In order to Become a Living Sacrifice (B)

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You must not have consciousness of your own self. You must not have class-consciousness. Who is the leader who is tasked with the greater responsibility? He is a sacrifice for the whole who will climb on the altar. President Kuboki is a sacrifice that is offered on the altar representing Japan. On the altar, there is no more consciousness of self. No class-consciousness. You offer yourself for the whole. You are an offering for a miserable person or a person with high social status -- beyond all classes. You are offered for redemption of all people. Do you follow? ("Yes") First, you should not keep consciousness of your own existence. Second, you should let go of class-consciousness. Unless you are able to do these, you can never be a sacrifice to be offered to God.

From this perspective, let me give you my critique. You are leaders of different districts. So a district leader should give an order confidently as a representative of God. "Hey!" Who are the people who gather to our church? They are the people needed to be redeemed by the church leader as a sacrifice. Namely, they are the people who gather for the ceremony of redemption. What should you do at the ceremony? People are gathered to be redeemed of their sins. Therefore, the leader, who is a sacrifice to be used to redeem them, stands in the position to give an order to and resurrect them. At such a time, you must

prepare yourself to receive the order first. Without this attitude, if you give the order, you will violate the law. Do you understand?

Even Jesus had to win the twelve disciples to natural surrender and redeem their sins so that the disciples were grateful to him as being saved by him. With gratitude, all disciples confessed their eternal purpose expressing, "Even though we face death thousands of times, we will be grateful. Please lead us in order to do God's Will." With receiving this confession, Jesus was able to give an order to them. Until such a time, he could not give any orders. Do you understand clearly? ("Yes")

If you inherit this tradition and work at your district according to this spirit, you will witness never ending tears of gratitude of being redeemed of sins wherever you go. This is the conclusion. "We are grateful to our district leader who acted as a true sacrifice for redeeming our sins." The members are always respectful before such a leader. Do you know what I am talking about? Do you? ("Yes") But, if you mishandle this, the development of our movement in Japan will be greatly hindered.

Therefore, the leader who is given greater responsibility is a sacrifice. Because you are a sacrifice for a great many people, unless you accomplish your mission as an intermediary -- providing God's grace through you as a sacrifice, you are not qualified to give any order to people. For example, if their sins amount to 100, only after you redeem the sins equivalent to 100, you are allowed to give the order equivalent of 90. However, despite there are 100 sins to be redeemed, you only forgive the equivalent of 10 sins, but you give the order which is equivalent to 20; then, both the leader and the people following will be claimed by Satan. Do you follow? ("Yes")