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What is man to create?

The first and most obvious thing is his own spiritual development. Man has been given the potential for his perfection, but it is up to each individual to utilize his environment and experiences to create that perfection.

It is like building a house, You have been given a quantity of land and the building materials, It is up to you to choose the site and construct the dwelling. You may pick the low marsh-lands, or the firm mountain, You may build it with a beautiful view or no vista at all. Your foundation may be on rock or on pilings. You may build it of glass or with no windows at all. You may make it accessible or inaccessible, of stone or paper, sheltered or unsheltered, ornate or simple, modern or primitive. Or you may do none of these things and choose to live a nomadic existence, pitching a tent in whatever location seems convenient at the time. The entire structure and use to which it is put is your choice and your responsibility, It is your creation.

What more do you create?

The entire creation is in the image of man. Man is its Lord. As God deals with man, so man must deal with creation.

In creating man; God breathed the breath of life into him and man became a living being. Since physical death is not death in God's eyes, so physical life is not what is meant by "living". It is stated that the earth brought forth living creatures at God's command, but it was Adam - man - who gave them their natures. He "named" them, as God "named" Adam. The name of a thing describes its nature and its relationship. Had God chosen to do so, He could have "named" the members of the animal kingdom Himself. But this would have left man with nothing to do but govern a creation in which he had had no part, Instead, God made man a co-creator.

Thus, as God gives man his potential, so man gives creation its potential. As man grows spiritually in response to the love of God, so creation grows spiritually in response to the love of man, Animals are not given spirits by God. It is man who creates them by his love and care.

There is no part of creation which will not respond to the love of man. God, by His love, has given man eternal life in spirit, Man, by his love, can give any part of creation eternal life in spirit. As man creates his own spirit from the potential which God has given him, however, so it is with creatures. They must respond to receive the full gift. Man cannot do this by force, as God will not do it by force. In all cases, the principle is the same.

This knowledge of his power has been kept from man until he should use it wisely. Remember always, "Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Our great and loving Father has prepared everything for man's joy, but it is man who must create the Kingdom, Whatever you truly love is yours forever.

Inequalities in Growth

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Man, like God, is a many-faceted being. Because of this, man may experience many inequalities in his growth. One does not grow smoothly and evenly spiritually any more than one does physically.

For instance: There are many requirements which must be fulfilled before a child is considered fully within the Growth Stage. He must have learned to do many things for himself

which, in his Formation Stage, were done for him. He eats, dresses, bathes, walks, plays, learns - all by his own efforts. He does not gain proficiency in all these things at one time. For some time, most of these actions will be performed under guidance and instruction. While the actions themselves may be done by the child, he is told when, where, and infrequently how to do them. It is only gradually that he learns to operate without orders. It will require even more time for him to learn that the laws which his parents enforced with regard to these functions may be altered to fit with his own needs, desires, and circumstances. As a child, the "laws" of dinner at 6:00, bed at 8:00 may have been inflexible. As he grows, however, he learns that it is quite permissible for him to delay dinner until 7:00, to eat at 5:00 if he is hungry, or not at all if he is not. Children who, at 15 or 50, are unable to break the rigid laws established for their training and protection in childhood, remain in the Formation Stage in this aspect of their development.

It is important to remember that there are Formation, Growth, and Perfection Stages within each broad stage of growth. The Israelites were told by God to allow three yields of crops to go by before their orchards were considered edible. The fruit of the fourth year was to be given to God, and only in the fifth year was the crop to be for their own use and enjoyment. It took three full years for the fruit to grow to its full maturity, and the first-fruits of that maturity belonged to their Creator. By the fifth year, the Israelites could reap the fully perfected fruit. (Lev. 19:23-25)

Man follows much the same pattern, although the time element may not be the same. When man reaches the Formation Stage of the Perfection Stage, he should be ready to take full responsibility for his own actions. As a child, ignorance, lack of experience and faulty training could be held accountable for many of his errors. In the Perfection Stage, however, even though his education and experience is not yet complete, he must assume responsibility for himself. His decisions are his own, and he must abide by their consequences. One who refuses to take the responsibility for his own decisions is not yet fully in the Perfection Stage, although he may have fulfilled certain other requirements.

