

Origins

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The 45th Annual Tenrikyo Bazaar was held at Tenri Cultural Center on August 30. The Tenrikyo Bazaar is known as one of the biggest bazaars in Hawaii because there were over 30 food items as well as used and brand-new items including handmade mats and pillows. Furthermore, music bands and mochi pounding performances were held in the huge tent.

Tenrikyo Mission Headquarters of Hawaii

Tsunenori Ichise

In the Osashizu on January 13, 1892,

Although merit is not visible, the accounting is as dependable as if it were done on paper. Whatever is surplus I return. Whatever is short, I will collect. The balance in each account is very clear.

I think most of us are concerned about our household expenses as well as the balance of our savings and checking accounts each day. However, not many people realize that there is a much more important account book in heaven.

Various things happen every day. We, human beings, are moved from joy to sorrow by the happenings, and even Tenrikyo followers tend to forget the truth: “Although merit is not visible, the accounting is as dependable as if it were done on paper. Whatever is surplus I return. Whatever is short, I will collect. The balance in each account is very clear.” In addition, we forget to face God the Parent and Oyasama squarely and to interpret or judge things by applying the teachings as our mind’s ruler.

If a person whose work is actually worth 2,500 dollars gets paid 3,000 dollars each month, the person may feel he/she is benefitting from it. However, in fact, there would be 500 dollars of deficit in heaven’s

account. If the person leaves it as it is, it would be 6,000 dollars of deficit in a year. Usually, those people are not only ungrateful for it, but they also think their work easy and good, and even try to find an easier way. They will get greedier and want to get more money with less work. However, such a way of life increases deficit in heaven’s account more and more.

The followers of the path should feel joy of being kept alive from the teaching of “a thing lent, a thing borrowed.” They should do any kind of work with joy and spirits, having the mind of bringing joy to others in accord with the teaching of “work (hataraku) makes those close to you comfortable; for that, it is called hataraku (hata: those nearby, raku: comfortable).” There may be a follower who gets paid 2,500 dollars, but his work is actually worth 3,000 dollars. Although the follower seems to be losing 500 dollars, the person is actually saving 500 dollars in heaven’s account every month.

We read in the Osashizu,

What saves others is the truth of the mind of sincerity.

August 9, 1888

Single-hearted salvation is the truth of sincerity alone. The truth of sincerity alone is the truth of heaven. Because

it is the truth of heaven, I accept it at once and give a return at once: this is the one truth.

April 17, 1890

If you listen and understand at this time, resolving to follow the path no matter what may happen, I will accept your resolve at once. I can see it wherever you may be. Quickly make the resolve. If you do, there is no telling what kind of virtue it will lead to.

January 14, 1892

Accepting your hardship joyously is joyous acceptance. You can accumulate virtue, I say. I accept it, I say.

March 6, 1895

These words tell us that in heaven's account it is not surplus or deficit of figures, but virtue according to the sincere mind that you devote. We are taught that listening and understanding while resolving your mind will be received as virtue. Joyous acceptance does not only work off causality or mental dusts, but it also will be received as virtue by accepting your hardship joyously.

Because the sincerity of single-hearted salvation is the truth of heaven, God the Parent accepts it at once and gives a return at once. I think this tells us that the sincerity of single-hearted salvation does not matter if one's account in heaven has surplus or deficit. Even if it has deficit, the sincerity of the mind of saving others will be accepted and given

a return at once by God the Parent without setting off the deficit. The Osashizu says,

The seeds you have sown have all been accepted by God. All seeds accepted by God will sprout.

January 28, 1891

The merit accumulated through dedication cannot be dropped, cannot be abandoned.

December 17, 1888

These words tell us that the virtue you have accumulated will sprout surely, and even if you try to drop it, you cannot.

In the Anecdotes of Oyasama No. 65 "Drawn Here to Be Used,"

Whatever you do, do it with the thought that you are serving God. Whatever you do God will accept ten thousandfold.

In addition, in the Osashizu,

...I have promised ten thousand grains for each grain of seed.

