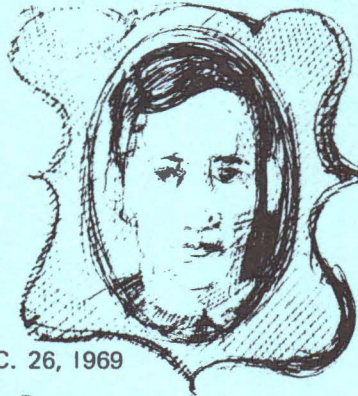


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## SPEAKING **SELF-** **EXAMINATION**

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S.I.C. Recorded by Kevan Brennan

Bible: Matthew 5:13-16

Today is the last Sunday of the year; we need to examine ourselves for anything which is against our conscience. Why must we do this? Plants and animals never do it. But they live 100% according to the natural law. Mankind, on the other hand, has deviated from the true way of life ever since Adam and Eve fell. If all men lived 100% by a world scale conscience, man would never fight with each other about anything.

We must perfect our character individually and collectively. We also must repent of all evil things within us. But we must examine ourselves before we can know what the evil things are. This is no easy task to do. Your pride and self-respect will always be hurt whenever you face any of your faults. You cannot reasonably do this objectively by yourself, and thus need to seek the advice and opinions of others. You think you can see your faults all by yourself? It is like trying to look at your dirty face; without a mirror or the comments of others, you will never know how dirty your face really is.

Jesus said you must repent before the heavenly kingdom can come. But you must examine yourself before you can know for what you must repent. Those people in high positions will find this especially difficult, for they are apt to feel self-righteous by virtue of their position.

For a good self-examination, you must do four things. First, you must be humble for the truth. You must not let your self-respect spur you into reacting against painful truths about yourself. Second, you must see yourself rationally. To look at yourself otherwise will mislead you about your faults. Third, because others can see you for who you are more clearly and openly than you yourself can, you must listen to the criticisms others make of you. Fourth, after you do the first three, you must be honest, lest you give self excuse. You should do these in your prayers, before going to sleep. You should also do these in making a New Year's resolutions.

When you are in a position to criticize another, speak carefully, especially if you are well respected by your listener. As a teacher, if I criticize you on one or two small things, that means there are maybe about ten or twenty things for which you could be criticized. And you may react like little children. Many of you could not bear it, so I don't criticize you on all these things. When I mention a few of your good points, your hope in yourself will really go up. Likewise, when I criticize a few of your weak points, you will really get discouraged. Then you might give up your attempts to grow in character, and never go to the heavenly kingdom even you contribute your efforts for others.

## **New Year Determination**

JANUARY 4, 1970

by Sang Ik Choi

reocrded by Kevin Brennan

Today is the first Sunday of the New Year. If we have strong power at the beginning, we will have a good start, no matter what our task is. This is true in athletic games such as the Olympics, too. Thus, the beginning is very important. This is why we should give the New Year a good start: to make the whole year as good as possible. Likewise on a daily basis, we should make our start in the morning as good as possible.

Without power, we cannot act, but without strong determination we cannot have much power. Therefore, determination is necessary for any successful life. You will never win much without it.

Those young men who become hippies are real losers today. They talk about peace and live a peaceful life for themselves. But such a life is no help to others caught in conflicts and wars, is it? If you think such a peaceful life is righteous, please tell me.

They further seek primitive styles of life and call these natural. But primitive life is not truly natural, for man is always able to advance himself. Today's modern things are alright in themselves. For example, planes, money, and other material things can all be used for positive and constructive purposes. But man today is deviated: he argues over his "slice of the pie" in deals, and he uses planes to make war and drop bombs. This is

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no good. Do not say man can never advance himself, either. Much change is occurring in human life today. It is evolving, like the theory of evolution says.

In spite of all the material advancement of today, these hippies grow long hair and become physically dirty. And then they defend their way of life by saying Jesus was a hippie. Now Jesus may have had long hair, but the Bible always said you should keep yourself clean (II Corinthians 7:11). And many of them end up begging for dimes and quarters in a country as rich as this. They are so weak, with no power, because they have nothing outside themselves to live for.

Likewise, just a woman who only types in an office by day and sits in her apartment home at night is weak. She has nothing to live for, except maybe saving \$500 or so to spend on just herself. But a mother is stronger, because she feels personal responsibility for her children and not just herself. However, most people, even Christians, are weak today. But communists have great power: they feel their cause is righteous and full of collective hope and ambition. Communists can eventually rule this world...unless non-communists such as Americans become even more powerful.

