controlled by the straightness of rationality.

Our heartistic feeling is very important. Today is an age of science and rationality, but nothing heartistic is taught in the schools. What is the result? Maybe an emotional man will see a flower and say "How beautiful! I want to paint it or write a poem. It is so joyful to appreciate it." On the other hand a scientist may see the same flower and say in a monotone, "this flower has seven petals, is green and is composed of such and such elements." What good for? It is a scientific analysis that is in one way right, but it is lacking.

Many middle aged people feel that today society lacks heartistic education. IBM and science have replaced the heart. A wife might have an intelligent, well-educated husband but feel something is lacking. He might work hard and assume responsibility, but the wife might not feel he is a real man. When an emotional man sees a beautiful woman, "Oh, how beautiful!" A rational man might analyze her lines, curves and the separation between the eyes. A rational man might do good things but lacks something because people are primarily emotional.



has free will but nature automatically follows without free will. If we are heartistic, we can comprehend mistakes. A circle comprehends, but rationality is straight and cannot. A rational mind just says it's wrong. My position here is teacher of 50 people. I must comprehend and not be like a machine. We are not perfect but still growing.

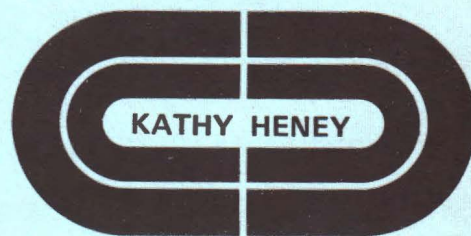
Many people just react because they judge by their rational mind. A heartistic person would say "That's okay." If we are only rational, we can't comprehend and we become tired. Truth judges good and evil. Love comprehends others.

But we can't be just heartistic. If a mother always comprehends the child, the child will be spoiled and have no right direction. He will always waver up and down, high and low. An emotional poet may talk about beauty and love and be very idealistic and spiritual yet very impractical. Often women marry such a person and get along well for two or three years, but it usually doesn't last five or six years. We must be practical, eat and have clothes. We must have truth. If people are just emotional, they can't be relied upon.

Myself, sometimes, I appear warm and other times cold. We first must trust - have faith in God and man. People fear today because they have no trust. When they drive a car, they feel fear. If we walk on the street, we might feel fear that someone will attack us. With faith in God and faith in man we can have peace. A wife and husband, parent and child, friend and friend, business man and business man all must trust each other. Faith

is the basic condition. The Bible always teaches faith based on truth. This is strict and not emotion. It is the foundation but not the ultimate goal. We want a house as well as a foundation. Faith is necessary to build a heartistic life. With trust we can communicate heartistically. If I have just one potato chip and a good friend, this is really good. This begins with faith which comes from the truth. As Jesus said we must love God and love man and be loved by God and man.

On faith we cultivate a heartistic life. People who don't know this have lost the essence. Cultivate faith on truth which produces love. Then you are both reliable and heartistic.



By Kathy Heney

In August 1968, Kathy Heney moved to San Francisco, fresh out of high school and very naive. For the previous 17 years she had lived in a small country town completely isolated from the external problems of the world. She was extremely shocked when she enrolled at City College in September 1968, and found out society and the world weren't rose gardens that her parents had told her about. She found herself surrounded by people who were continually attacking the system (government and society), denying the existence of God and the necessity of moral values. But Kathy could not accept the views of these people, because deep inside she believed that the world could be a better place, but she had no concrete plan of how to change it.

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Then, in the spring semester of 1969 she overheard a girl in her Art class, Gloria Mota, speaking about Principle and an organization called the Family. She bombarded Gloria with many questions about the Principle and the purpose of the Family. It was too good to be true. It was like a dream come true, for Kathy. She asked to meet the Family and hear the lectures. Kathy was deeply moved by the warmth and sincerity of the Family and awed by the greatness of the Principle. She wanted to join the Family and continue studying the ideas presented in the lectures. However, her Aunt, who she was living with was skeptical and would not allow her to come to the Center very often, and finally forbade her to go at all. Her desire to be with the Family and study the Principle forced her to tell lies, and sneak over to the Center when her aunt was at work. A conflict between deceiving her aunt and following Principle began to grow until it reached a peak in October 1969. She moved out of her aunt's house and into the Student Center.

