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## Our Master's Answers to the Questions

"Were Adam and Eve who were in God's Indirect Dominion told not to eat of the forbidden fruit in the same way in which Our Master was told The Principles, by having an "Even Conscience" level and then by establishing a vertical contact with God? If not, how were they told not to eat the fruit?"

"The 90 degree angle was not necessary for Adam. It is only necessary for us because we are under Satanic Domination, so we have to have an "Even Conscience" to receive God's thought.

"It did not apply to Adam. The commandment not to eat of the fruit was given by God directly. It did not violate the Indirect Dominion. The Direct Dominion of God implies the Direct Dominion of man's love by God. Apart from this love, God could teach them directly even in their Growth Stage. He could give the command directly, but He could not "Interfere" or have dominion over Adam and Eve's love directly.

"If Adam and Eve would have asked God whether they should respond to Lucifer, then God could have told them directly. When I said that I make conditions beforehand, I mean that I always ask God if it is all right to offer my offering. Then God is responsible to answer. But Adam and Eve did not ask God.

"So, in the Indirect Dominion, if you ask God, He has to tell you. But God can not "Interfere" with human love by His Absolute Love. That is the Direct Dominion."

"What do you mean by "Interfere"?"

"During the time when children are growing, they do not know love. These days children see through TV and through parents they see love affairs before they really mature and sense by themselves.

"In Adam and Eve's case, they had nothing to see. They did not know about physical love. As long as they did not know anything about love, God could not teach them. God had to wait until they matured and knew something about it before they could come under His Direct Dominion. Until that time God could not tell them, 'Do not do this. Do not have a love relationship with Lucifer'.

"Through natural growth and development, they could have matured and learned to know genuine love. Then God could have blessed them in Sacred Marriage. They were just to grow naturally, and when they reached the point when they came to know one another in love then God wanted to bless them. It was different from the state of children today. Children today know things before they actually mature, and they play with it.

"So, Direct Dominion means Direct Interference of their love by God's Divine Love. In all other things, God could give them a direct command, but not about the love relationship.

"Lucifer knew about the physical love before Adam and Eve were aware of it. Lucifer was not told this directly, but he knew it in his heart.

"When God told Adam not to eat of the forbidden fruit, Lucifer heard it too. God would not have told them 'Do not eat the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge....' as the Bible says. This is only a poetic expression. If I tell you exactly what they were told by God, it would not be good. This information is not written anywhere and if I say it now, what I say will be spread.

"Even though God told them fairly clearly, Adam and Eve did not take it seriously. God said, 'Do not respond to Lucifer's temptation. Do not love him.'

"But those things did not sound serious to Adam and Eve. When one is too young and is not aware of things, some commands do not make sense. You can not tell things too early. But the angel, Lucifer, knew. The Angel, Lucifer, knowing the consequences of his act took the stand against God."

(Source: "Master Speaks", MS-6 by The Unified Family  
Washington, D.C.)

Do We Still Love Life?

By Erich Fromm

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It is true that without some love for life, neither and individual nor a culture could exist. We see examples of this all the time. Individuals who have lost all

love for life become insane, commit suicide, become hopeless alcoholics or drug addicts; we also know that whole societies have been so emptied of love of life and filled with destructiveness that they crumbled and perished, or almost perished. ....

Before we speak any more about the love of life, however, I think we should try to understand what we mean by the word "Life". To some people this seems very simple. Life is the opposite of death. The person or animal that is alive can move by himself and react to stimuli; the dead organism can do nothing of the kind, and in addition, it decays and cannot preserve itself, as a stone or a piece of wood can. True enough, that is an elementary way to define life; but I should like to carry the definition a little further.

Life always tends to unite and integrate; in other words, life by necessity is a process of constant growth and change. Indeed, when growth and change cease, there is death. Life does not grow wild and unstructured; every living being has its own form and structure implanted in its chromosomes. It can grow more fully, more perfectly, but it cannot grow into what it was not born to become. ....

There is only a small step from controlling to using force. What holds true of the former is equally true of the latter; love and force are irreconcilable contradictions, and perhaps there is no more fundamental polarity in human behavior than that between love and force. Both are deeply rooted in our nature; they are the basic possibilities of approaching the world and coping with it. To most people the principle of force appears so natural and self-evident that they do not even recognize that it is a principle and not just part of "Human Nature". .....

Indeed, even when force seemingly brings about the desired results, it has what we would call in a drug dangerous "Side Effects." On the national scale, it leaves a passionate desire in the injured to retaliate, and at the same time it gives them the moral justification for their own use of force when circumstances permit. Equally dangerous is the side effect that force has on the people who use it. The user soon begins to confuse the strength of his means of force (wealth, position, prestige, tanks and bombs) with strength of his own person. ....

The approach of love is the opposite of the approach by force. Love tries to understand, to convince, to stimulate. In doing so, the loving person constantly transforms himself. He becomes more sensitive, more observing, more productive, more himself. Love is not sentimentality or weakness. It is the method of

influencing and changing that does not have the dangerous side effects of forcing.

Unlike force, it requires patience, inner effort and, most of all, courage. To choose to solve a problem by love requires the courage to stand frustration, to remain patient in spite of setbacks. It requires real potency, rather than its perverted facsimile: force.

Love is always an active concern for the growth and aliveness of the one we love. It can not be otherwise, since life itself is a process of becoming, of unification and integration, and the love of life, as I have already tried to show, is the kernel of all love; it is the love for the life in a person, in an animal, in a flower. Anyone who believes he loves a person and who does not also love life may desire, want, cling to a person - but he does not love him.

(To Be Continued in the Next Issue)  
(Source: "McCall's", August, 1967 Issue)

#### BRIEF NEWS REELS

##### San Francisco, California

On November 11, 1967 Miss Young Oon Kim from Washington, D.C. who returned from Europe on October 28, visited the Bay Area. She stayed in Berkeley at Yvonne's house. Miss Kim visited the Japanese Church on Sunday and chatted with Mr. Chei and other family members in order to exchange information on East and West missionary work and also some problems involving some of the family were discussed.

Miss Kim plans to stay for a week in the Bay Area.

##### Oakland, California

On Monday evening November 13, 1967, Miss Kim, Yvonne, and Edwin visited Mr. David Kim's family and spent the evening enjoying a Korean dinner.