Your understanding of abstract theory is only a beginning. A baby knows in general what is required for him to obtain food, but it takes some time for him to become proficient with a spoon, and to learn what is edible and what is not. It is the same with your knowledge of Principles. Knowledge must become wisdom - that is, part of your experience. You may understand the Subject-Object Principle well enough to explain it to others, but until you know instinctively the roles of both subject and object and act accordingly, it is only how-ledge and not wisdom.

A bride brings herself and all she possesses to her bridegroom. She is responsible for what she brings. In return, she takes her husband's name. This announces that they have chosen one another, that they have been brought into a special relationship. The bride does not take her bridegroom's name in vain, to no purpose. Their responsibility to each other does not end with her acceptance into his family. She must immediately begin to act as a wife, with all the love, loyalty, and experience at her command. Her husband expects it. He does not expect her to stop learning, to rest on her prior experience. On the contrary, he expects her to learn things of which she formerly had not even awareness. Her husband assumes the responsibility for her education, her care, her well-being, and her happiness.

But it would be unrealistic and unreasonable to expect a new bride to react with the knowledge and wisdom of a wife of long-standing. A musician must learn to read music before he can master the techniques of his instrument. He does not learn everything at the same time. He does not immediately begin to play as a virtuoso,

Do not be discouraged if your growth constantly reveals unsuspected infantilism and misunderstanding. It is a sign of your growth that you can recognize weaknesses in yourself. Do not gaze smugly at areas of success, or you will surely stumble over a trailing shortcoming. Your knowledge may make you a good teacher, your compassion a good counsellor: yet you may fail at the all-important test of gracefully relinquishing the subject position and assuming the role of object. Your relationship with God may be excellent, but how is it with the members of His Family? If you entertain any jealousy or pride of position, if you compete

for favor or attention, if you do not fulfill your obligations so that others must do more than their share, if you censure and condemn, if you understand God's heart but fail to enforce His Will -- can you be considered grown?

The perfect control of these things will be expected of you in time. Your training leads in that direction. You, yourself, set the speed at which you wish to travel. There are those of you who feel that casual and spasmodic study of God's new dispensation is sufficient. You are proud and lazy. You will be left behind. There are others who spend precious time corroborating that which they already know by listening to the words of those who have not yet heard the full revelation. You are foolish. You will be left behind. There are those who greet spiritual phenomena with awe and who seek only some manifestation of it in your own lives, forgetting that it comes only as a result of one's increased understanding of God. You are children. You will be left behind. There are those who rely entirely upon their own inner resources, forgetting that inspiration is meant to be shared and that what applies to one applies to all. You are full of pride and envy. You will be left behind. And there are those who have knowledge but fail to make it wisdom, who understand the lessons, but fail to apply them to themselves. You use your brain but not your head. You are sincere but not honest. You use your eyes and fail to see. Woe betide you if you condemn others for their blindness! Your position may not be as you think. Be wise in your conceit, or you will be left behind.

Do not fear to stumble. Fear only that you may not be humble enough to get up and go on. Polish each facet as it turns to you. Be aware and alert. As the jewel turns, its very dullness may cause you to overlook it. There are many things being given to you now. Do not assume they are only intended for others. This is the folly of follies! What is given to one is intended for all. Does the user of the water suspect the pipe through which it flows? If his thirst is great, he will drink.

Channels. beware! The receipt of wisdom does not make one wise, but the use thereof! What happened to Miriam? (See Num. 12)

It is the sun which makes the harvest. As we enter the full light of morning, take care you do not stand in the shade,

Remember the Sabbath Day, . . .