This has been a glimpse of the past which was severed from me when I moved into the Center. I have begun a new life, a true life. I am eager to know and understand everything in Principle and deeply comprehend each and every family member.

Thank you, Papa, family and most of all you, Father, for bringing me here.

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HAPPY SUNDAY

A few Sundays ago our family took off toward the shores of the Pacific and had a picnic at Stinson Beach. It was a good chance to leave our busy schedule at the Center and enjoy good companionship and the beauty of nature. Many who have recently been in contact with our family were able to come, as well as our brothers and sisters, like Ed and Josephine who have been doing work in different cities.

The day was characterized by good food, our characteristic spirited dodgeball game, singing, wrestling (for the boys) and football. Our brother Clint played with enthusiasm that few of us could ever forget. All gave thanks to Father for such a wonderful day.

COMMON GROUND

By Darcy Turner



Many American people feel isolation and loneliness in today's computerized society. With an overabundance of material goods, more and more Americans are seeking spiritual and intellectual fulfillment. As they seek a relationship with their Creator and a better understanding of their fellow man and the universe, people are becoming increasingly aware of the value of communal living. Many kinds of groups offer structure and guidelines which help an individual to have more meaning, purpose and value in his life.

At the Re-Education Center, we're interested in learning more about the structure of the numerous groups in the San Francisco area. Recently, several of our family members have spent meaningful evenings with members of the Sokagakkais, the House of Love and Prayer, Anthroposophists, The Family of Man, even some time with Steve Gaskin who speaks with over 1,000 people at the New Family Dog. Each of these groups gatherings we find have their own techniques and uniqueness, their own requirements for membership. Some of the groups live with each other 24 hours around the clock; others simply establish a house for meetings and get-togethers. Steve Gaskin has a hall which is a converted gymnasium. Although each group is individual and unique, at the Center we're interested in finding out what the various groups in San Francisco share in common with one another. What is their central purpose and goal in today's society? Are they working strictly for the benefit of their own members, their own pattern of life, or are they interested in the brotherhood and cooperation of all people in the world? How do they propose to help men relate with one another? What kind of following do they have? What techniques are they using to interest the public? Most important where is the meeting point between Principle, our life and purpose here at the Center, and the direction each specific group is taking? Basically what human truths do we have in common and how can we unite with one another beyond a particular group ideology and share our common humanity and brotherhood...Peacefully? How can we work with one another to bring about a more constructive instructive way of life in today's world?

One of the first groups we visited was the Sokagakkai, located on Pine Street not far from our Center, the Sokagakkai's are a sect of Buddhism, which hold meetings every evening for everyone and anyone. The first thing we noticed when we walked in the door of a plain white box-like house was the active atmosphere. A small room was crammed with people, the majority in their



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late teens or early twenties. Most were listening avidly to a tall thin sweat-shirted man in the process of explaining the purpose of the meeting: to realize the value of the Guhunza, a sacred Buddhist scroll and to begin chanting. Amazingly enough, no one in the room knew exactly what was written on the Guhunza, nor why the value of your life would increase as you repeated the words of the chant: nam-myo-ho-ren-gek-kyo. The main emphasis was placed not on why you chant but simply that you chant - quickly, simply, as soon as possible. Then, see what happens. If you chant for over 100 days, you'll receive materialistic and personal benefits. And to give witness to this, several invigorated people stood up and spoke on how chanting to the Guhunza had expanded their way of life: money, jobs, friends, new opportunity and energy. For many the experience had moved them up onto their feet and awakened in them a more meaningful pursuit of value in life. Most important, these people sincerely genuinely wanted to share this lifting positive experience with every person in the room. "You don't have to believe it, just try it and see if it works. I did."

