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Our Master's Answer to The Question

"If love and truth are the characteristics of the spirit-man, then, where does our will fit in?"

"When you think right and when you feel good about it you do will it. The will follows thinking and feeling. You do not will what you don't love. How can one will before he thinks and he feels? The Will of God is the result or decision of God after He has thought wisely and felt good. In his original nature, or in his essence, man is in the image of God.

"Every cell of our body is in harmony with our mind and heart. Likewise man is inclined to be in harmony with God. When he is in harmony with God, he is happy. He is not happy when he is not in harmony with God. Our five senses are in accordance with our mind and heart. When you are joyous inwardly, your eyes and mouth show it. When we are in perfect harmony with God, one feels most happy. When one receives more grace from God, it means he is in closer tune with Him. The more one is in accordance with His thought and His feeling, the closer he is to God, and so much more he is happy and healthy.

"Man as a whole being is created to be in harmony with God. When your purpose of life is one with the purpose of God, you come into harmony with Him. When you are in that state, you feel joy. This proves that you are in the image of God.

"Eyes perceive things differently from ears. Likewise, one person may sense and perceive differently from others. One may receive grace of God in the front; others may receive it in the rear.

"Everyone has give and take with a center. The person on one side may have give and take with his front side, but the person behind him may have give and take with his rear side. So also with the left and right sides. They perceive, then, differently from one another; yet they are all related to the center. In this way, everyone is related with God."

To The Younger

It was in the interim
Between the land of nod
And dark elysium or God
We met. But through
A pane of glass which you
Could not surpass, and I
Will never go beyond again.
Within this briefest interlude
A parley of our souls ensued.
Though neither was inferior
Mine spoke of an interior
You never knew nor entered in.
And there my soul was
Bent to say to you,
Who coming on the way
Should meet diverging paths of life.
"Do not be fooled by happiness
That wears a superficial dress.
The deeper joy and more profound
Is seldom ever found along a path that's pleasure strewn.
More likely, where the road is hewn from rock."
But I was mute to let you know;
Experience must tell you so,
That joy shall always come from deep within.

- Claire Constance Davis -

Conversation Can Nourish Your Life

By John Kord Lagemann

Today scientists are re-discovering what wise men have known since Plato - that talking with people is not only fun; it is good for you. Psychiatrists encourage the healing interchange of insights between patient and therapist. Marriage counselors speak of heart-to-heart talks as the basis of marital happiness. The formal word "dialogue" is now widely used in business and government to refer to the dynamic verbal process that clarifies issues and solves problems.

These different ideas of communication are all based on the realization that when people talk together honestly and intensely the human spirit is lifted and refreshed; problems are solved; mental blocks disintegrate. Minds touch each other, and allow themselves to be influenced and changed.

Why do these exchanges of ideas seem to nourish our lives? The author thinks it is because man is an incomplete animal - to be real to himself he needs to be real to another. Our minds have to touch to stay alive....

Like electricity, communication sometimes needs a conductor.

Something shared will spark a conversation. To make it reach dialogue intensity, another step is needed: You must address the other speaker as a person rather than as a role. The great philosopher and poet Martin Buber called this "thinking in terms of I-Thou or I-It." He meant that to address the other human being as a "Thou" (or "you") is to acknowledge him as a person in his own right. It is much more personal, and talk will be much more free. To regard the other speaker as a "He", a "She" or an "It" - as a teacher, a woman or a boss - is to see only his function or his status: talk will be similarly limited. Don't think the other person doesn't sense the difference. A woman knows at once whether a man regards her as an individual - or only as a sexual object.

One reason why some husbands and wives find it hard to keep good communication going between them is the romantic notion that love should abolish all their differences and make them think and feel alike. Consequently, their marriage loses excitement and mystery. When this happens it is time to step back and strive, not for togetherness, but for otherness.

'A host of the author while he was in France recently, told him that 'To feel really close to another person one must keep a little distance. In other words, we must avoid the aggressive shaping of one person by the other. How seldom we are aware of the tremendous pressure we put on our wives, husbands, children and friends to be as we want them to be rather than as they are.

