

EPOCH-MAKER



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Family Talent show



David Endo Family Success



Meeting out field



Nobu The Man of this week



The Guiding Light

(Papa speaks)

"Victor of Suffering Brings Glory"

Because of the fall of man, all of the Creation, the world of love and truth, was transformed into a world of suffering and sorrow. Therefore, anyone who desires to attain the ideal of God's creation has to walk down the hard path of suffering in the actual world of evil. It has been the inevitable condition in the restitutorial providence that the Son of God, saints, righteous men and those who inherit the original intent and desire of God restore the original world and we as heavenly soldiers in the age of the Complete Testament must also fulfill the condition of suffering.

Long before us our Lord walked down the thorny path of suffering, loneliness, and sorrow. When we think of the way he went our difficulties seem small. As a pioneer Jesus had to face by himself undescrivable sufferings utterly alone. Despite his efforts and his blood, sweat, and tears, he could not complete his mission because he couldn't find a helper through whom he could set the foundation of faith.

Imagine our Heavenly Father who has been walking the thorny, difficult path of blood, sweat, and tears since the fall of man so many years before Jesus Christ. He has been in the deepest sorrow, agony and suffering. Throughout history he has tried to set the foundation for victory over the sovereignty of evil, and for the expansion of goodness through the messiah on that foundation.

It mustn't be forgotten that the glory we have now on earth is due, first of all, to the long suffering of our heavenly Father who sought after us. Even if I carry the cross of sufferings on earth, it is still less than 5% of all of God's sufferings. Our Heavenly Father himself is the victor of sufferings and Christ is the greatest victor on earth, therefore, it is rightful that our Heavenly Father reigns over all the universe as the Universal Subject and that Christ receives the glory as the King of Kings.

Anyone who desires to be the King of Glory must follow the example of Christ and carry a heavier burden of the cross than anyone else. Not only must he fight against the evil force, he must also overcome it. Many righteous men have fought, but didn't win! therefore all their efforts have ended in vain. At the consummation of this long history we must win this battle. No matter what difficulties we may have, we have to do it on a strong foundation of faith. If we do not overcome evil there will be no glory in the world for God and for the pioneer. The glory will be reserved for the future victor.

Of most importance is not the personal glory or title, but the agony and suffering which would be extended until the day of a future victory in heaven and earth. Jesus came on earth to be the king of kings on the foundation of faith of past righteous men and saints. Jesus was the messiah of peace, the savior. But still he had to suffer the thorny path because mankind became unfaithful to him and he was fated to fight against the deviated world. Since there was no true faith on earth through which Jesus could work, Jesus's life was filled with hardships and finally ended at Golgatha on the cross. Yet his life was permeated by an unbeatable and unchangeable faith through his last moment. He wasn't understood by his own family and he was persecuted by priests and high priests. He fought with the sorrows and loneliness he felt when his twelve disciples scattered from Jesus and forgot about his suffering. He fought persecutions, the treachery, the plots of the people, the intolerance. Finally, he offered his life on

the cross. Yet his life was permeated by an unbeatable and unchangeable faith through his last moment. He wasn't understood by his own family and he was persecuted by priests and high priests. He fought with sorrows and loneliness he had felt when his twelve disciples scattered from Jesus at his suffering. He fought the persecutions, the treachery, the plots of the people, the intolerance. Finally, he offered his life on the cross to dedicate his consummate love and truthfulness to God and mankind. Then after his resurrection he fought and subjugated Satan during his forty day time period on earth in order to establish the spiritual resurrection dominion. He carried all of these qualifications and he established himself as victor of the faith by showing absolute faith on the cross. Because of this faith, God resurrected Jesus and made him the King of Kings of Glory to all mankind until today.

The scale of glory is directly proportional to the scale of the cross of suffering one takes. Suffering for my own sake brings only individual glorification; the suffering for family brings family scale glory; nationalistic sufferings brings national scale glory; world-wide suffering brings world scale glory and universal sufferings makes a man the King of Kings with universal glory as a representative of God; thus, we have to carry with hope the universal burden and cross beyond our own small situations and families.

The essential qualification to be glorified and named here is to be a victor of sufferings. People say to give sweets to an unfavorable child and send your beloved child into the world make him suffer. It is a principle to make him successful. True glory shines over suffering. If one seeks the glory without paying the price of suffering and efforts, he is a thief.