As we left the meeting, we felt the Sokagakkai were an animated group of individuals who were working with one another to change the people around them. However we felt too much pressure and energy was being channeled simply to recruit vast numbers of members and coerce them into chanting without a deeper understanding of the nature of man himself. What is man's purpose in life? How does he relate to his Creator and to his fellow man? The manner in which man answers these questions and actualizes them in his daily life, defines his value in the world around him.

We invite all Sokagakkai members and everyone else over to the Re-Education Center to have an interchange of views to reach a more rational common understanding of what is man and the way of life.

Congratulations to our October man of the month, PATRICK DRISCOLL. The family recognizes Patrick's conscientious contributions at the Print Shop daily, and at our Center nightly where he organizes effective witnessing. On Sundays, Patrick is seen in a distinguished suit, a recent gift from each of us.

Our family members have been asked to sell a quota of three of Papasan's triple volume editions of PRINCIPLES OF EDUCATION each week. Soo Lim usually doubles her quota by recontacting people who have been to our Center, and by being FIRM.

We prepared two weeks ahead of time for our second Sunday meeting which was held again at the Unitarian Church. This time Papasan spoke on why freedom causes conflict in today's society. He was joined by Mike Hart speaking on the value of man in today's society. As before we were rewarded with well over 200 people.

Over Thanksgiving weekend many of our family members visited relatives and close physical family. All who remained at the San Francisco Center had the special chance to journey with Papasan and Mamasan to the Monterey Coast, where our trailer was stationed during the four days. Freely we came and freely we went to the many beautiful natural points in the area with our hearts open to each other.

Sunday evening November 9, our Center celebrated Children's Day with an international dinner and entertainment. Under the supervision of Mamasan, the girls prepared specialty dishes and delights. Afterwards, we were treated to a unique production of MANY MOONS, a play directed by Karen Kardell, featuring Nina Zedicoff, and adapted for our family by Linda Dunne.

Students have been returning regularly to Josephine Louie's experimental class at Stanford University. This Friday, she held a Chinese dinner at the Wade's home where

she is staying, for students and family members visiting from San Francisco. Papasan came too and spoke heartistically for the human way of life.

On Eighth Avenue, the UNIFIED STUDENTS, held a Saturday potluck dinner for the people attending the experimental college courses at San Francisco State, City College and University of San Francisco. Twenty-five people were able to hear Mike Warder speak informally on the way of life at our Center. Mike was followed by spontaneous volunteer entertainment, and all attending felt the spirit and success of the evening. Enough so to repeat the pattern monthly.

Down in San Jose, Carmella, Ed, and Diana have moved into their new Center, and continue to hold their college class every Thursday. Recently, twenty-two people attended and stayed well into the evening.

At the STUDENT CENTER, the vegetable garden is growing according to Principle.

SANG IK CHOI By Michael Y. Warder

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I asked everyone to come closer because feeling begins spiritually and ends physically. Thought and feeling come first and then speaking and showing. Spiritual feelings and action go together. I first came to America and noticed the furniture and how people talked. In Japan we sit on the floor at small tables and are close to one another. We think and sit closely and this makes for a close feeling. In Japan, we say aunt and uncle or brother and sister even to strangers. It helps to sit together. That's why I asked you to sit together.

What is right and wrong? We must know this. Any action or speaking without knowledge of right and wrong brings problems. Today, people cry for freedom. What is freedom? Freedom is to do what you want. But freedom must be for the good man. The bad man must be restricted. If a dog is mad, we always restrict it with a muzzle and chain. But a natural dog doesn't need these. People today just want to speak and act. But you can't do it if you are wrong.

The Bible says if you obey my words, you will live forever. This means to follow the right or truth. Right is constructive. Wrong is false and destructive. We must know what is right and what is wrong before we speak and act.