Rec'd July 22

You do not heed the counsel of the Creation which is in your image. You have not fully thought through the Law of Give and Take.

Can you see anything in the Creation which does not operate on a cycle? Flowers bloom, trees bear fruit, the moon is full, the tide flows in, the sun is warm and bright -- is it ever thus? Of course not. Our Heavenly Father in His great wisdom did not intend that anything should constantly give or constantly receive. To give, to produce, to bear fruit, to shine is to expend energy and power. Do you think less of the moon when it is new? Is a tree of no value when it is between yields?

You speak derisively of your "low" periods. You seem to feel that unless you are "high" constantly, you have somehow failed in your mission. It is quite true that the more you give, the more you will be given. But it is equally true that there will come times when you must remain quiet in order to receive. It is the Law.

And why is it, then, that these receptive periods are so often encased in gloom? Why is it so easy to be overcome by satanic forces? Because you allow it! You think less of yourself, and thus make a base for accusation. This is false! It is illusion! It is satanic in itself!

Why should you, of all creation, remain static? How could you grow? How can you give of what you do not possess? An automobile must occasionally stop for fuel, oil, water, repairs. Do you condemn it for this weakness? Any creation, whether man-made or God-made, will fail if it is not given rest, care and nourishment. Are you an exception?

You must give of the substance you receive. You must share your inspiration, your wis-

dom and insight. This too is Law. But do not rebel when spirit and body rest. It is necessary. Do not blame yourself for not remaining on one level. You weren't intended to. They are your sabbaths. Keep them holy. "For everything there is a season.. .a time to keep silence, and a time to speak." (Eccl. 3:1, 7)

The Gates

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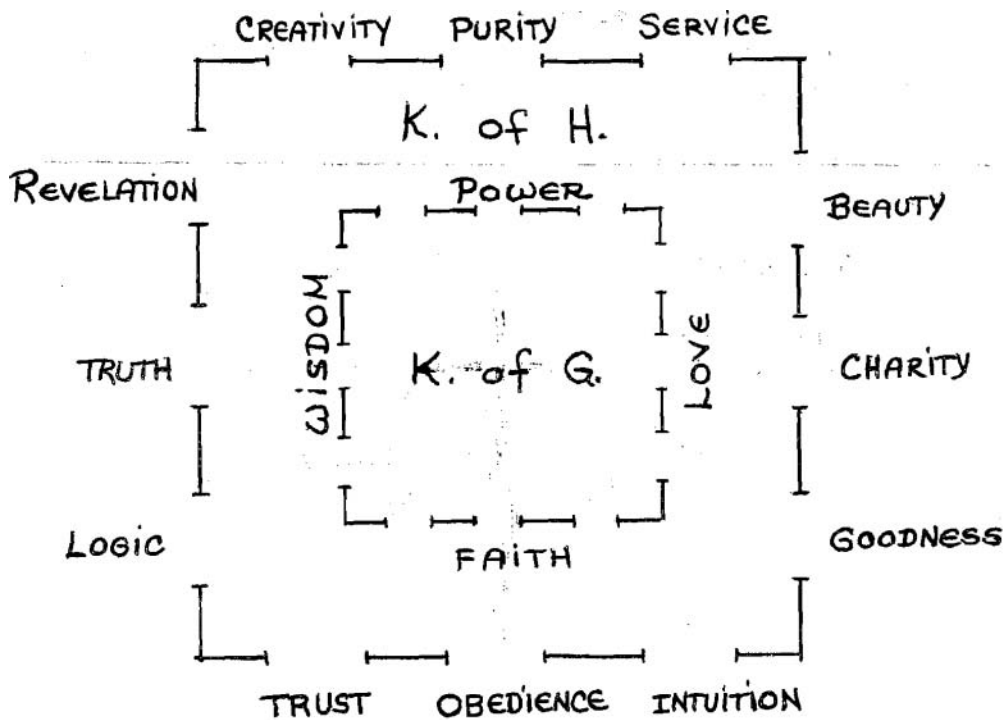
There are Gates of the Moon and Gates of the Sun, twelve gates for each. All gates are gates of praise. The Gates of the Moon are outer gates leading to the Kingdom of Heaven. The Gates of the Sun are inner gates leading to the Kingdom of God. The Moon Gates are earthly; the Sun Gates are spiritual. The Moon Gates reflect action; the Sun Gates reflect attitudes. Action comes from attitude and leads to attitude. The latter is a refinement of the former.