To all men who desire the realization of ideals, the thorny path of suffering is inevitable. Suffering doesn't disappear by itself; we have to fight it and end it. It is hard but the hardship remolds into Heavenly children. It is the best way to reach the perfection of character.

Our battle has to be fought with the virtues of love and truth within. Force is subject to other force and hatred is subject to other hatred. We have to be victors by dedicating ourselves to hating with virtue and fighting our enemies with compassion and love.

The time has come. Renewing and repenting the past human history of failures, we have to be united with the Second-Coming of Christ and share his burden of suffering with blood, sweat and tears. By sharing the hardships with him and overcoming the Satanic force by unsinkable and unbeatable faith and courage, we have to realize God's ideal.

At the climax of human history we first have to be victors of sufferings and remove all the sorrow and sufferings from heaven and earth, only then can we be the eternal winner of the glory of the Heavenly Father.

Great Quotations

There is a road to freedom. Its milestones are Obedience, Endeavor, Order, Cleanliness, Sobriety, Truthfulness, Sacrifice, and Love of Fatherland.
(Adolf Hitler)

Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly: 'Tis dearness only that gives everything its value. Heaven knows how to get a proper price upon its goods; and it would be strange indeed, if so a celestial article as FREEDOM should not be highly rated. (Thomas Paine)

A BRIEF NOTE ON SWEDENBORG

Michael Runyon

"Love in act, that is the life of man, is what endures," writes Emanuel Swedenborg in his book titled, Heaven And Its Wonders And Hell.

In the section on "The World of the Spirits" Swedenborg describes man's total spiritual being as his thoughts and will.

In separation, man first understands the truth and is thereby capable of being reformed; secondly, he wills the truth so that by both understanding and willing the truth he becomes complete.

In the beginning, understanding is important: "What a man does not know he cannot think, and what he does not think he cannot will."

Yet neither understanding alone nor will alone makes a man. Although we first need proper instruction to gain insight and understanding we must not stop there but must then act according to our understanding. Faith apart from deeds is meaningless.

"When a man loves what he believes he also wills it and does it as far as possible."

Consequently we are more than just knowledge and thought. We are will and action if we wish to realize our full value.

"To think and to will without doing, when there is opportunity, is like a flame enclosed in a vessel which goes out. To think and will and from that to do is like a flame that gives heat and light all around."

Finally, Swedenborg speaks about those who would renounce the world and spend their life in meditation and prayer believing that only by these means can they receive heavenly joy. As such, people do this for their own sake, thinking only of themselves. They actually have withdrawn from a true life of joy since:

"Heavenly joy consists in active labors and practical services. The life that leads to heaven is not a life withdrawn from the world, but a life in the world. A life of charity consists in acting honestly and justly in every employment, in every business, in every work....."

HISTORY OF THE RE-EDUCATION CENTER

by Josephine Louie

No doubt everyone has seen the black tea-time binder. Flipping through its pages, I find more than merely listings of names and events. There is an atmosphere of confidence and determination. Intime, through our personal and individual efforts, the Heavenly Kingdom will be established in January 1968. From then on, the key words and main focus of our family were: "Witness! and Bring in the printing orders!" In that spirit a contest was begun; a competition unique to any other family but ours. Result: Clint won the trophy as the greatest witnesser (Soo a close second). And on Jan 25th, this new development was recorded: "Spread the new tract which was printed on the offset machine."

Everytime the family met for their evening discussions these two themes permeated - the necessity of quickly building a strong foundation, spiritually and physically. Feb 11th reported the following events: "Clint read letter by Keith. All please write letters to him. Perhaps visit - 1 hour away." On March 17, there was a note stating that the Wash. D.C. center had 40 members. A small note, yet that spurred this family's competitive spirit to more effort.

The pages were filled with many new names. However certain names became more and more mentioned. Enchan's reports at these times were always included something about a Nobu, of his chinese class. His name was mentioned almost as much as Jackie's whom The Daikan had met at his working place. And on the 26th of March, Stefan at the family meeting commented that he had "met Jackie's sister - will come soon." And she came again and again. As Rita said, "I didn't have anything, so I couldn't argue. I knew it was true." Jackie, Nobu and Phy II moved in simultaneously. Rita came 2 weeks later. Phy II didn't know the true significance of taking the piano course at S.F. State that semester, for also enrolled in that class was Diana. Not too long after that Phy II made her decision to move in.