My speaking is constructive and instructive and not academic or theoretical. I want to be good for others and myself. Today many people are mixed up about what is right and wrong.

On T.V. today I saw a movie star was killed by some bad people who thought money was the cause of evil, so they wanted to sacrifice the rich people. They had a faith and they did it because they thought the people's minds were too attached to money. But is money wrong? Without money or material can you live, build a house or civilization? We need material to actualize truth, beauty and love. Money brings trouble, but how could we actualize concrete happiness without it?

Money can be used for a good purpose. Myself, I work all day to make money. I want a lot of money to make people happy by promoting education, cultural centers and civilization. I want to show an example of good business and solve labor management problems and use money for a good purpose. Myself, I use money to do good things. The problem isn't money but man's greedy nature.

Communists say the problem is lack of material. If I am poor, even if I have no mon-

rich, even then I can have enemies. The problem today is man's character.

I am not a great teacher but a humble young man. But I want to consider what I can do for God and man. My ideas are not my own ideas. That may sound strange but my ideas are universal. Christianity emphasizes 400 viewpoints today - not a universal viewpoint. What is the universal sense that must be thought? I think my own thoughts but before I speak I always consider the constructive universal sense. This is conscientious common sense. Common means universal. I always live this standard.

What is right and wrong? Why are there strange things today? People's opinions and viewpoints are emphasized and not the truth. conflict then comes.

I ask about Mr. Choi. Some say that he's good and others say he's bad. I am one man, but there are two opinions. I am judged right or wrong, by their own viewpoint. If our viewpoints agree, then you may think I am good. If you disagree, then you will think I am bad. If we have 100 people, then we have 100 standards of good and evil. The problem today is different views.

But right is right - regardless of one's own viewpoint or benefit. Love your neighbor as yourself - it is universally reasonable and profitable. If I lived 2,000 years ago and were a priest, my churchmembers might leave. But whether they left or not, whether Jesus worked on Sunday or not, Jesus sought righteousness. This is right. It's good. An Oriental, Caucasian and Negro all agree. It's acceptable to all. This is agreeable and profitable. This is his own idea based on a public standpoint and advantage. It's true.

Right or wrong is simple. Anything reasonable for everyone is right. Public benefit and standard is right not my own standard or opinion. We must distinguish opinion from truth. We must not regard "my own benefit" but public benefit.

Today's communism is reasonable - but not universally acceptable. It gives profit for everyone - not just employee or employ-

him, how could the employee have a business? One thing - I don't have many things, but I am one of the strongest men in the world spiritually. I speak and act conscientiously. Nothing bothers my conscience. Power comes from the heart, conscience and rationality. If nothing is against these, then I generate spiritual power.

I live and die for one purpose: righteousness. If America is right, I'll die for America. If communists are right, I'll die for them. But, if I think of just myself, and someone says "Hey you are selfish," then I feel very small and weak. Men like Buddha and Jesus who speak conscientious, rational common sense, speak the truth. The truth is within our conscience, heart and rationality.

Truth is not just for today, but for the past, the present and the future. Jesus' speaking is still profitable today. Many theologians say this and that, but Jesus' words are still beneficial.

Today we live together due to the influence of good teachers of the past. Good and right is for past, present and future. It is right, true, universal and eternal. However if something is right just for today and it changes, then it's not the truth. Communism is always revised, but nature never revises.

Myself, I am not perfect but I always try and speak conscientiously. I must think what is good for the past, the present and the future and also others and myself. Then, it's right. A hundred theologians might have a hundred opinions. The more you study them, the more you confuse yourself.

Moslems have four wives. Do you think this is right? Then ask you conscience, your heart and your mind. We can judge by this. Man is in the image of God and can judge by the truth within. We can judge by our pure, original conscientious rational common sense. Then, no matter if we are a communist, or an existentialist or religious person, we can live and cooperate together. But if we emphasize our own viewpoint, we can never have a common understanding.

Hitler and Tojo were right by their own individual standard but not a world standard. We fight because of an individual or group