Thus, a need for love leads through the Gates of Beauty, Charity, or Goodness to the Gates of Love. These are the East Gates.

A thirst for knowledge leads through the West Gates of Revelation, Truth, or Logic to the Gates of Wisdom.

The attitude of energy leads through the Gates of Creativity, Purity, or Service to the North Gates of Power.

The need for belief leads through the South Gates of Trust, Obedience, or Intuition to the Gates of Faith.



On Faith

Rec'd May 7th

Faith, too, comes in three stages. In the first or Formation Stage of being, we are given information. Because we respect the source of this information, we have faith that it is true. This is often called "pure faith" because it accepts blindly with no question or further proof required. It is childlike, innocent, and naive. Anything added to an original belief is deemed false. In this stage, one accepts the Bible literally.

The second stage of Growth, adds another dimension, This is the stage which says, "Yes, I believe you, but just let me see for myself." It adds a note of suspicion. It has sticky fingers from wet paint, and red faces from repeated failures. But it has gained a little

wisdom. This is the stage that muses, "It is impossible for some of the statements in the Bible to be literally true, Therefore, at least a portion of it must be symbolic." Occasionally one in this stage gets frightened and goes backward. He says, "If I can't trust all, I won't believe any." And there he is, back in the Formation Stage, this time with unquestioning faith that the entire Book is false, or that no person is trustworthy. The Growth Stage is the testing stage. It assumes the truth of a fact but reserves the right to prove it to complete satisfaction.

The Perfection Stage of Faith is again a further refinement, It hears, proves, and ACTS upon its belief,

(July 29 - As reported, this was received in May, but because it ended so abruptly, I thought there must be more coming and held it back, On further consideration, maybe there is no more to be said on the subject - Mary.)

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News from Oakland

Dear Family,

Lowell Martin

This weekend we are five adults (Kathy, Jim A., Lovie, Gary, & myself) and two boys (Kevin & Brent) strong. Kathy and the boys returned last Wednesday after four weeks in Oregon, She has had many opportunities to spread her knowledge and feeling for the Principles. It is wonderful to see how Kathy has grown in that length of time.

Gary Elliott recently accepted the Principles and joined us. He first heard about the message from Tom Robinson in Pershing Square, Los Angeles about a month ago* He called us while he was in the Bay Area and has decided to stay to learn and begin teaching,

Jim Adams has been visiting with us on the weekends whenever his carrier Coral Sea is in port,

When we aren't learning or teaching, we have all been pouring our efforts into the continuing physical restoration of this home, Thus all four levels of this 52 year old building are gradually improving so more people can have harmonious give and take in Oakland.

A Testimony from Oakland

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Lovie Smith

Shalom. It gives me joy to know our Heavenly Father loves us so dearly, and joy to know how He is teaching us give and take through the Divine Principles, and how He is teaching us to seek the unconditional love for Elohim - "God".

I will not easily forget the day I came to know the Divine Principle Family. On June 12, 1964, in the morning, I heard a voice speaking, "Go to Oakland." Not thinking, I said, "No, I will not go to Oakland." And a second time, "No, I will not go to Oakland." Trying to get release, I went to the studio for some picture work to be done. Then it came to the point, "Yes, I will go." Satan then began his work to block. I arrived and spent two days with friends and read the history of how Theodore Heazel was lead to gather the Jews to Israel. The third day, the voice spoke, "Look for churches." I got the phone book and began looking, I came to the Unification Church and stopped.