You know, long ago, I used to have a girl friend. But she joined the communist movement and is among the most powerful of women today. I doubted the movement then, as I do today. But her faith in it was very strong. She said she could overcome all her selfish desires and promote the happiness for all through it, even if she must die for it. This was during the Sigmund Rhee government of South Korea, which was more corrupt even then South Vietnam is today. Earlier, I was just a common young man and really proud before her. But after she explained this to me, I was so ashamed of myself that I cried like a baby. Her heart was pure, although communism denies God such that I could not accept it. But I did not want her to go against her conscience, so I stayed quiet and we broke up.

The competition between capitalism and communism is alright, too, if it induces both systems to do their best for the sake of the whole world. But when they bloodily fight it out, that is no good. They are only forcing their ideologies on each other.

Did you know that if the three main disciples of Jesus went to die with him on the

cross, the Heavenly Kingdom could have been achieved right afterwards? This is because Jesus would have made a four-position foundation of faith. Heaven and earth can be changed by human efforts. But the human heart is very hard to change, as we know. And if you try to be righteous, sometimes you may feel really tired--even tired enough sometimes to think you should give up. But that tiredness will not last if you persevere. So start the New Year with a strong, determined mind, with strong hope and love for others. Then you can really contribute to the establishment of the heavenly kingdom on earth.

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JANUARY 26, 1970

## the educational revolution

by David Hose

recorded by Kevin Brennan

Today is an age of revolution and of reaction on campuses everywhere. But such things are only an amplification of the general anger of everyone, even middle-aged people, at the deviated conditions of today's world. Thus, it is time to change society. But before we can make a good society, we must make good individuals. Then how can we do this? By studying the lives of good people throughout history.

What kinds of people have been historic leaders? Such leaders have been men with high standards of philosophy and religion, who have sought to rid other people of fear in life. They provided constructive direction and goals to achieve, and people followed them. This standard of historic leaders has generally been simple common sense, and not superstition and other unreasonable things.

Unfortunately, many groups who followed these leaders twisted their teachings from their original common sense. Especially in the case of religion, such groups changed the original teachings into rituals and dogma. Such things lack revolutionary power to bring meaningful change in society, and they become only tradition, which eventually goes into disrepute. This is the fate of today's Christianity, which is only dogma and ritual rather than conscientious common sense which has the real revolutionary power.

Marx was an example; his followers actualized communism, which is very powerful in the world today. In his day, the industrial revolution came, such that managers became very wealthy and laborers very poor. Marx's own father was an employer who went to church but paid his laborers very low wages. So Karl Marx reacted against this, and further reacted against the church which he took as teaching such greedy behavior. Unfortunately, the church had failed to emphasize its original teachings of the value of man.

To change society today, or any day, we must know man's value. This was a great mistake of the church in Marx's day. On the other hand, many of today's revolutionists think rejection of existing values is revolution. But such revolutionists have no positive values to replace the rejected values. Even so, the minds oriented in old, traditional values are unable to build up anything constructive for society.

There was a (fictitious) story about a king who wanted an air force, after he saw birds flying. He called in ten faithful men to achieve this, who put men in wash tubs atop coiled railroad springs. The springs were released, the tubs went into the air...but they fell back to earth and crashed. Those ten were exiled. Another ten brought cars in feathers and had their drivers go over a cliff to fly--but also only to the ground. They also were exiled. But then a young man came in, just as the king was about to give up. He worked for several days and built an airplane, and flew it for hours over a field. And the king was very pleased. The point of the story: no matter how dedicated you are, your efforts will be useless unless you understand the basic principles of how to do the job.

Jesus was a revolutionist. His followers includes all of Christianity today. But he did not lead sit-ins. He studied his own con-



science for years. He wanted to build an ideal world which man had lost in the Garden of Eden. He also sought to set good examples for his followers to follow and pass on to others.

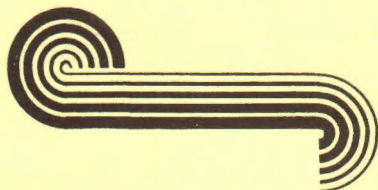
There is another story about two farmers. At harvest time, one's wheat was eight feet high but the other's was only four inches high. They had both bought their seed at the same time and at the same place. Yet this gigantic difference existed at harvest time. So the second farmer asked the first farmer what he had done. And the first farmer said "Oh-- I used fertilizer!"

