


EPOCH - MAKER

This issue is named "EPOCH-MAKER"

Today politics, economics, education, philosophy, and other means through which mankind has been seeking the solution of human casualty have come to an impasse. Neither the teaching of one of these parts of the solution nor merely a combination of them will bring the solution. If there is one thing that modern man needs more than anything else, it is a fixed star to guide him. What has to be understood is the fundamental Principle which comprehends the principles of politics, economics, education, philosophy, and others. The fundamental Principle is universal and perpetual and gives the guiding light to man for the completion of his own self and his collective world.

Those who internalize the Principle and then act upon their world and society through the Principle and universal love make the world one. The history of ceaseless conflicts and fighting and the world of contradiction and chaos can be changed. It is epoch-making.

We would be very glad if the issue "EPOCH-MAKER" could contribute to a deeper understanding and internalization of the Principle in sharing any possible means of bringing the one world through an exchange of hearts and the encouragement of one another.

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GREAT QUOTATIONS OF TRUTH

There are four chief obstacles in grasping truth, which hinder every man, however learned, and scarcely allow any one to win a clear title to learning; namely, submission to faulty and unworthy authority, influence of custom, popular prejudice, and concealment of our own ignorance, accompanied by an ostentatious display of our knowledge.

Roger Bacon

Truths for a New Day

1. The oneness of mankind.
2. Independent investigation of truth.
3. The foundation of all religions is one.
4. Religion must be the cause of unity.
5. Religion must be in accord with science and reason.
6. Equality between men and women.
7. Prejudice of all kinds must be forgotten.
8. Universal peace.
9. Universal education.
10. Spiritual solution to the economic problem.
11. A universal language.
12. An international tribunal.

THE GUIDING LIGHT

This section "the guiding light" is for deeper understanding of principles

Men have not been entirely unaware of truths. Everyone knew some parts and aspects of entire truth, yet they were no more than segmented truth. When men attached too much importance to those segmental ideals and truth, they brought conflict and found themselves struggling and fighting. Therefore, we cannot solve conflicts unless we clearly grasp the central point of entire truth. The central point is the direction of our original pure conscience. Pure and original conscience reflects God's will and intention correctly. God speaks through our original conscience. The direction of the original conscience is to prefer the whole purpose to one's own. The natural world provides infinite examples such as the earth rotating for revolution around the sun, or a great symphony being produced when individual instruments are played in accordance with the conductor who guides the individuals toward one collective goal.

To become ideal man, man has to know the central truth which is to prefer the whole to his own. The central truth is called "rightness". But what actually makes ideal man is the rightful action, namely, the manifestation of rightness through his body.



WHAT'S HAPPENING



THE MEANING OF HOLY SALT

(1) Constitution

The holy salt comes into our usage as a means of sanctification after it was used in the ceremony of our leader's marriage in 1960. Some of you might have objection or negative feeling about using holy salt because it might seem ritualistic. We, of course, do not put too much importance on rite or form. But we can see deeply another aspect and meaning through historical examples.

Jesus, giving bread and wine to his disciples, said "this is my flesh and my blood." By eating bread and drinking wine, we symbolically make oneness with Jesus. Any form of ritual was not originally necessary, but came into being as the result of our deviation. No observance is required in the relationship between father and son, but some legal procedure is needed to make a relationship between a foster father and adopted son.

The baptism becomes necessary for anyone to be re-born as children of God. It has a great significance to come into the new relationship of life from spiritual death.

By the fall of man, the relationship between Father and child was broken up. For the restoration of the original relationship, many ritual forms of historical importance were needed with various stages in the forms. During the period of the Old Testament age, God appeared as Jehovah. At this stage, the relationships between God and mankind was as Master and servant. During the period of the New Testament Age, Jesus reigned as the mediator through whom mankind can be united with God. Jesus came to make mankind, whose bloodship is not his own, adopted sons and daughters. At the perfection stage, new internal and external conditions are required to have a true relationship of Father and son(daughter).