I found a most wonderful group with a message that will make you listen if you are seeking a perfect standard before Elohim. While there, much of my time was spent with the Martin Family. The fruit of love was surely enjoyed with them, The Divine Principle is something to accept and carry to your fellow brothers and sisters in this closing satanic age. Satan is to be bound. The saints are to be free of him and enjoy the new earth and Kingdom.

News from Phoenix

A report by tape:

Douglas Burns

This is July 27th. We have just had a meeting in our meeting room. There are three of us here. Sue, Jim Percy - one of our new members - and myself. Sue will say a few words -- Hi, everyone. Phoenix has taken on a different look now with Orah gone to other fields. Douglas is really carrying about 95% of the burdens here and I am trying to give him a hand where I can, but I still have so much to learn, I am really thankful for the News-letters. It is so helpful to hear other people's experiences. I have not read one letter yet

that I didn't learn a great deal from. I still find it, hard to believe that all of this is really real! I often just stand and wonder at the difference between darkness and light. I think I am still in sort of a daze: But I am coming out of it and slowly beginning to realize what it means to have a real family, to have brothers and sisters that I haven't even met. but have heard their voices and read their letters and still feel as if I not only know them, but love them. We send our love and prayers from Phoenix. I will give the microphone to Jim now,

Hello, this is Jim Percy from Phoenix, I have been studying the Principles for three weeks now. It's a wonderful book - so logical! I plan to learn and then go teach; There is a fellow at work -- I've been telling him a few things about it, but he goes too much by the Bible. He takes everything literally, not symbolically. It sure is hard to convince him! Well, I will say good-bye and give the microphone back to Douglas.

Jim was raised a Lutheran and has been a Southern Baptist. He says that the Principles are just so logical, he can't help but believe it. He has been studying very hard, reading Newsletters. witnessing since he first came in contact with the Principles, It is really tremendous to see someone accept the Principles wholeheartedly like Jim has.

Today is July 30 (Douglas speaking again), and I thought I would finish out the tape with a few of the recent events here in Phoenix, Doris and the L, A, family visited us here. Doris came with Peter, Shirley, and Teddy, We talked, we lectured, we studied the Principles and we had people here all day. Jim Percy was here all day and also Dick Krenz spent the afternoon with us. On the following weekend, Peter and Shirley Robinson came to Phoenix especially to witness to some very close friends of theirs- Dick Krenz is a new young man. about 26, who has studied philosophy in college, He was extremely impressed by the Principles. Attendance at our meetings has been pretty good, At our last meeting we had 10 people here, five of whom came as a result of an ad. With Love, Douglas..

News from Los Angeles

"Our Beloved Master"

Doris Walder

Oh, the magnificent beauty of this Blessed Holy One of God, .Solomon must have seen Him in all His glory when he said: "His head is as fine gold and His hair as black as the raven, with eyes fitly set as the dove."

How Solomon must have longed to have lived upon the earth when this true Son of the Most High would walk and talk with our Father every moment of the day and bask in the radiance of abundant truth and love, so encompassing that, not even a tiny sprinkle of darkness could ever penetrate It. No man before, be it Prophet or Saint, could eventouch this great one, with the seal of the Living God,

More and more the realization of the unworthiness of all peoples to behold this Shining Sun, taunts me day and night. A man so pure that even the brilliance of the Sun, looses its light in His presence. Eyes like fire, burning into the very soul of man and bringing forth the true coals of the fire of Father's burning love and illuminating the entire being of all men, that everyone can someday stand before our Father, as He stands this day,

Just think of the strength of this Giant Killer this Champion of all Champions!! How can we hold back from wielding the sword of Truth and striking Satan wherever we go.