'When communication exists between two people, it is not always necessary to spell everything out. The author says:

"During times of stress, my wife and I turn to music. Instead of thrashing out an issue with argument and counter-argument we turn down the lights and listen to a Bach suite or a Beethoven Sonata. Listening together makes us more sensitive to each other's mood and feelings; afterward we have often found that the issue has simply disappeared. It works because our special kind of silence manages to get across the basic message of human communication: 'Here I am, there you are. We are not alone.'"

(Source: The Rotarian, June, 1966 or Reader's Digest, June, 1966)

Begin The Day With God

By Thomas Blake

Every morning lean thine arms awhile
Upon the window-sill of heaven
And gaze upon thy Lord,
Then, with the vision in thy heart,
Turn strong to meet thy day.

The Truth About LSD

By Warren R. Young

Thousands of people have been tempted to use LSD. It is a tasteless, odorless drug. It is not physically addicting and no human being has been known to die as a direct result of an overdose. However, Mr. Young has come to the personal conclusion after viewing the reports from enraptured users, medical experts, parents, federal officials, and the leading "holy men" of the LSD cult, that "no one except qualified researchers should touch the stuff - it simply isn't worth the risk." He says that some of the less well-known facts about this drug are horrifying.

Two years ago a student in Los Angeles took LSD to expand his outlook on life. As often happens, the drug gave him an overpowering sense of omnipotence. He strode in front of a car on Wilshire Blvd. and raised his hands in the obvious belief that he could "will" the speeding car to an instantaneous halt. He was wrong and was killed, an indirect casualty of LSD.

The business colleagues of a 42-year-old woman slipped the drug into a beverage she was drinking. When the common effects - hallucinations and profound suicidal depression - struck for no apparent reason, she killed herself. New York's Bellevue Hospital has treated other unsuspecting victims of pranks who thought they had gone insane - and, as a result of their hallucinations, very nearly did.

At Bellevue, as at many other hospitals, a steady procession of persons in panic appear for admission after deliberately taking LSD and then finding themselves on a "bad trip". Now doctors can provide relief with tranquilizers. But, of the first 100 experimenters admitted to Bellevue eight did not come back to sanity after 10 to 14 hours, as expected. They lapsed into real psychosis and had to be treated like any other long-term mental patient.

One 23-year-old man felt ecstatic for several days about the effect of the drug and wrote a friend, "We have found the peace, which is life's river which flows into the sea of Eternity." After three weeks this young man, now convinced that he was "all mind" and busy listening to God's voice, was taken to the hospital as a mute catatonic psychotic. Dr. Mervin Stern, professor of psychiatry at New York University has said the "Such tragedies have occurred even among carefully selected LSD test-subjects with no prior evidence of disease or instability."

Dr. Albert Hofmann, a chemist in the laboratories of Sandoz, Ltd. at Basel, Switzerland is the first person known to have experienced the amazing powers of LSD. He was actually trying to develop a useful stimulant for the

central nervous system. Accidentally, a speck of LSD found its way into his system. He was overcome by the effect of the drug and had to go home to bed.

In a typical LSD trance, a person's inhibitions tend to melt away. The user is likely to spend hours in rapturous contemplation of the "inexpressible beauty" to be found in some speck of dirt or in the "geometrical fascination" of a fingernail. His body may seem to split into two or more parts, and he finds it impossible to keep track of where he really is or even to distinguish where he leaves off and inanimate objects begin.

LSD often gives people a powerful urge to jump out a window, perhaps under the impression that they are snowflakes or birds. A young man in his 20's arranged for an LSD "trip" with two friends, one of whom was not to take the drug but instead was to watch out for the safety of the other two. For some reason the watcher left the room for a while, and during that time the young man dived out a window - four stories up. He lived, but with a leg, arm and pelvis fractured, as well as upper and lower jaws.

In New York a teen-age girl cautiously took only half a LSD sugar cube. Then she went home to bed. Unable to sleep when a picture on the wall began to move around and colored lights flashed, she started searching for a knife to "cut away" an unbearable pain in her chest. Luckily, she found no knife. Her mother called a policeman. He came in the front door just in time to catch her in midair. She had decided to fly downstairs and had leapt from the top of the steps.

