

## In order to Become a Living Sacrifice

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When offered, a person who needs to sacrifice himself for his redemption should not have any say on who will make the offering - should be upper class or lower class - in another words, a sacrifice should not have any class consciousness. You should go beyond classes and be obedient to anyone from any class. You should be ready to be an offering for a miserable person. You should be a sacrifice for a chief priest. Then, you are no longer bound by the class-consciousness. Why should you who would be a sacrifice go beyond class-consciousness? If you are bound by class-consciousness, you cannot stand in a position of the heart. In heart and love, there is no sense of class. Isn't this right? So, don't keep any class consciousness. No more favoritism. When people come asking to redeem themselves from their sins, you will be able to deal with anyone fairly. You are in pitiable position - being a sacrifice. But you must strive to live such a way.

What is your position? A sacrifice to be offered. You must be offered both spirit and body. So, we cannot insist on our own position, saying, "I am so and so. I am a college graduate. I graduated from Tokyo University. Look, I am in a higher social status than you." You must forego such a concept.

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.