Door to door witnessing, street preaching at Union Square and at the park as well as singling out certain people each week to act as ramrods, were as initiators to move forward faster.

On May 4, along with Clint's report was a small line: Josephine may come tomorrow. That "tomorrow" was Sunday and I didn't come. However I remembered my first contact with the "Center." I had finished shopping that Saturday afternoon and was waiting for the bus, homeward bound. Need I have to say which street corner that bus stop was? Here's a hint: Phillipines Airlines at that time used to be a bank. A boy with a tremendous smile (Stefan) was holding the sign while a serious boy in a suit was shouting. I couldn't understand what he was saying so I crossed the street and asked him what he was doing. I don't remember what he said, but I was struck by his determination to continue speaking in the face of seemingly unconcerned people walking by.

At state college's cafe, a Catholic priest sat down next to me and began talking to me. In our discussion I discovered that he too encountered the street meeting scene on Stockton street. Apparently he had also spoken to the same boy, Clint. The lecture on predestination resolved many nagging questions in my head and the family's 5% on all levels of action overwhelmed me. The concentration upon their tasks as well as the boisterous singing led me to another question: From where did they get all their energy?

At about this time of June the first manifestation of our Universal Voice came out to the public on print.

THE SUCCESS OF OUR SAN FRANCISCO FAMILY

David Endo

Recently I was asked to write about the reason for our family's success. Based on my limited living and learning experience with family, I hope I can express what I have come to realize as the source of our success.

It is very important to feel that our family is blooming even in the face of a growing disparity in our society. Jimo Perini, in his informal speech last Sunday night, told us that he has never seen or experienced a communal body as successful as ours. One aspect of our family's growth is our material development. Moving through our print shop is a definite energy of ambitious brothers and sisters. The material and physical base for our family has become fairly substantial. But going beyond this, where is that drive coming from: The spirit of our family is its true and most meaningful substance.

When I first came to this family in late October of 1968, I was impressed mainly by the warmth of family. Yet I was not completely able to reciprocate this love, because I was without knowledge of truth. Since that time I've come to see more clearly that with an understanding of Divine Principles we can experience a true family life. Our family is to us as is the soil to the flower. The plant depends vitally on nourishment from the ground and the sunlight and air above. Our direct sunlight comes from Papa-san. Papa-san and Mama-san are our spiritual guides. By making a base with Papa-san we can learn about Heavenly Father's eternal love.

Through Papa-san many of us felt for the first time the love of a father. Also we saw how vital knowing the truth of original human nature is in order for any parent to guide his child. We discovered Papa's wonderful sense of humor and his beaming smile. We were startled the first time we heard Papa deliver his dynamic and powerful Sunday sermon. (Many times, we shed tears as we learned how Father has been suffering because of mankind) We quickly became aware of Papa-san's great practical wisdom which overcame many difficult barriers to the family's growth. (Most of us have experienced only a few of these "barriers") Papa-san is teaching us the spirit of family life and growth.

The next step is for us to go beyond the faith of peoples in the past human history. Too long men have insulated themselves from the truth. In our family is the opportunity to arm ourselves with wisdom to battle the negative forces in our world. Our family's physical and spiritual success today means we have to realize more concretely the direction of the future. All of us are feeling the conflicts and the growing pains that come with assuming responsibility for a greater cause than our own sake.

So ultimately the success of our family members depends on the ability and cooperation of its leader and followers. We are aware of Papa-san's ability and we have to realize our own potential through our actions. Our desire is to change the world, but first we each must experience a great revolution and battle within ourselves. The best response we can give to Papa-san is to actively follow him not to passively sit by. What fulfillment is there in knowing how to play dodge ball and then standing idly by the way-side. Do we have a successful family? I think most definitely that we do. What will our future course be? This is for each of us to decide.

PRINCIPLES OF EDUCATION

Part II

Kevin Stratton

(cont. from last issue)

Using the combined methods of thought described in Part One (How to Know the Cause of the Universe), the remaining sections (2-8) of Chapter Two - The Phenomenal World and its Cause - answers clearly and comprehensively all questions that man has been seeking - philosophically, religiously, and scientifically - about the source, nature, essence, and relationship of the origin of the universe and of man.

