

One projection of a man's will will be immediately transmitted to one of three thousand human emotional spheres throughout the world; by this he may draw in all things. Likes attract likes. So, unless one makes projections of one's aspirations correctly with an unclouded heart, what comes in return will be evil friends and demons.

8. Correct Meditation

One should reflect, from a detached viewpoint, whether or not one is practicing the above seven rules. And, this is also determining, after identifying ones errors, not to repeat them.

The Eight-fold Noble Paths are not at all difficult to follow. Their realization is quick, and need only that one put them into effect honestly, with a cleansed heart.

The Section on Jesus

I was born two thousand years ago in Israel in the town of Bethlehem. As it is so recorded in the Holy Bible of the Christian faith, I walked the land teaching men how to live, and speaking of the sacredness of love and the way love is to be through the relation between man and his God—that God's love brings to man the love of his neighbor, and through the love of his neighbor, the love of all humankind—that love is spreading. I exhorted men, in an era still ignorant of science, to worship Yahweh, the Almighty God, that is to say Jehovah. But I also preached that the goodhood within man—humanity as the good self—is that which is shinningly reflected in the mirror of Heaven. And that Heaven is to be found in the heart of each and every man.

Looking at the course of history, until my time there had been the philosophy of the Greeks and the religious philosophy

of India expounding the Laws and the universality of Nature, what the Buddhists called *Bon*, the ultimate cause of the universe, in contrast with *Ga* or the individual self. And I was the first to explain God in subjective terms and also via objective observation, from the viewpoint of individuals. But the purpose of both types of elucidation was the same—the explanation of what the life of man should be.

The love of which I spoke is a godly love surpassing that between man and woman, or that of friends. It is a love called “agape” which neither desires nor asks for reward, but only to give. Inevitably, such love exists in the company of the quality of mercy. I told men that God is Love, and men know this to be the teaching of the Christian faith. But I also clearly taught by parable the power of mercy and its benefits. Also, that Godly love is merciful. Love without mercy is no more than an extension of love of self which is a manner of greed. May you understand that this is a love which seeks something from another, and not the quality of love which bestows its gifts to others. There is a precious need for people to love themselves. The good implications of self-love concern the self-respect which humans derive from their manhood, their *satori* or realization that they are God’s children—knowing all this, “love thy neighbor as thyself,” was a portion of my teachings. It was the age when men were used as slaves, and the level of the awareness of the dignity of man was low.

Next, among my most precious teachings was the need for man to build his kingdom of Heaven on Earth. This was because there were many ignorant people, and men who knew only war and did not hesitate at the most brutal acts, while, scholars were bound by laws. They conducted their trials by precept. They knew not about forgiving, or mercy, or the gentleness of spirit seeking peace or of that love, the manifestation of the Spirit of God, difficult

to place on measuring scales which extend itself to all men. How difficult it would be for such men to build on earth a place filled with light, harmony and peace, of the same order as prevails in Heaven—a true Kingdom of God. The people were many who had never looked back to consider that the true self is the good self, the spirit within one which is Godly. Thus, did I preach the Sermon on the Mount in order that people might gain enlightenment as to what kind of man is suitable for the purpose of building the Kingdom of God.

Blessed are the pure in heart who know their spiritual poverty,
for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn,
for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the gentle,
for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who are hungry and thirsty for righteousness,
for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peace makers,
for they shall be called God's sons.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness,
for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Matthew, Chapter 5: 3–10

The humble of heart are those who are modest, not arrogant, nor proud. Heaven does not exist in the conduct or the hearts of those who are self-esteeming; they shall not see Heaven nor are they able to build it. Those who sorrow or suffer, if they

receive not consolation from man shall find consolation from and salvation by the guidance of the spirits of Heaven. These men moderate and gentle of heart shall be leaders on earth, giving good guidance to the souls of men. And those that thirst for righteousness are the seekers of justice; even though they despair, Heaven and man will evidence that there is enough justice on earth to fill all needs. As for those with great compassion in their hearts, this is an emanation of the merciful heart. When these people meet with trouble, they shall receive the compassion of others. And only the pure of heart may see God. Unless one cleanses one's self of vanity, egoism, self-conceit, self-flaunt, hatred, adultery, destruction of peace and all emotions other than those nurturing love of one's neighbor, one shall not be visited by the messengers of Heaven, nor shalt thou see God. The maker of peace naturally shall be among those who build the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. Forsooth, they are worthy of being called the true Children of God. And those who believe in justice, and were persecuted for their convictions—many martyrs for the Christian faith were produced—not only those martyrs but all the people who were misunderstood because of other right beliefs, and suffered persecution, shall see Heaven. And they shall be the representatives of Heaven's will. Because it is they who represent that love which sacrifices self to render service to others. I was bound to the cross to atone for the sins of man, and for the Jews, who were ordained to be abandoned by God, living in sin, bereft of love, and persecuted by the Law. This was so that man might learn of the salvation of God.