Let us march ever forward, beloved brothers and sisters, holding the flag of victory high, for all to see. Let us never stop until every soul beholds Him in all His glory, until every face is lifted to His in deepest love and devotion and every voice cries out, Father, Father, Father.

Let us sharpen our swords of Truth with His bountiful wisdom and love. If we have just a seed of His wisdom and love, can we not win every city and country in the world!! For this Master, who is the very essence and image of our Beloved Father, let us vow to live and die if need be, and if there be worlds even beyond what we now perceive, let us vow to bring Him to even the unknown; for truly we can say with Paul and even beyond Paul, Though we are abound or abased, though we are in hell itself, if He is with us, we are in Heaven, and beyond Heaven in the bosom of all that Is or well ever be, The Heart of Our Father. No longer will our tears be our food, but the jewels of laughter shall feed our hungry souls, and these jewels shall flow between each one of us and our Most Beloved Father. Laughter and joy so deep, that all sorrow and pain shall leave and peace shall flood the two worlds we now live in, The peace that passeth all understanding has come,

Oh, ring out the bells for the voice of the Turtle is heard in our land; for the Bridegroom Cometh. Hosanna Hosanna . In His Love,

News from Cleveland

Dear Family,

Rebecca Boyd

Pauline and I have been so busy -- just going all the time. This place is so different from California. Everyone seems to go to church, and yet I have never seen so many hundreds of people bent under Satan. Perhaps it isn't so strange after all! And the churches -- you wouldn't believe them -- they're all so orthodox; they're nearly Pentecostal. Everybody carries his Bible at least to church with him, everybody believes Jesus will come again in the clouds, nobody has heard of the New Age. In my somewhat limited experience, I find to my surprise that the two most open people I've spoken to have been Catholics.

The people here look terribly beaten down and hard and indifferent. They really look almost dead to us. When you walk on the city streets you can just feel the satanic spirits all around you: the atmosphere is heavy with them. I often have the feeling that here we not only have to awaken the people to the spiritual life, but we also have to awaken them to the fact that they are alive, period. I am so mad at Satan just watching what he does to these people. We just can never forgive him--I wish I could do so much more to destroy him from this earth. He has made God's beloved children into nothing more than animals, and tired ones at that.

I just get so angry when I realize the perversion that this world is in that I can hardly sit still even now. And yet people so tragically hang on to their justifications of all the misery in their own lives and in all the lives around them--Satan has made them believe that this world is the only world there is, that life is unpleasant because God plans it that way--and then everybody invents his own version of why God wants life to be so hard. Nobody has ever been able to rise above Satan's domination because almost no one ever suspected that this was not the real world; everybody's been trying to figure out this world instead of looking for God's true plan. What a wonderful thing our Leader has done! How true it is that he is subjugating the world! I see our responsibility more clearly everyday: we are fighting to free heaven and earth; we are building a new historic tradition, in fact, a new world. We must use every inch and ounce for this purpose--the entire creation depends upon our Leader and his children. My dear brothers and sisters, let us not pause for an instant to think of anything but our Father and His Kingdom--only that matters. We do not belong to ourselves any longer, so we must not think of ourselves; we belong to God and His work, and we must think and act only for the accomplishment of it. (I didn't mean to deliver a sermon, but there are only two ways to go when you are in a place like this city. You either give in to despair and hopelessness, or you realize what you must accomplish and determine to do so because you must--in this satanic atmosphere you can't be lukewarm.)

I learned so very much on that little journey I made here to Cleveland, and I am still learning. Much of it consisted of crashing realizations of the great need for the Principle in this country and our responsibility for satisfying that need. This came to me in so many different ways: I gained ever deeper understandings from talking with members of our family and from observing the various methods of teaching Principle and from talking with fellow travellers. These realizations and insights have now become a definite part of my own Perspective, so they are extremely difficult to write about. The most precious and meaningful facet of it all was the experience of having deep, personal heart-to-heart talking with our brothers and sisters.

