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## Our Master's Answer to the Question

Would you explain more about the Divine Element and the Vitality Element in relation to the spirit-man and the physical body?"

"The Vitality Element is the vital life-force of the body. When we have give and take between the spirit-body and the fleshly-mind in accordance with our conscience, which has been trained by the Principle or the Word of God, then our spirit-man can grow freely from the energy or vitality element that is produced.

"We may feel that we should express love or truth from God, but if we do not do it our spirit-man can not grow. When we express our love through service to others, then our spirit-man becomes vital. Thus in a sense the vitality element consists of divine love and divine truth.

"The vitality element comes from the give and take which occurs between the spirit-man and the physical body. So it is very important for us to keep our physical body in good condition, because the physical body serves as the host or soil for our spirit to grow. Our spirit is actually growing from the vital life force in our physical body.

"When your spiritual life is very active or very bright with active give and take with God and you are full of joy and happiness inside, it does affect very much your health and physical life. That is the so called Divine Element.

"When there is perfect give and take within your spirit and body and when you live in accordance with your conscience, even paying sacrifice in order to obey your conscience to do good, you feel joy and happiness inside. Your physical life lived in accordance with your conscience gives the vitality element to your spirit-man.

"When you do something against your conscience no one may know about it, yet you feel fear and it weakens your spiritual life. In that case your physical body is not giving the vitality element to your spirit-man. Your spirit-man grows easily in good health and in beauty when your

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body completely obeys it and becomes one with it through give and take.

"There is constant give and take between the spirit-man and the physical body. When your spirit is healthy your physical health is affected. When your physical life is righteous and good, your spirit grows and receives more strength and light and wisdom.

"In the Principles, we call the power which comes from the spiritual side 'Divine Element', and the power which comes from the physical side, the 'Vitality Element'."

(Source: From "Master Speaks", MS-4 by The Unified Family, Washington, D.C.)

### Jerusalem - Biggest Prize of All for Israel

When King David captured Jerusalem 3,000 years ago he was determined to make it a center of loyalty for the Israelites - a city of peace.

Few places have been fought over as much and now it is again a prize of war. To Jews, the city as a holy place lies at the center of their religion. However, they have been driven out by Romans, Christians or Arabs but they have always returned. This time they mean to stay.

Jerusalem also is a political prize for the Israelis, no matter how much or little attention they pay to its religious significance. It symbolizes their statehood, even in the most popular terms.

Ever since the city was partitioned the 1949 Jordan-Israeli armistice geography shaped the city. Israeli New Jerusalem could grow only one way, westward down the steep Judean Hills.

The armistice line was as strongly fortified as the Berlin wall. A visitor to the King David Hotel could sit under the flowering trees in its garden and peer into the muzzles of Arab guns a few hundred yards away.

Gradually, Israeli New Jerusalem and Jordan Old Jerusalem drew more apart - separated by explosive land mines. When the Arabs of Jordan cut off the Mt. Scopus enclave from the city in 1948, the bus company had to abandon its route No. 9 and it retired the number against the day the route could be opened again. Now in Jerusalem troops of soldiers can be heard chanting in unison: "Number Nine, Number Nine."

Such is the emerging new spirit of the city. It has its own flag - the Lion of Judah superimposed on the Star of David. It is the headquarters of the Israeli government, and the dwelling place of a Jewish sect known as the Naturie Karta-Keeper of the City - who refuse to recognize any secular authority over Jerusalem until

the Messiah arrives. ....

All the Holy Land now is under Israeli occupation and with the exception of Bethlehem it probably will stay there for some time. (June 11, 1967 AP)

On June 27 the Israeli Government approved legislation unifying Old Jerusalem providing municipal services in both sectors of the formerly divided city.

The Knesset, Israel's parliament, also gave overwhelming approval to a bill promising protection to both Christian and Moslem holy sites on the Old City and in nearby Bethlehem, including the Church of Holy Sepulchre and the Church of Nativity, both in occupied parts of Jordan. Three Communist members cast the only votes against the two measures.

The municipal law joins the water and electrical services in both sectors. Israeli Jerusalem is preparing to furnish the Old City with education, welfare, and health services which were previously handled by voluntary organizations.

Premier Levi Eshkol told a meeting of Christian, Jewish and Moslem leaders that the heads of the religious communities will be given the administration of their holy sites. The Israeli government on its part will secure a religious and universal character of the sacred places and secure the right to free access to them.

Eshkol said his government plans regular consultation among representatives of the various religious denominations to make sure the new law functions smoothly. (June 28, 1967, AP)

(Source: Ogden Standard-Examiner, June 11, 1967)

### Teen Marriages - Can They Succeed?

By Melba Ferguson

The trouble with teen age marriage is teen-age divorce. And, of course, the cause of teen-age divorce is teen-age marriage. Judge Aldon J. Anderson, who served on the bench of Third District Family Relations Court in 1962, 1964, and since 1966 said that 66 per cent of those reaching the divorce courts were married between the ages of 15 and 21. That is a lot of per cent.