“Enter through the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and spacious the road that leads on to destruction, and many are those entering by this gate. Because narrow is the gate and

contracted the road that leads on to life, and few are they who discover it.”

Matthew, Chapter 7:13

By these words and by parables I taught that the gate of Heaven shall be shut against those men who think only of themselves—abandoning themselves to greed, unconcernedly living a life of dissolution. And that for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of God shall be as difficult as for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle. I taught that to enter the Kingdom of God, or to build God’s Kingdom on earth, man must make a rigorous judgement of his own soul, contemplate his way of life, refraining from excessive ambition, avoid an excessive attachment to material things, and maintain purity of heart. Unless a man has a Godly soul, he can not enter Heaven nor can he build the Kingdom of God on Earth.

Again, I taught people the parable of sowing seeds. Even though he hears and rejoices in the Good Teaching, if a man’s soul be not capable of comprehension—just as seed falling on rocky soil can not take root—so the soul can not retain and bring the Good Words of teaching to fruition, but will stumble and fall when faced with difficulty or persecution. Or where thorns spread, they grow and choke the seed fallen, no crop is yielded from it. So will the lure of the world and the temptations of wealth take over that the Good Words are hindered and will not nurture man. The soul of such a man will not become rich. If the seed falls along the road, the birds will come and eat it. Likewise, evil people will come to steal that seed planted in the soul. Whereas, the seed which falls on good soil, springs up, growing and yielding a crop—thirty, sixty, even a hundred fold. If a man listens to the Good Words of God’s Teaching with a genuine heart and makes good use of them in his own life. They will not enrich life in other ways.

Let me speak once more of love for those who know not the Christian faith. The Letter to the Corinthians was sent by two followers, Paul and Sostene, to people in the Church at Corinth. I believe the thirteenth chapter (of Corinthians) better explains love than any other writing.

“Even though I speak in human and angelic language and have no love, I am as noisy brass or a clashing cymbal.

“And although I have the prophetic gift and see through every secret and through all that may be known, and have sufficient faith for the removal of mountains but I have no love, I am nothing.

“And though I give all my belongings to feed the hungry and surrender my body to be burned, but I have no love, I am not in the least benefitted. Love endures long and is kind; love is not jealous; love is not out for display; it is not conceited or unmannerly; it is neither self-seeking nor irritable, nor does it take account of a wrong that is suffered. It takes no pleasure in injustice but sides happily with truth. It bears everything in silence, has unquenchable faith, hopes under all circumstances, endures without limit. Love never fails. As for prophesyings, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will lose its meaning. For our knowledge is fragmentary and so is our prophesying. But when the perfect is come then the fragmentary will come to an end. When I was a child I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child, but on becoming a man I was through with childish ways.”

I Corinthians, Chapter 13:1-11

“There remain then, faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.”

Also Chapter 13:13

All that I taught during my three years of evangelistic work is summarized in these last words of the thirteenth chapter of I Corinthians. That which lasts eternally is faith, hope, and love. Among these the greatest is love. This is true not only of man's relation to God but of man's relation to his fellow man. Only when these things are held precious can peace be achieved on earth, and a Utopia amidst harmony liken to the Kingdom of God be built. We in the Heavenly World also are concerned for men, praying for them, and extending our protecting hands. May you on earth become truly good men, achieving a measure of enlightenment about our teaching of *Shoho* (the True Law). May you achieve order in a disordered world. May you fulfill the responsibilities and duties inherent in your being born as men on earth. May you receive in abundance the light of the sun, the light and the Grace of God, and may you restore the beauties of nature to Earth. By the love of God, may the day come soon when men will spend their lives in peace and happiness together.

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, so that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through Him. He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is already condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. For everyone who practices evil, hates the light and keeps away from the Light, in order that his activities might not be exposed. But one who practices the Truth wants the Light to shine on it, so that it will be perfectly clear that he is working in union with God.”

John, Chapter 3:16-21