Before discussing the conditions for the complete testament age, I will briefly go over the providence of the New Testament age. During this age, various external rites which were to form new lineage and relationships of life were necessary. John the Baptist called people "Offspring of snakes" (Matt. 3:7) and Jesus said "I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit. . . ." (John 15:5)

Now, at the complete testament age, we have to internalize the Divine Principle for this age of spiritual and physical perfection. The internalization of Principle also has three stages. The first is conceptual internalization through truth (words). The second is the actual internalization through human character. It is the incarnation of principle to man himself. The third is through heart (divine spirit) for Father (God) is spirit and we can truly integrate with him in heart (spirit). It can be illustrated as below.

Three Stages	Perfection	Heart(Divine Spirit)	Love	cubic	True freedom
	Growth	Character	Beauty	curve line	variety
	Formation	Truth (words)	Rightness	straight line	straightness

Some members often feel themselves tasteless, impersonal and machinery after they came into contact with Principle and involved in the movement, though they thought their personalities were rich, tasteful and more varied. Nevertheless, as you see through the illustration, their status is the process and preparation to the higher beauty and love. Unless you complete this stage of rightness and straight forwardness, from stem to stern, you stay incomplete and often face the threat of corruption. There will be many ways to explain it, but the most important thing is how you put yourself into the stage of strict rightness and straight-forwardness exhaustively to the completion of the stage. The task is up to you.

The last judgment is done through these three stages. The first is the judgment by truth (words), whether you believed or not and evangelized or not; the second is by character, whether you actually realized the truth in your daily life and in your character; and the third is by heart, whether you really impressed your Father and made oneness with him in heart (divine spirit). The judgment is to have the original values of our existence which are originally bestowed to man as the eternal existential value. To lose the value is to lose the foundation of existence.

Now, who has to set the new external conditions? Until today, many people thought God reigned all creation and possessed everything. But actually God has been alone and has had nothing. He lost everything by man's fall. It is our responsibility to restore the whole universe including and ourselves. At the perfection stage we have to restore both internal and external, subject and object conditions. Man is the central creation of God and the universe is partial creation of God. Man's mind is subjective and his body objective. Therefore we have to restore man and the universe, spirit and body.

New testament age only completed spirit. The revelation as we knew through Paul's confession "For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members." (Romans 7:22-23) Thus, at this stage, we have to restore and devote our spirits and bodies, man himself and the whole universe. When we offer something to God, it has to be the best of the best. And we, ourselves, have to be sanctified spiritually and physically. For this purpose, we have holy salt. Because it is generally considered a holy and fundamental element. As the Bible says "you are the salt of the earth," which means each one of Jesus' disciples has to be an awaker and reviver of sleeping and dead spirits of people. Man cannot live without salt and water. Even the physiological view point, salt functions to keep balance of body and maintains whole organisms.

To purify our bodies, we have to purify the food which becomes our blood and flesh. And we have to purify every material which comes into contact with our body. The complete purification of spirit and body becomes important for internal and external perfection. As "the sound spirit dwells in the sound body", purified (restored) spirit dwells in the purified body. Thus, physical (external) purification has a special importance in the complete testament age.

Concerning the usage of holy salt, it has to be only used for the things which completely become God's possession. Sanctification means to come into God's control and dominion. In other cases, we sanctify by holy salt with conditional prayer

(2) How to make it.

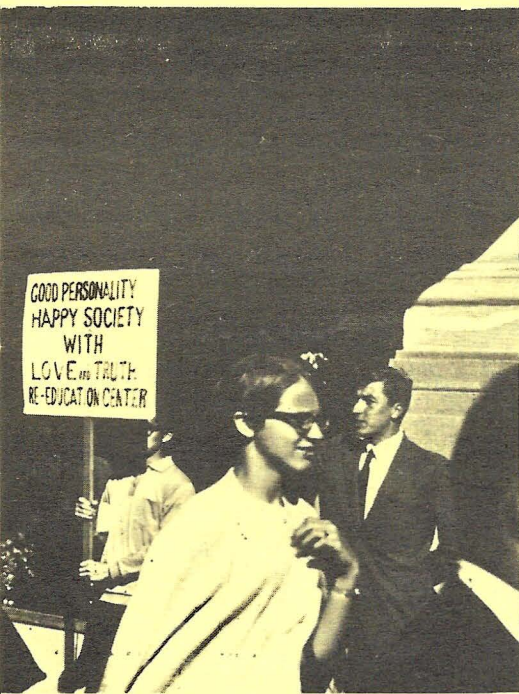
The salt is multiplied from the salt our Master sanctified. Therefore we must have the original salt which has a connection to the original holy salt. When we multiply the salt, we make seven times with prayer in the name of Father, Son, and holy spirit and in the name of your spiritual parent and you. Because we need Messiah, we have to do things through conditions which our Master has set up.

