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“ A NEW RELIGION FOR THE COMING ERA ”

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I. Changing Religion

A new era requires a new form of religion. To pass the test of time, it must yield to changing society. While modes of living are being revolutionized by scientific and technological progress, religion must not tenaciously hold to medieval ideas.

Most churches at the present time are so idealistic, visionary, or lifeless, that a wide gap exists between religion and daily life. Until now they have not been able to offer spiritual assistance for man to find his way through this jungle of human creation.

Some, however, by sacrificing the sacredness of their objectives and teachings, emphasize rewards so that considerable dissatisfaction has arisen among the intelligentsia.

The religion for today and tomorrow cannot remain merely idealistic, that is, theoretical. It must be realistic and practical. It must have simple, harmonious teachings, well understood and respected by the people, which will enable it to lead the followers to a better and happier life by renovating existing conditions.

Furthermore, it is important that by means of infallible miracles it is able to prove the existence of God, for the greatest tragedy of man today is inability to find God.

The conflicts between East and West, between classes, or even between neighbors, are the result of godlessness in the lives and conduct of the people.

The Rev. Terumi Fujita,^b the founder of our Tenkō Mission, has demonstrated to us that the Parent God (Oyagami-sama^c), the

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Creator of the universe, is the Creator of our bodies, that His partial spirit is the seed of our lives and minds, that whoever forgets or cannot perceive His love and favor is unworthy to be a human being and that the aberrations of life are the consequences of neglecting Him.

II. Establishment of the Tenko Mission

In view of the foregoing considerations our founder, under the watchful guidance of the Parent God, established the Tenko Mission on May 10, 1948. Moreover, in accordance with the Will of the Parent God to spread His teachings and thus aid suffering mankind, in the following years the Mission expanded its sphere of influence to Hokkaidō in the north, and to Kagoshima, Tsushima, and Amakusa in the south.

Then in May, 1958, in the tenth year an order was received from the Parent God to extend our services to North America as a preliminary step to spreading His teachings throughout the world.

During a preaching tour from August through November, 1958, covering twenty-two states of the United States, He was greatly acclaimed everywhere, and a church was established in Los Angeles, California, as the foundation for future expansion there.

The Tenkō Mission is a "Religion of Miracles" which can cope successfully with the human crises of today and tomorrow. It is the religion which is able to guide mankind through this critical transitional period for the world powers to peace and happiness.

One misstep at this crossroad of harmony and discord can lead to a catastrophe. Consequently our creed has several tenets that are radically different from those of existing religions.

Although a detailed account of the Founder's Teachings is impossible in a short space, the main points are:

- (1) The achievement of supreme happiness for mankind through the Brotherly Union of all Races is our ultimate goal.
- (2) Assistance is given to people in formulating new, sound views of life and a conception of the world for modern-day living. This

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is accomplished by disclosing the structure of the earth and the universe presided over by the Parent God, and the role of mankind within its framework.

- (3) Since the human mind is fundamentally a partial soul of the Parent God, however it may be adulterated on the surface by low and perverse desires, its essence is pure. The mental faculty (Divine Power) of communing with the Invisible and thus gaining first-hand knowledge of the past, present, and the future, may be obtained by purifying the soul with this True Teaching. Furthermore, the knowledge of one's God-appointed duty will furnish him with the needed confidence to lead a faultless life.
- (4) The Divine Power provides the means to communicate with the spiritual world, thereby allowing one to visualize life after death.
- (5) The causes of man's miseries and misfortunes have been analyzed, and their remedies formulated.
- (6) Guidance is given in solving all sorts of daily problems in order to make unfortunate people happy and blissful ones even more happy.
- (7) The historic conflict between religion and science has been resolved, and a cooperative relationship has been attained. Religion and economics, generally considered as unrelated factors, also have been blended by our doctrine so as to assist each other. The Scientific Laboratories of the Tenkō Mission and the Shinsen Industrial Enterprises, Ltd., have been established to prove the reality of the above statement. Perhaps we should provide a further clarification of the purposes of these establishments.