Beginning with the question: Is the origin merely energy? Mr. Choi demonstrates logically and precisely the cause and effect of the universe by showing the quality pervading all matter (the effect) and constructing an image

of the originator (cause) drawing on history and examples of various qualities that different men and groups have recognized as eternal, intrinsic existence. Explaining, "What is the Originator" in terms of qualities, metaphysical and physical and man's perception, the universal existence is differentiated from the partial, substantiated existence (having position in time and space). The necessity of the existence of the universal or spirit (consciousness) prior to the partial material existence is proven conclusively - showing the synthesis of spiritualism and materialism clearly.

Moving into the more complex, scientific areas of abstract thinking, the process of metaphysical "nothingness" materializing into substantiated (time and space - defined) matter is logically and analogically demonstrated. The process of creation of the entire substantiated universe is explained and diagrammed, then the purpose and proper position of each to the total is shown depicting the relationship of 100% positive, permanent existence as opposed to 100% negative, self-destroying or non-existence. This is detailed and exemplified to show the definite truthful direction and purpose of all existence. The realm of reciprocal and conflict actions is the interaction of the quality of the universe in reciprocity of subject-object conflicting or confrontation actions are shown as a partial, temporal force, secondary and auxiliary to the major force of integration in the universe. That conflict relativity in itself - not contributing to higher integration - is a temporary, non-ideal, existence is demonstrated clearly. Finally man's relationship to the Originator, based on understanding the necessity of God from man's perspective is expounded. Mr. Choi shows definite, undeniable reasons for man's need of God in his daily life from a philosophical perspective. Also explained are the concrete reasons why man has been unable to believe in the Originator until today.

III

Chapter Three of the Principles of Education (Originator, Man and the Universe) shows the overall relationship of the Originator, Man and the universe and shows their interdependence of purpose and fulfillment. This description of the nature and purpose of each gives a wider, and more comprehensive understanding of the purpose and meaning of being a human being. The entire series of the principles through a philosophical-scientific approach, is available for 50 cents per chapter from the San Francisco Re-Education Center.

WHAT'S HAPPENING -

by Alice

Saturday morning Papasan lectured on the meaning of Predestination and Christology. Papa stressed that a good mate and an ideal family is the concretion of the ideal and is of the utmost importance in the restoration.

Sunday afternoon was spent at "Jewish Beach" where a very strenuous Dodge ball contest was fought. Our spirits were very high and many people raced down a sandy cliff. Banzai!

We had a very good program after our delicious Sunday meal. The dinner guest that evening spoke to us. Gimo Ferini is a famous photographer for private and commercial work, law enforcement, medical photography and publicity. He said we're exposed to our neighbors and we thus have a responsibility to give our talents to others. Gimo offered to come back and teach the family photography. Each one of us really appreciated his contribution.

Principles of Education Study Group met with Papasan again this week. We are now studying the ideal man, chapter IV. Stefan asked each one attending to read ahead and bring questions on the Principles of Education.

Street meeting was held on Tuesday and Thursday on the corner of Stockton and Geary. The turn out Tuesday was good. Speaking context has improved since people have been making outlines. The speaking power and meaning comes through as exemplified by Edna. Street meeting, this week and every week is appreciated.

Papasan announced that Thursday was True Parent's Day at a surprise meeting at 11:30 Wednesday night. There was preparation and planning for the dinner and entertainment. Print Shop closed at 5:15 Thursday. Papasan spoke to us about the service and ceremony for Parent's Day. We shared a good dinner and our many families visited. Two blessed couples, Edwin and Maria and John and Maria, and the Berkeley family came to our center. The highlight of the evening was a talent show.

Friday night was spent self-examining and instructing our fellow brothers and sisters about what their weak points are. Nobu received much praise for his deep sense of humility.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Constructive change in the individual, the family, and the world community permeates today's new dawn of history. Epoch-maker attempts to stimulate this deep movement within the hearts and minds of members throughout the world. Through crystallizing and sharing different ideas and perspectives we brighten the light of truth which begins to be seen more clearly.

New approaches in affecting this change on all levels of development are continually sought and hopefully the ideas, approaches and warmth expressed to you contribute towards this united effort.

This particular issue of Epoch-maker emphasizes the concrete application of principle. We have tried to express the necessity of creating a good family and also to give you a picture of how we live. We would like to hear from you so we may understand the many ways Principle can be actualized so we may know our brothers and sisters more completely.