The next year, the second farmer also used fertilizer. By harvest time, his wheat also was eight feet high. Then his neighboring farmers, who had not seen the first farmer's wheat, asked the second how he got such high wheat. And he told them, and the news of how to raise eight-foot wheat eventually spread to all the farmers in the land. The same was true of Christians, who actualized Jesus' teachings, whom others followed.

On the other hand, just in the last decade or so, there have been three revolutions in America; but none of them have lasted more than a few years. First, the beatniks came during 1964 or 1965, the hippies arrived, mostly in Haight-Ashbury, who simply disidentified with existing values altogether. Thus, they made believe that there are no problems. But that reached its end (at least in Haight-Ashbury) around 1968. Third, there are student activists today. But they are disunified and reacting against each other, as they lack a guiding ideology. After only two or three years, they also are running out of steam.

Nevertheless, they showed some value. Their efforts showed that without understanding the situation and relevant conditions, then there is no direction nor satisfactory results. Such actions are blind efforts to overcome ignorance.

Today is the day when evil, a result of ignorance, can be overcome only by good understanding. But the responsibility is with individuals, not just the governments, churches, etc. All great leaders have said this.



There are no adequate words for any of the great absolutes like life and death, good and evil; only for trivialities like politics and economics and science. One falls back on the word "God" as a meaningless monosyllable.

What can be said with certainty is that, once the confrontation has been experienced — the rocky summit climbed, the interminable desert crossed — an unimaginable delectable vista presents itself, so vast, so luminous, so enchanting, that the small ecstasies of human love, and the small satisfactions of human achievement, by comparison pale into insignificance. Out of tactical despair comes an overwhelming strategic happiness, enfolded in which one is made aware that every aspect of the universe, from a tiny grain of sand to the light years that measure its immeasurable dimensions, are ultimately related, all deserving of reverence and respect, all shining in an all encompassing radiance like dust in a sunbeam.

This sense of oneness, with the consequent release from the burden of self, I take to be God — something which indubitably exists, which not only has not died, but cannot die.

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#### GREAT MEN IN HISTORY

## The Enlightened One

by Darcy Turner

Late in the third century B.C. the Buddhist Emperor Asoka inscribed an edict on a rock honouring and supporting all other religions throughout his vast empire. The edict may still be read today:

Whoever honours his own religion, and condemns other religions, does so indeed through devotion to his own religion, thinking 'I will glorify my own religion.' But on the contrary, in so doing he injured his own religion more gravely. So concord is good: Let all listen and be willing to listen to the doctrines professed by others.

Buddhism as a belief was founded in the 6th century B.C. by Gautama Buddha, born in India as Prince Siddhartha. Although there



is only fragmented biographical material regarding the life of the Buddha or the enlightened one, many poems and legends surround the event of his birth and evolution to enlightenment. According to the tales, the Prince's mother had a spiritual revelation shortly before the Buddha's birth when she was forty-five. A Hindu saint prophesized the future greatness of the infant, while the child himself took seven steps from birth and proclaimed, "For enlightenment I was born, for the good of all that lives." The Prince's father sheltered his own child in luxurious surroundings, protecting him from the outside world in three magnificent palaces where he lived according to the seasons. At the age of nineteen, Gautama was betrothed to a nearby princess and ten years later his own son was born.





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One day while he was out driving for pleasure from his palace, the young Prince was stunned by three sights which changed the course of his sheltered life into a search for a universal understanding which would stop the suffering of mankind.

Firstly the Buddha came upon a man ravaged by time and experienced the suffering of age.

So that is how old age destroys indiscriminately the memory, beauty, and strength of all. And yet with such a sight before it the world goes on quite unperturbed.

Next the innocent Prince encountered a man with a diseased body and with deep compassion exclaimed,

This then is the calamity of disease, which afflicts people! The world sees it, and yet does not lose its confident ways.

And thirdly, the Prince passed by a corpse born on the way to the earth. Vehemently he cried,

This is the end which has been fixed for all, and yet the world forgets fears and takes no heed!

Weighing these three sights within his soul. Prince Gautama returned to the Palace and withdrew from his family and the pleasure in life. With deep conviction, he resolved to leave his wife, his infant son and the inheritance of his father's kingdom and search through the world for a Truth that would save man from the suffering of age, disease and death.

For six years with his head shaved and dressed as a monk, the Buddha wandered about the valley of the Ganges subsisting on a sesame seed and a grain of rice a day. During this time, he met with many great spiritual teachers, studied and followed their various ways. But their thoughts, systems, and rigid ascetic practices could not satisfy him since they offered no universal practical solution to alleviate the suffering of mankind.