Mrs. Imogene W. King, executive director, Family Service Society, agreed with Judge Anderson that most divorced people - whether teenagers or older - are victims of hasty marriages, poor education and emotional immaturity. One reason for teen divorce, according to Mrs. King, is that the young husband and wife actually have not been trained by life to give responsibility for whatever happens to someone else. They are not mature enough to accept

responsibility for themselves. Marriage suddenly expects them to be concerned about someone else's needs...suddenly expects them to account for their time....suddenly expects them to use money for something beside their own pleasure. This requires a great deal of maturity and responsibility. ....

The marriage ceremony does not change personality. ....

Most teens are accustomed to have been given to and having things done for them. They haven't had much experience in doing for others - except maybe to woo to get what they want.

One of the reasons for teen-age marriage is loneliness. And this same loneliness often is the thing that forces a divorce. The young husband with no particular skill, can not make enough on one job. He valiantly tries to hold down two. The young wife sits and broods in loneliness. Teen brides don't congregate as much as other young married. Mrs. King said that it is often surprising to see how many girls, who married to get away from mothers they couldn't stand, return to their mothers as their only source of company.

And while the young husband is working and can't give his wife the companionship for which she married him, she often is "a sitting duck" for other lonely young men.....

Experts are not against teen-age marriage if the qualities of maturity and responsibility are present...Love, after all, can come at any age. Mrs. King even gives a kind of check list by which one can test oneself and one's fiance:

1. Have you had experience at baby sitting, particularly with your own brothers and sisters - without resenting it?
2. Does the girl feel comfortable with her mother, and has she learned something about homemaking at home - with satisfaction?
3. Has the boy earned money and learned how to budget? Is he able to get along with a 1960 car instead of a new car - for which his parents will pay?
4. Can he forego the latest in fashions - and has he developed enough independence and maturity so that he doesn't have to be like all the other guys?
5. Do you both do things for enjoyment, and not just for kicks?
6. Do you both have several good friends and some interests outside yourselves and each other?

7. Have you come to terms with responsibility for some requirements like lessons, punctuality, meeting assignments?
8. Do you accept and carry some responsibility at home?
9. Do you have not sympathy, but empathy, for each other?
10. Can you accept the certainty that marriage will not mean so much what you will have as what you will have to give up?

Along with this check list, Mrs. King said, "the ability to laugh at yourselves would be the art in a young married."

If one can answer "yes" to each of these questions, according to Mrs. King, one is ready for marriage whether one is 16 or 60.

(Source: Salt Lake Tribune, May 12, 1967)

#### Berkeley, California

#### Terre Hall

Maxine Adamson arrived in Berkeley, California on July 4th. In the afternoon the Berkeley family, Maxine and a new member of the family, Sue Moreno, drove to a nearby beach for an hour. Then Marie Laux drove everyone on a scenic tour. It was a wonderful time of singing and laughter. Gerald Johnson delighted everyone with some of his inspiring songs and by composing a new song for each of us. After dark we drove to the Berkeley hills to watch the holiday fireworks.

July 5th was Michael Symonds birthday and he celebrated it at the Berkeley Chapel on July 6th with a dinner cooked by Marie Laux and a cake baked by his spiritual sister Maxine. Following dinner there was a time of singing and fun.

On Thursday afternoon July 6th Maxine Adamson and I spent two hours at the Berkeley campus talking with students and other interested people. An appointment was made with a law student from U.C. to talk further about the United Faith Movement.

#### BRIEF NEWS REELS:

#### Tokyo, Japan

Our Master selected definitely 12 couples for marriage blessing, and more will be selected soon. He plans to bless them on the way back to Korea from His world tour. The American families will be the first marriages blessed in a foreign land. The rest of His party (other than His immediate family and Mrs. Choi) will return to Korea by the end of July.

Our Young Adult Generation

"Dreams are the stuff that life is made of. A realist might say it is oversimplifying to say that. But modern man, whose old dreams are shattered, is learning that day-dreams and night dreams are necessary to a sane existence. Dreams do not have to be airy. They are castles in the air, and therefore easily shot down, when their full significance is missed. Dreams are spun deep inside a person--symbols of the self that yearns to be born. They are parables of a generation's emerging creativity. Taken seriously, and helped to fruition, they may be used by God to bring forth new things--for the world and for the church."

"Our age rings with the travail wrought by intransigence and tired solutions. In the midst of material prosperity, western man's personal life is empty. One era is coming to an end and a new one struggles to be born. Our eyes turn to a remnant, comprising some of the old generation and some of the new, who will lead man to the next frontier. Their dreams, refined in the crucible of experience, will be the stuff of which a new life is made."

--David J. Garrett

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