

False Selves of Righteous Individuals

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This month I wish to consider the false selves which come from trying too hard to become righteous. Actually it is a very admirable thing that people strive to perfect their virtuous qualities and assiduously undertake spiritual training. Heaven is much more pleased with those who have virtue rather than those who are lazy and undisciplined.

As I have stated from time to time, however, rather than making efforts to be completely righteous and to have a perfect character without any flaws, it is much better to learn about human nature and to make efforts to become more tolerant of each other. You have to realize that you can become a person with much more mental latitude and peace of mind by showing each other true consideration and expressing kindness and love. This is what is meant by the virtue of the Middle Way.

Although it is the correct attitude to be unrelenting towards evil, when the false self of being *suspicious of everything* takes over, one begins to judge others as being evil to a pathological extent. Thus people are prejudged by his viewing them with bad intentions and intolerance instead of viewing actions of others with good will and tolerance. Unfortunately, recently I heard that such prejudgement was being passed on each other among the followers of the True Law. In such cases the accuser has probably forgotten that the other person is also a follower of the True Law who is working to spread these teachings. Those who are victims in these "purges" are very unfortunate for they are relentlessly persecuted and are given no place to hide.

This false self of being suspicious of everything often appears in exceptionally righteous persons whose perfectionist tendencies become extreme during the course of an illness and this causes

problems for all those people around them. The only things which followers of the True Law should relentlessly castigate are the ideology of the devil called communism and the communists who use all the means at their disposal to destroy law and order in society and force their view upon others to gain political power for themselves. Instead it seems that some followers of the True Law prefer to viciously jump on their fellow members who exhibit the slightest weakness or shortcoming, and to continue attacking them.

Some psychologists refer to such behavior as a persecution complex. When a person is afflicted with this psychopathology one's fellows immediately begin to appear like potential enemies. When overwork causes a person to lose one's health this increases anxiety and increases suspicion towards others, so one should get an ample amount of rest. Only when people are able to become tolerant enough to forgive the faults in others, can they be considered to have regained their mental health and have returned to the good mental state of a follower of the True Law following the will of Heaven. There is even a saying which illustrates this point, and it is "a sound mind resides in a sound body."

The preferred method used by communists to strengthen their control over people is for the majority to castigate one member and set an example. Thus, people stay in line because they do not ever want to have to face the same humiliation. The followers of the True Law, however, must never do such a thing. Such group behavior is no different than the warped psychology of picking on weak individuals. You must firmly bear in mind that the false self that *righteous people often become trapped by is the evil of intolerance.* (January 24, 1983, Dictated to Yuko Chino through her clairaudience.)