

Value as a Human Being

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Last year there was television news coverage of one stone mason in the city of Mito who succeeded in practically domesticating, or regularly feeding, a family of eight racoons which had been coming down from the nearby mountains since last June to find food. It was reported, however, on January 26 of this year in a certain newspaper that in August these racoons began to disappear one by one. The man who had been feeding the racoons could not understand what had happened to them so he searched for them and found that a hunter had set traps and caught the racoons and sold them to a local taxidermist.

There are people who love and respect animal life, and there are those who totally lack love for lesser beings and take their life. There are people in free countries who pour warmth and affection on powerless small animals, while people in socialist countries indiscriminately slaughter even little children with no pangs of conscience. It is simply amazing how human beings are molded by the environment in which they are raised, and receive influences from their parents, teachers and friends as well as society at large to grow up to possess a type of personality conforming to their surroundings. To consider this fact and accept this is to also reflect on the present world situation, and this causes one to be filled with nothing but premonitions of this world nearing its ultimate end.

How do you followers of the True Law and readers of the *Ji* magazine feel about the above mentioned incident? There is no need to reiterate that the need for love and respect of life is not limited to that just for animals, but also applies to that for human beings. Especially in the case of those who are weak and ailing (animals included), if a helping hand is not offered from those

around them, you must be the one to offer help and give them kind attention and care like a parent. This consideration and love must be ten times that offered to those who are healthy, or otherwise those who are able to stand on their own two feet.

You are neither a socialist or a communist, but are instead a person living in a free country where the value of life and freedom are taught. The real value of being human is the ability to offer others help even if it requires personal sacrifices. At time, one even runs into situations where one must save worthless individuals. There may even be cases where one loses his life in this process. Even though every person cannot become the savior of the world, I hope that everyone is at least able to become persons who are able to value life and who come to the rescue of those who ask for help. "Giving up one's life for the sake of one's friend" as stated by Christ refers precisely to this attitude.

Instead of just memorizing the things we teach you, and using this as ammunition in your arguments, I hope that you are able to acquire enough wisdom from us to at least understand what is meant by "the condition of man as being superior to animals." This should serve as common sense for living in society. This must be the same moral standards as those you learned before you came to know about us.

If followers of the True Law and readers of this magazine are not yet aware that "the life in every living thing is precious," and agree that this is really true only after hearing it from us, they do not really have the right to say that they are in contact with, or are studying the True Law. You must reflect on the fact that until a person understands this basic fact, or learns it through experience, one does not even have value as a human being. It is obvious that everyone must correct their thinking and lifestyle until it conforms with this teaching.

If a person who feels pity for an animal does not value the life

of another person, this is no different than the silent majority in Japan who quietly accept and, in effect, condone the leftwing extremists who perpetrate mass murders by enlisting violent criminals and bomb planters for destructive activity.

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