Alone, one night in quiet meditation under the Bodhi-tree, Gautama Buddha experienced the truth which he gave to humanity for the good and happiness of all: The lack of self in all that is. Intent on this truth, he surveyed the world, while two voices spoke within him,

Please do not condemn all those that live as unworthy of such treasure! Oh please engender pity in your heart for beings in this world. So varied in their endowment.

Briefly and basically, Buddha's enlightenment brought four noble truths, and an eightfold path to eliminate suffering:

All existence involves suffering  
All suffering is caused by indulging in inherently insatiable desires. Therefore all suffering will cease upon the suppressing of these desires.

And the way leading to the cessation of suffering is the middle path, or the noble eight-fold path that is right view, right aims, right speech, right action, right livelihood, right effort, right mind right contemplation.

These truths form the heart of Buddha's teaching and were the cornerstone of his first sermon which he delivered to five ascetics, proclaiming his aim as the welfare of his that lives.

For forty-five years following the day of his enlightenment, Buddha taught throughout India all classes of men and women...royalty to peasant, beggar to baron. He acknowledged no social differences and the way which he preached was open to all who were willing. At the age of eighty, he died quite naturally.

Historically speaking, the truth which Buddha left with his disciples became the tenets of the first international religion. Today Buddhism has over 160,000,000 followers throughout nine nations in particular. Curiously enough, although Buddha's main emphasis was on a moral law in the universe through which man could save himself from conditions of evil and suffering, Buddha himself is often deified. Yet he was simply a man, a great teacher and a great example, calling on each man to seek his own enlightenment: Overcome evil with good. Purify the heart. Destroy the ego. Follow the truth.

About 200 years after Buddha died, missionary efforts spread the teachings from their original beginning in India to Ceylon, Burma, Cambodia, Thailand. Missionary efforts multiplied with the conversion of the Emperor Asoka who built Buddhist temples, hospitals, supported education and missionary endeavor, and was himself an example of high moral standard. This was the same Emperor quoted earlier regarding religious tolerance.

Prior to the Christian era, Buddhism moved to China, Korea and Japan, where because of the universality of its truth, it was able to exist harmoniously with the national religions. In Japan for example a Shintoist could also be a Buddhist.

In the founding country India however, Buddhism had declined by the 6th century and today although Buddha is revered as a very great man, there are very few native followers.

Once a dynamic powerful missionary movement, Buddhism has remained relatively calm, and quiescent in the 20th century until recently.

Now there are many signs of a spiritual awakening within the widely separated Buddhist sectors, especially in Japan, Ceylon, Burma. With this awakening, there's increased effort toward a world solidarity of Buddhists, culminating in world-wide conferences on Buddhism. In the Perspective of history, Buddha was truly GREAT. He spoke practical applicable truths at a TIME in the world when it was necessary.







## DAILY LIFE

# Mama San Speak s...

Q: Are we limited by a plan for us in this life?

Collectively, there is no limit by our effort. But personal faith is limited by our own indemnity. Even Jesus in fulfilling collective indemnity had to pay personal indemnity. If we follow our leaders' orders we can complete the collective providence but we still have individual indemnity to pay. The deviated nature is seen after you know Principle. We have to eliminate it. Adam had conditions he did not fulfill. Each of us has to fulfill certain conditions. The first condition stems from how the deviation came. Lucifer preferred selfish feelings to the collective purpose. You must prefer the collective goal to your own. By the formula of Restoration, the Cain-Abel pattern was established. It is natural that the younger follows the elder. But why does Cain have to follow Abel? We have to throw ourselves out. Cain has to internally kill himself. We can find our original self by denial of the false self. Why did man fall? We have to understand the process and reverse it. Everyone has troubles at times. It is necessary, for we have

to restore what is fallen. Don't be overwhelmed. Have a cool mind and be prepared. Q: What is the best way to prepare for the arrival of our Leader?