III. Religion vs. Science

The history of mankind since the Renaissance has been conspicuously marked by conflicts between religion and science. Must these two be perpetually hostile? Obviously, since there is only one truth to explain the mysteries of the universe, in the search of the truth it does not matter whether the seeker takes the road of science or religion so long as the truth is found.

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Therefore, Tenkō Mission holds that true religion and true science are never opposed to each other. On the contrary, they go hand-in-hand in the quest for the ultimate truth of the universe. Nevertheless, religion offers two distinctively different approaches to this problem.

In religion, especially in a living religion of miracles, the power to solve the unknown in the universe is far greater than that of science, because the former is in a position to utilize the divine impulses and miracles which are inimitable and scientifically inexplicable.

For example, with Divine Power and the Will to believe in God alone, such feats as saving men from diseases incurable even by the most modern medical skill, expanding one's mental capacity, indicating the extent of buried natural resources and their location, and even predicting the trend of economic movements or the approach of natural catastrophes, can be accomplished with ease and confidence, provided, of course, it is the Divine Power of the right religion. From personal affairs to international problems — there is no limit to the efficacy of divine miracles.

The primary goal of the Tenkō Scientific Laboratories is to prove that religion and science can merge together in serving mankind. This is a concept that has never been revealed to men by religion. Through its research facilities incredible or perhaps miraculous scientific discoveries and inventions are being made with the assistance of Divine Power. Some of the initial projects include the synthetic Tenkō Keny (a superheated and fire-resistant paint that far exceeds the standards of the like products on the market today), the Tenko Fany (a heat-resistant paint for fire insulation, already introduced to the Japanese public), the Tenko Pepony (a cement possessing heat and fire-resistant fabric).

These mark only the beginning of our work. Many more vital, long-awaited inventions and discoveries are being made to improve public welfare throughout the world, because the fruits of our efforts will be made available to the public. Furthermore, a plan has been made to expand our facilities of training future scientists and tech-

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nicians who, with the aid of Divine Power, will continue our efforts for years to come, always seeking to better our standard of living.

IV. Religion vs. Economics : The Establishment of Shinsen Industrial Enterprises, Ltd.

The religion for the coming era must possess the power to aid mankind materially as well as spiritually. It must be able to offer a helping hand to individuals or to the masses. Hence, economic problems are of great importance to us. Economics is one subject from which we cannot escape even though many of the existing churches try to do so.

From the beginning the Tenkō Mission has been helping people spiritually and materially, individuals, as well as society as a whole. This does not mean that the Mission has given people financial help as in so-called direct relief programs offered by some churches. The Mission also does not operate any business establishments. On the contrary, we believe that finding God's ideas and opinions on economic problems, and advising the economists concerned, will bring about more desirable consequences.

Recently the Shinsen Industrial Enterprises, Ltd., was established by the decision of our adherents in order to manufacture and distribute the scientific inventions mentioned above. However, this is operated strictly outside the direct control of the Mission. Hence it does not indicate our intent to begin conducting business.

The Shinsen Industrial Enterprises will be guided by His advice, through the Mission, and will be run by the people with a spirit dedicated to service.

Since this is the way shown to us by His Will, the success of its operation can not be doubted. The main intention of the Mission in lending a helping hand to the project is to prove to the world that religion and economics can be and must be coupled in solving economic problems.

Incidentally, the profit made by the Enterprises will be used for the betterment of the general public welfare. The specific allotment

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will be determined by creating a committee, consisting of leading representatives from many fields, as in the education of youth, historical and scientific research, and so on.

V. Conclusion

The Parent God of mankind and the universe (Oyagami-sama) says that the miseries inflicted upon us are felt by Him also. So long as there is one man suffering from pain, He does not remain inactive. His greatest Wish is to bring forth enduring world peace by showing us the straight-forward, true way of living. As the peace of the world is becoming more and more precarious we, the representatives of the Tenkō Mission, hope to do our best in fulfilling the Will of the Parent God as quickly as possible so that under His Rule we may each have peace of mind, and mankind may enjoy happiness on earth. For this reason we are asking for your sincere understanding and hearty cooperation.

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