We are really fighting a war. It grows more and more real^e. I pray always for our day by day triumph in subjugating this country. It has been coming to me that we must redeem all the blood, sweat, and tears to our Father, for His Work. The more we can pay, the greater weight may be lifted from the shoulders of the masses, and the sooner all people will be able to come into the Kingdom. This seems so clear to me. We must work hard enough to bear the burden of heaven and earth, to reclaim it by bearing it for God, and thus we accomplish our missions of being "the Father's warriors... to free heaven and earth." I feel so small, so unworthy, so grateful. All my love and prayers, in His beloved name.

News from Sacramento

Dear Family,

John Pinkerton

My mother recently attended an A. R. E. (Association for Research and Enlightenment) summer session in Virginia Beach, Virginia. She has written me concerning a tape that she and many others also attending the A. R. E. conference had the privilege of hearing. The following are excerpts from her letter:

"I'll try to answer your questions. Anthony Brooke requested the reading from Arthur Ford, one of the outstanding clairvoyants in the country. Fletcher, a spirit on the other side, is his contact, after Ford becomes unconscious, Fletcher is a Canadian, and speaks with an accent. Anthony Brooke asked the questions, and Fletcher gave him the answers. They talked very freely and Fletcher told Anthony some fascinating things about his family, . . . I had a tape made of the reading, and I wrote down almost everything that was said. I will call you when I return and let you borrow the tape.

"The room at A. R. E., where the tape was played and discussed, was filled. There were close to 80 people there. The three commentators, Cayce (Hugh Lynn). Harmon Bro, and Paul Henard were electrified by what came through. They said nothing had ever come through before by Ford like this. Not only did he describe the New Age and its Messiah, Mr. Moon, but he gave startling predictions of what was going to happen, I have Joe Arnold's address, and you can write to him about it if you wish. He drives Arthur Ford around the country and knows him quite well.

"The people at A. R. E. were much interested in the Divine Principles. I gave Sandi's name to many people and they were going to write to her. Many of them wanted to investigate and many had open minds. To some it seemed incredible. To others it seemed possible. One thing is sure, this was a sympathetic crowd. Nearly everyone was looking for something. I have a list of names and addresses of all people who were there." (Joe Arnold had the tape in his possession and was an individual attending the A. R. E. Conference, He played the tape for the group.)

I believe this to be the type of breakthrough that can be expected in the future. The New Age has begun and people must be informed of the completion of God's Providence of Restoration for all mankind.

A Report from Portland

Vern Pearson

It seems like a long time since we had the joint meetings in Eugene. Time flies by quickly, doesn't it? Yes, there has been much water that has flowed under the bridge since we first came to this message -- trials, temptations, frustrations; but through it all, God has been leading. Sometimes I feel very unworthy of the love he gives to me, but He is a merciful God and a loving God.

I work in the Portland Post Office and spend my days off witnessing in Portland and Tacoma, Washington. I also go to Idaho when I have a chance. (I plan to move to Boise very soon. I feel it is God's Will for me at this time,)

I have two brothers in Christ who are more than real brothers. One is Gerald Johnson who is about 24 and the other is Dave Bridges who is presently in the Great Falls, Montana area. Dave is a graduate of Reed College. Gerald plays the guitar and is very talented in music. John Schmidli is still in St. Helens and is as faithful as ever, He really is a solid rock. I enjoy reading the bulletins you send from S. F. Thank you so much, God bless you all. Your brother in Christ.

News from Miss Kim

Today (July 20) the members here left for a 40 day movement. (This is the eighth time,) This year we are concentrating our efforts on Choongnam province and Kyung Book province and sent out workers mostly to these two provinces, It is very hot here and rains often, I miss the nice weather of San Francisco. . . I have many things to tell you, but I would not do it in a letter. I miss all of you so much and would like to return to America as soon as possible. Love.

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