Even though we know him by Principle, it is hard to have a feel for him without a physical contact. A wife might be able to relate to her husband in every aspect if she thinks of what he does while away in the day. But a wife might not relate to a certain aspect of her husband. Each one relates to Leader differently. Never think you can communicate to him completely. You can be impressed, but still you can only relate according to your understanding of the Principle. But feel at one with him. If you changed a lot since the Principle, then you can feel more. You'll feel he is your savior. If you feel superficially about Principle and our movement, you would not feel much. Don't force yourself. This is unnatural. Friction would come. We must grow and not prepare for his arrival especially. Nothing is so mystical. Jesus healed many people, but he said, 'don't speak something you haven't experienced. Even if you speak one thousand words and you have not experienced anything, speaking won't do any good. Before you speak about our Leader, you, yourself, must experience change. Otherwise you'll be unreal or like an insane person. Don't think you are especially special because you have a special mission. Everyone has his own special mission. We must change before we can truly witness. Otherwise we would shame heaven. This action confuses people. We have to be trustful and respectful, then we can represent heaven. If you act by your own feeling, your actions are shameful. If motivation is to praise God and give glory then it will last and be admired. Value differs by motivation.

Q: Can we know when our personal indemnity is paid?

If we overcome through experience we can tell. Also if we know the Principle deeply, you know what you are and can tell. Common problems are material, fame and sex. Understanding Principle lets you know where you stand. You can know after you pass over defects and win. If you are really brilliant, you can know your point and change by understanding practically. Put yourself in a critical situation and you can see where you are. Fasting is one way. Also

tests (psychology, astrology, etc.) are another. Observe your lifestyle and struggles in daily life then you can see the cycle of your life in a year. Once you see yourself, then you can control yourself gradually. Experience yourself completely then you will know how to handle yourself in changing conditions. It is like acclimating yourself to all the seasons of a year. We all have a cycle, and when troubles come you have to know and understand. If you are unaware you can get swallowed up. If you are aware you can overcome the situations. Be aware of your problem and then you can grow. Each time it comes, you can understand more. If you are engulfed, you still have a threat. If you have a high position without understanding, you will fall. But still there is a rope you can climb. You may feel warmth, then over and over again. Maybe an older member fears and worries more. We can't lose ourself. Otherwise you will have lost your past accomplishments. Even mamasan feels lonely and cold sometimes. She knows it's her cycle so she won't be so influenced. She won't be swallowed. She maintains friendliness and analyzes. Understand your emotional wave. If you are aware of the cycle, then you can learn how to control or endure such feelings that are spiritually deep. If you are aware of your subjectivity the be aware to follow the Abel position for three months. This can be a step to victory. If you have a melancholy feeling and want to end loneliness, then make a resolution to kill yourself and follow a high spirited person. Try to follow and imitate, this can be a personal victory. Put yourself in different positions, then you can break feelings. You must try all different ways. Only after diligent efforts and many errors and trials can you find out what you are. In such a way you will learn of your indemnity. Also the indemnity of ancestors must be paid. The Kennedy's experienced tragedy while climbing to the top. There is a cause. You will know gradually.

Q: How do we know we have done as much as we can?

Today you did your best. But the next day you'll have grown and so you have more content and capacity. You have to think critically and honestly. Unless you really complete yourself, you can't say you've given everything. As far as you have discon-



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tent, you are far from your true self. This is a guide. If you have a greater capacity, you will feel more discontent. By the age of forty you should outwardly accomplish some goal of the inner self.

Q: How does a man realize his character by forty and balance a selfish desire for fame?

It is simple. Without knowing yourself, it's an empty search. If you haven't the conditions within, you have nothing. If you have integrity, there is no shame. Jesus tried. If he could have lived until the age of forty, he could have brought the ideal world back then. He had a great sorrow for not having seven more years. Internal and external achievements should be done by age forty. This is every man's potential. A rocket must break out of its cycle or orbit to free itself of gravity. Otherwise it repeats the same motion around and around. By the age of forty this should be done.

A: How do we prosecute Satan?

1. Find out who he is. Then find out his act and know it clearly.

2. Cut the relationship from him. Then you can prosecute him. Lucifer was to be a servant but became Satan when he preferred feeling to the collective direction. Since this deviation we can know Satan when you feel you're acting by selfish desire or when you feel alone. This is a personal feeling. We must consider the proper order and position. We are all special but have a right position. If we prolong this personal way we can make a base for Satan. We must know the source of evil, then we must cut the relation, then you can prosecute him. If you have evil in you, you can't really prosecute.

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

December 13, 1969

Saturday nite Recorded by Mike Warder

Q: How can we prevent arrogance after success?

It's natural that success leads to arrogance. If we are arrogant without doing anything, then this is wrong or false. The more character we have, the more humility we have. Therefore, we should not be impudent. We need to train in order to suppress arrogance and prefer humbleness.