LSD-eaters argue that the drug vanishes harmlessly within the body before its effects even wear away. But the scientists have been unable to trace what does happen to it. One of the most terrifying things about the drug is that occasionally, users are involuntarily propelled into delusion again weeks or months after taking it.

The limits of what LSD can drive some people to do are not yet known. As another example, there is the ex-medical student who last April was charged with brutally slicing up his mother-in-law. Police said he asked them, "Did I kill my wife? What have I done?" He told them he had been flying on LSD for three days before the murder.

"Someday scientists may, indeed, come up with a safe psychedelic pill which can improve our spirits, energize our brains, clarify our problems and entertain us with the halescopic majesty of our own minds. But until an enormous number of disturbing mysteries are unraveled by such scientists, LSD will remain about as safe and useful as a do-it-yourself brain-surgery kit for amateurs."

Portland, Oregon

Esther Carroll

Judy officially accepted the Principles and Master on December 5, 1966. I feel her recent written testimony is worthwhile to share with other members of the family:

"Dearest Mother-in-Christ,"

"Since our meeting and you becoming my teacher and Mother I have had a beautiful and wonderful feeling of serenity and peace within. A serenity and peace I never knew could exist in this vile, debased earthly world."

"I am certain that the longer and deeper I study the Principles with you as my Mother and Teacher the deeper and stronger this feeling will become. You see dear Mother you not only teach the Principles but live them and so does my younger sister-in-Christ. Many things I did not or never thought I would understand about the Bible have already become as translucent as a clear mountain stream undefiled by earthly filth. I know, without a doubt that with your help as well as the Principles I shall truly become not only your daughter in Christ but one of the Holy One's daughters."

"Dear Mother and teacher I talked with my employer and arrangements about my on duty hours can be arranged so I may attend your lecture and class at least three to four times a week if this meets with your most gracious and wonderful understanding."

"Mother and beloved teacher please forgive me but I am deeply concerned over your health and overworking causing such tiredness and fatigue. I am terribly afraid I would be unable to comprehend God's reason though I fully realize He had one."

"You see, dear Mother, in the brief time we have known each other (through the Holy Spirits and Saints plus God) you have done more towards showing and helping me to find the right way of life than my original natural mother. I find myself more and more looking upon you as my mother and am finding myself worrying deeply about letting God and you down. Even in the smallest, minute way would cause me great grief and anxiety."

"Help me Mother to overcome this fear."

"Your devoted daughter in Christ

Judy"

Berkeley, California

Terre Hall

Marie Laux birthday was December 15th. Mrs. Kim cooked a Korean dinner for the occasion and several members of the family were present. Mr. Kim called from Utah to give his best wishes to Marie on her birthday.

Recently, I have been attending a Berkeley Unitarian Church. They have many activities, and among them is a discussion group held once a week at the church. To my surprise I found men and women ~~with~~ varied intellectual backgrounds and education discussing informally and freely their spiritual experiences. Those that had not had such experiences or were not sure if they had were inquiring with open minds of those that had as if they were seeking and hungering for these experiences themselves in hopes that they may find that they actually had had a "peak experience" without knowing what it was.

I am looking forward to the months ahead of participating in such a group, both to present Principles as I have experienced them and at the same time to increase my own knowledge of past and present philosophers and great thinkers that have helped shape the thinking of modern man.

It is my firm belief that those of us that are Principle teachers and those that plan to be, should acquire some knowledge of past and present philosophers and scientists who have influenced or are influencing the thinking of mankind. Without this knowledge we cannot intelligently teach the Principles to the modern intellectuals who will be the future leaders of this new age. The age of materialism has caused the intuition of man to become dormant. With our wisdom and knowledge we must bridge the gap between the age of materialism that is passing away to the spiritual age that is awakening. In so doing we can awaken in them the true reality of being and their own potential as co-creators with God.

Days to Remember in January

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Jesus Christ's actual birthday