HISTORY OF THE RE-EDUCATION CENTER



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by
Ron
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Human history is a raging current. Which man will be swept under and which man will ride the waves to the glorious future?

In writing about the history of our movement, I would like to speak briefly, what we did and how we felt. When I first encountered the movement in the April of 1967, everyone there was witnessing very actively - especially Soo Lim. She would come back home late many evenings, missing dinner, because she would have been speaking with people and disregarded the time. At that time, only Daikon and David were giving the Principle lectures. Many times, we would bring people to the house to hear a lecture and afterwards, we would really pray for them to understand and return. But then, very few people would return after the first or second lecture. We were often disappointed, but we kept going on with the confidence that sooner or later people would realize the value of the Principle.

Every evening we gathered to have tea, and share the day's experiences. Papasan would give us advice and encouragement and we could feel our confidence restored after a trying day.

That summer, Soo met David Hose, who was an aspiring young artist living on the fringe of the Haight-Ashbury district. He could understand what we were doing and joined with us. Then, David had a heavy beard. The day he shaved it off, we knew the Principle had moved him.

Papasan was concentrating to translate the Principles of Education into English. He, Phyllis and Koro were forced to do it because we could not afford a professional translator.

In the late summer I was taken into the armed service. If you have faced serious obstacles in your faithful life, you will know what a set-back this was. I didn't know how it was possible, but I promised Papasan, I'd be back as soon as possible. After two months, I was given an honorable discharge. Sometime, I'll write how it happened.

While I was in the service, everyone in the family wrote me very wonderful letters. Could you stop from crying to know that you had such wonderful brothers and sisters who shared your heart and situation?

When I returned in November, I could meet a new brother - Steve Mudgett. We restored the Luke of the Completed Testament age.

With the beginning of 1968, we started the great adventure - named the International Exchange Press. We determined to spend our sweat and tears to restore this world and gathered \$2000 within 12 hours to make the down payment on a small printing shop on the poorer section of 3rd Street.

Today we have a bigger shop, more presses and most importantly, we have steady customers. The story of our shop is also very interesting and it will probably appear in one of the later issues.

TRANSCENDENTALISM

By Kevan Stratton

Transcendentalism is founded on a basic assumption that man has the essence of the universe within him. All qualities that are found in the universe can also be found within man. Man is the specific existence who contains the universal, the microcosm which contains the macrocosm. The world is merely a reflection of the inner qualities of man. Man is the true center of the universe.

But in order to realize himself and his true position he must develop those qualities within him which are eternal and universal. According to Ralph Waldo Emerson, often considered the father of American transcendentalism, man develops these qualities and becomes his true self through studying the eternal and universal qualities in Nature. Then primarily through the use of intuition and imagination, rather than logic or abstractions, man can realize his inherent potential to transcend the external and the temporal and perceive the intrinsic and eternal essence of life.

Emerson had no conception of man as evil; man is naturally good but he must struggle to overcome those things which block his natural development. Man must reject all things in life that are base or ungod-like and strive to embrace the noble and enduring qualities of life. In order to achieve this he must reject that which is common and he must endure poverty and solitude. He must isolate himself from the majority of men before he can aspire to the higher universal qualities in himself and Nature. He must think for himself and strive to reach complete self-honesty and self-trust, for in self-trust all the virtues are comprehended. Man must be brave and free, which he can be only when he has no ties or commitments to others. He must find himself in Nature and pursue the higher values through self-reliance. This courage, freedom, self-reliance and perseverance in solitude are necessary traits if man is to become his true-self.