There is no true dignity without an improvement of character with a combination of humbleness. Didn't Jesus have dignity and humility together. He spoke with dignity. A man who speaks truth has dignity.

Q: How can our idea spread and the Heavenly Kingdom be actualized?

Of course this begins by speaking truth. However, many people are so skeptical. Therefore, showing a truthful life and the prosperity of Heavenly children is more effective. Showing is better than talking. Who can deny actualized fact? Who can deny the greatness of Christianity which produced a great civilization and culture. It began with Jesus and his disciples speaking truth. But they couldn't accomplish their goal because of a lack of concreteness of a Heavenly man and the Heavenly Kingdom. Therefore, it must be accomplished by the Second Advent of Christ.

Q: What practical method will allow us to discover what are our weak points and what are our good points?

A good way is to humbly accept others' advice and criticism objectively. Another way you can know yourself is by your own conscience and rationality. However, this is not easy because people have a tendency to self justify or excuse. So you must bring yourself very humble and don't transfer your own fault to others.

Q: Is it better to pray to God directly or through a physical channel?

Often we wonder why we can't pray to God since we are Heavenly Children. We have freedom to do so but it's wrong. Why? God is a spiritual existence but we are a physical existence. A physical existence must go through a physical center who is the King of Kings. Then we can unify and bring a harmonious kingdom on earth. For instance all our organs can't be unified and harmonious if we ignore the physical brain which is the physical center before our spiritual mind.

Q: What is the best way to govern with concern for others while accomplishing our mission?

No matter how much work we have, we must do things one by one. We can't do past our ability. In trying to catch rabbits we have to catch one at a time. If we are fast, we can do two at once. Sometimes I can do it. I want to become the President

of 100 companies and movements. If I have 100 men like me. I could do it. My purpose is to educate for more than just my own sake.

Jesus took time to raise the character of people. My ability is limited. When you like a man, you must know his character. If I know where the screw goes and where the bolt goes, then I can put a machine together and it will run smoothly. A leader must know how to distinguish characters. The work seems complicated, but if you work and distinguish, you can do it. A computer is complicated, but it runs smoothly.

A: Aren't earthquakes examples of disharmony in nature?

Yes, it is true. Those events are not harmonious. They are destructive and negative. Some earthquakes and things are caused by nature and sometimes by God's judgment. Jericho is an example of the latter. The castle was destroyed by an earthquake. Sodom and Gomorrah are other examples. One way we can stop these is by changing our self. The other way is by science. If we know the eye of the hurricane, we might stop one by hitting it with an A bomb in the eye.

Q: How do we overcome fear?

There are two kinds of fear, spiritual and physical. In order to have confidence in your life and strength, you must have faith in God. Jesus said "my peace is not of this world". Jesus was able to overcome spiritual fear. Faith in conscience and rationality is limited. I had many different life styles in the past, but faith in Christianity meant something much greater. However, after Principle, I really liberated myself from fear spiritually. If your father is king, you have confidence. Sometimes people think they know it, but they don't know it truly. Through God's love and truth I can go through Hell. I have one life but I can sacrifice it, I must carry out the mission to change others from hell to heaven. If I had a hundred lives, I could die 100 times for God and man. God is strict on a spoiled child. Once you become liberated and understand this, you can experience God's love and truth. Faith in God is the best way.

Q: How important is knowledge and understanding of our past?

Knowing the past is important. The future is based on the past. If I have a past evil nature, something is affected in the fu-



ture. The law of inertia holds true physically and spiritually. In order to change, you must examine the past too. But if you have a stronger will than the evil power in the past, you can subjugate. If you can overcome, you don't have to worry. The past is just a reference. Don't let the past interrupt the present and the future.

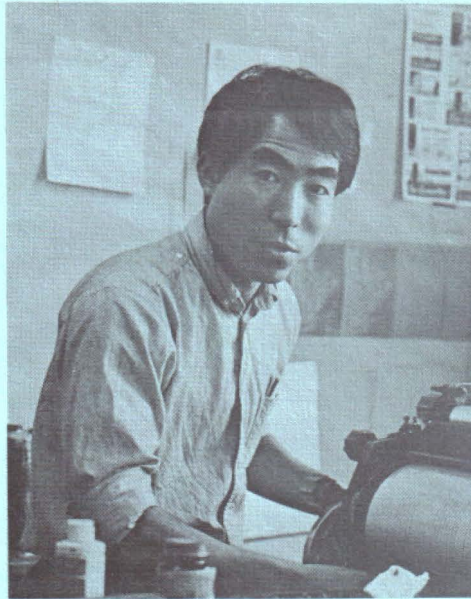
Sometimes a member has had a bad past. He can re-start, but if he doesn't overcome by will power, then he must really prepare and learn about his problem.

Hope for the future is built up by today's action - built on past merit. You must have hope for the future. If not your life is meaningless. You have to subjugate evil. If your mind is in the past, it can interrupt the present. That is why you can forgive and why God forgives. If you are honest and repent and make good fruit of your repentance, God always will forgive you.

Q: Why is astrology so popular today?

Today is the day of the Second Advent of Christ. Two thousand years ago the wise men saw signs in the stars. Actually, they were not so wise. Why did they leave Christ? They should have helped witness more and educate him with earthly knowledge. Salvation is to actualize the heavenly kingdom on earth. We need heavenly ability and earthly wisdom. A true wise man has knowledge for heaven and earth. Earthly wisdom is sometimes more effective than heavenly wisdom in the practical sense. That is why Jesus said you must be wise as a serpent.

Anyway, history repeats itself and today is a new age of the universe. So, this might be the reason why astrology has become so popular today.



## PERSONAL

by Darcy Turner

Nobu is twenty-five and Japanese. Most of us in the family know him by his faith, industry, humility and his sense of humor: subtle, quiet, deep. Whether he works daily at the print shop, witnesses, studies, or listens, we all see him and his value.

Nobu came to the United States in 1963 by himself. An only child, he was following the desires of his parents. For himself, he had no intention of coming. However his father was blind, and his parents really depended on him. They wanted him to come to America and understand the American way of life. So he earned his own way over here and came to live in an American family.

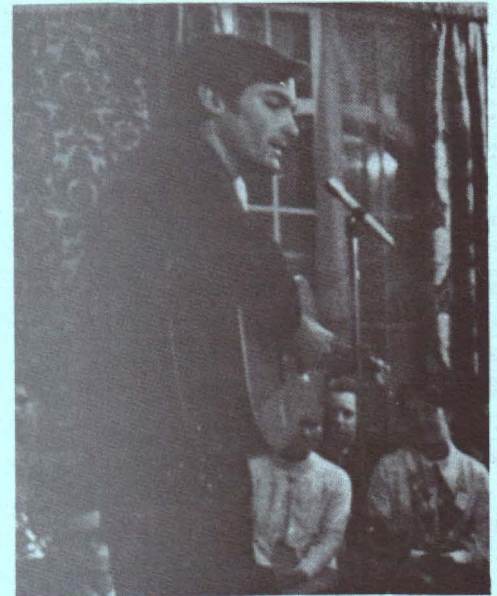
The first thing Nobu-san learned was

English in a school for adults. Then he enrolled in a junior college in Berkeley and a few years later transferred to San Francisco State.

During the month of May in 1968, Nobu was enrolled in a class in Chinese language. So was En-Chan. Nobu was there because he had a deep desire to travel to China and help break down the Communist system to give the people freedom. Emotionally he felt very strong about this idea, but he had no concrete way to accomplish it.

It was at this point in Nobu-san's life that he was introduced to the DIVINE PRINCIPLE by En-Chan. Within three days he heard the entire lecture series and put the Principle into his life. Shortly afterwards, he moved into our Center on Eighth Avenue where he began to grow and to know the heart of our Heavenly Father.

Today Nobu-san shows the fruit of a way of life centered in God and the universal human family. We're deeply proud of Nobu's efforts towards mankind's peace and happiness. And we hope in the future Father has many missions for him.



## AN INTRODUCTION TO PRINCIPLE By Bill McClellan

College and marriage ended for me in spring, 1968. I left marriage numb, and more lonesome than I had been in the years of loneliness prior to marriage. I left college with the knowledge that the universe was God's body, that man was that body's awareness of itself, and that there was no greater thing in life, therefore no other thing in life, than to live for the furtherance of the holy.

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*Here ears are more sensitive to the discords but they hear a secret music. Here the eyes are opened more widely to evil than before. Only now we can see through it into energy beyond and behind that can overcome it.*

*The highest and most important thing in us and in those we oppose is the capacity to act... to see goodness and become a part of it... that light ~ not our despair or fury that defies it ~ is our center of reference.*

*Allan Hunter*



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How could I best do this? I thought the best use I could make of myself would be to go to graduate school in philosophy or theology so I could write and teach about these crucial subjects. However, at that time two years ago I was in a hurry to do nothing but relax.