The major contributions of transcendentalism are the emphasis of character being of higher value than intellect, and the concept of the universal within man. It stresses the ideal and the individual development of strong character and self-reliance. An essential point in transcendentalism is the view of man as inherently good with potential to become god-like.

Some of the obvious flaws in transcendentalism today are the lack of rationality and inadequacies of philosophy of isolation solving problems in a world of over three billion people. Transcendentalism seems rather naive and simple to apply to today's complex problems. More logical, abstract dialectical thinking is showing up the shortcomings of transcendentalism in practical situation. Most importantly, no true fulfillment or happiness can be achieved through isolation - individual character is incomplete without give and take with others. So although transcendentalism emphasises universality and the development of individual strength and character, it is not logical for practical application and it does not demonstrate that essentiality of man's relationships with others.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Last Saturday morning the fourth lecture "Consummation of Human History" was given by Papasan and the transcription of the lecture is now available for family and friends from the cultural department headed by Ron

Family spent Sunday in an ideal environment. There were jagged and dusty mountains, green rolling fields and tempestuous waves of the ocean at Half Moon Bay. After Papasan's sermon on the mountain, we ate together, played together and shared common heart and situation. And to top the day, we all came home resembling red lobsters because of our sunburns.

Every night at 11:00 David II has been conducting lecture practice. One night eleven family members showed up and he almost had a mild cardiac concussion. The best way to understand fully the Principle is to study it with the desire to share the truth with someone else. Everyone come.

Through Carmella's efforts, Papasan was invited to speak at the Evangeline Residents Club Wednesday night. Some family members presented a short musical program. Papasan then spoke with truth and love on true happiness.

Over 20 students (Universal Principle Research Group) spent Friday at the beach near Pescadero. We had a nice lunch with the beautiful scenery of the mighty ocean, the wide sky and great mountains. Papasan spoke on the necessity of young passionate students who can re-build new nations of freedom and peace by love and truth. Afterwards, we played various sports and games with all our power almost exhaustively.

Lectures have been presented to the public every night as usual and about 20 young enthusiastic people have kept coming everynight. Many good faces among them are participating more in our movement. We feel the necessity that more inside members should participate in discussion and conversation before and after the lectures are given. To take care of people who come, is more important than to just go out or to attend to some other chores.

CHILDREN'S OATH

1. As the center of the cosmos, I will fulfill our Father's Will (Purpose of creation), and the responsibility given me (for self-perfection). I will become a dutiful son (daughter) and a child of goodness to attend our Father forever in the ideal world of creation by returning joy and glory to Him. This I pledge.
2. I will take upon myself completely, the Will of God to give me the whole creation as my inheritance. He has given me His word, His personality, and His heart, and is reviving me who had died, making me one with Him and His true child. To do this, our Father has persevered for 6,000 years the sacrificial way of the cross. This I pledge.
3. As a true son (daughter), I will follow our Father's pattern and charge bravely forward into the enemy camp until I have judged them completely with the weapons with which He has been defeating the enemy Satan for me throughout the course of history by sowing sweat for earth, tears for man, and blood for heaven, as a servant but with a father's heart, in order to restore His children and the univers, lost to Satan. This I pledge.
4. The individual, family, society, nation, world, and cosmos who are willing to attend our Father, the source of peace, happiness, freedom, and all ideals, will fulfill the ideal world of one heart in one body by restoring their original nature. To do this, I will become a true son (daughter), returning joy and satisfaction to our Father, and as our Father's representative, I will transfer to the creation peace, happiness, freedom and all ideals in the world of the heart. This I pledge.
5. I am proud of the one Sovereignty, proud of the one people, proud of the one land, proud of the one language and culture centered upon God, proud of becoming the child of the One True Parent, proud of the family who is to inherit one tradition, proud of being a laborer who is working to establish the one world of the heart.

I will fight with my life.

I will be responsible for accomplishing my duty and mission.

This I pledge and swear.