One morning I woke up 15 minutes late for work, so I called up and quit on the spur of the moment. When my rent ran out I moved in with friends. The following twenty months was a series of shifting circumstances. I was very free, but not free of the fact that I was imposing on my friends. This knowledge dragged on all of my positive strivings.

This burden was lifted when in November, 1968, I was invited to join a country music band called the Styx River Ferry. Since the band lived communally to make ends meet, I was assured of honestly-gained bed and board. I would have much spare time, which I could devote to personal growth and study, especially to re-apply to graduate schools, and apart from this, I enjoyed the music intensely. So I thought, I was trying to find joy and satisfaction in a life of ease. It looked good on the outside—student and musician—but it was based on a tentative commitment.

When I was very young I remember walking across the sunny lawn of my Philadelphia home, meditating on how I was connected with my source. It was a golden cord, quite umbilical, which I imagined (perceived?), and I wondered did I tow it after me or did it grow from me as I moved, and did it lie like spaghetti, yard upon yard, tracing through the spaces and times of my life?

I was born in Philadelphia. When my parents became divorced, my mother took my two brothers and myself from Virginia back to that city, to live with her parents. My grandfather was a very practical and conscientious man, beloved by all who knew him. He served well as a father figure, teaching as the value of "horse sense", of considering "the other guy", and of knowing the authority by which one speaks.

I never wanted to fight, nor had to, because I could talk a way to peace. It is harder to do this in the adult world. In high school I concentrated on English and journalism. In college I started out with a major of psychology, but became frustrated with the operating assumption that to be scienti-

fic one must avoid the question of God. Neurophysiology was fascinating, as were encounter groups, but I sought the ultimate frame of reference. I could see no real contradiction of science and religion. My major changed to philosophy, and by the time I graduated it had effectively become theology.

I had thought deeply about the possible advantages and necessity of following a master—certain friends follow a reportedly perfect Sikh named Kirpai Sing Ji, and I heard him speak. I had thought deeply about the relation of the political and the spiritual, the individual and the collective, and history and the timeless. I knew something was at stake in the historical process.

So, after the novelty of the musician's life wore off, and I could see past the relative good of at least earning a living, I found I still could not fully devote myself to anything in particular. I was always uneasy. Music didn't give me full pleasure, but I couldn't concentrate on spiritual matters either. For a long time I tried to talk myself out of the realization that I was destroying myself by compromise.

It was in mid-October last year when Soo Lim spoke to my brother Christopher and me at the main library. I recognized her almost immediately. . . she had spoken to me there over two years ago. I had forgotten her name, but had remembered something of our speaking from that time, so I said "Sun Moon". She shrieked in delight.

The books I took out of the library that day were returned unread. My application to graduate school remains incomplete. I absorbed the lectures like a dry sponge absorbs water, yet not without a critical attitude. Family members received double and triple scrutiny. All I saw was good. Here I am.

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## THIS IS HAPPENING !

Our family welcomed our Hawaiian sister Carmella home from the center which she pioneered at San Jose College. Carmella will be living and working with us once again on Sacramento Street. She is working as an assistant in the admissions office at San Francisco College for Women. We are glad especially to see Carmella in the evenings when she delivers effective lectures.

Recently Papa-San, our teacher has been living and working in Calistoga in Northern California. The location is well known for its mineral baths and hot springs. Two weekends ago our family drove up in carloads to visit with Papa and each other. While we were there, we enjoyed the steamy waters and whirlpools.

The Unified Students have been active during their semester break preparing for their second training session within one month. This time in anticipation of the large numbers of participants, the students are trading homes with the main center for the days of January 30th, 31st, and February 1st.

Late at nights, groups of the girls have banded together for practice lecture sessions. Darlene Okamura delivered the first three charts of the Principle of Creation and is studying the others.

Josephine Louie has mobilized between our San Jose, Stanford and San Francisco Centers. Her flexibility, and adaptability, and contributions are respected by all of us.

Mike Hart and En-Chan have been reinforcing Ed, Diana and Daikon at our center in San Jose during the weekends. The additional witnessing and lecturing will hopefully prove fruitful.

Our regular 7:00 lectures and Sundays dinners and meetings continue as scheduled. With the increasing joy of expanding numbers of people. We will soon be needing another house and more centers.

Mike Runyon was interviewed regarding our center by KQED radio. We hope to make more of an impact on the news media as we grow larger.

WE'RE ALL DETERMINED!