December 3, 1893

The virtue we humans have accumulated cannot fail to be deposited in the heaven's account free from human errors. God the Parent not only accepts the virtue but also accepts it ten thousand fold. It is as if depositing only one dollar of virtue and

getting ten thousand dollars of deposit in your account later. If a bank clerk did it, the clerk would be fired soon. In the Osashizu,

**Effectiveness is not visible at once.
Miracles come from miracles.**

September 21, 1893

**...unimaginable from any angle
whatever is God.**

April 3, 1904

We are taught that the sincerity of single-hearted salvation is accepted and given a return at once. The virtue you have accumulated or the effectiveness you have devoted cannot be seen at once, but it will come out as a miracle. This miracle may be God and the return from God.

In the Anecdotes of Oyasama No. 144 “The Virtue Which Reaches Heaven,”

You are right. If you do something with gratitude, no matter how hard or unpleasant it may be, your virtue will reach heaven. Virtue which is accepted by God will be turned into joy. But no matter how hard or trying the work that you do may be, if you do it complaining, ‘How hard it is, how I hate it’, the complaints will also reach heaven and be returned to you in kind.

These words do not mention about what kind of work it is. The truth of mind alone is the matter. In other words, what kind of mind

you had during the work is important. This tells us however big work you accomplished, it will be accepted as deficit in heaven’s account if you did it with complaints.

For us as humans, we do not know whether there is surplus or deficit in our account in heaven. We can only speculate the balance through the daily blessings we receive from God the Parent and our relationships with others. When God returns our virtue by showing a miracle, we should interpret that the balance has turned zero. If you are shown ten thousand dollars of miracles on only one dollar of virtue, the balance will be zero. Those who have zero of balance in heaven’s account are still better than me. When I think about the blessings I receive every day and the causality of my previous lives, my account in heaven must have deficit. Despite this, I am shown miracles every day. It may be difficult to accumulate virtue each day. When we think about deep parental love of God the Parent and Oyasama, it may be even arrogance wanting or trying to make the heaven’s account surplus. No matter how hard we human beings work, God will accept it and return it to us ten thousand fold. We cannot even get close to the parental love of God the Parent as such. We should understand that “The balance in each account is very clear” is encouragement for us. These words also remind us of having the mind of gratitude and repayment for the blessings. We would like to spend each day with such a mind of sincerity so as to bring joy to God the Parent and Oyasama even a little.

August Monthly Service Prayer

Appearing before You, God the Parent, Tenri-O-no-Mikoto, I (Shugo Yamanaka) Bishop of the Mission Headquarters of Hawaii speak with reverence on behalf of the Hawaii congregation.

God the Parent, since You revealed Yourself to this world by receiving Oyasama as the Shrine, You have manifested the truth of origin of human beings and taught us how to proceed on the path towards the Joyous Life through Oyasama's Divine Model. Furthermore, with Your free and unlimited workings, You have been guiding us on the path towards spiritual maturity by sweeping away the dusts of our minds and by giving us adequate trainings in each seasonable time. For this we are truly grateful. Thus we express our gratitude to You daily, as we strive in our work towards world salvation. Today is the day we are granted to conduct the August Monthly Service at this mission headquarters. We the service performers will unite our hearts as one to perform the Seated Service and the Dance with Hand Movements joyously in high spirits while earnestly praying for world salvation. We will be joined by brothers and sisters of the path in Hawaii who have looked forward to this day and have gathered here today in singing the Songs for the Service in unison. As You watch us, we hope You will be spirited as well.

Once again this summer, the Home of the Parent was filled with the liveliness of many children and young people. From Hawaii, participants in the Oyasato Seminar, Children's Pilgrimage group, and Boys and Girls Hinokishin Corps were all able to survive the intense heat and conduct their activities without mishap. By directly experiencing the truth of the Jiba, being embraced by the parental love of the everliving Oyasama, learning about the teachings and diligently planting seeds of sincerity while wiping precious sweat from their faces, everyone was able to deepen their mind of gratitude and joy upon returning to Hawaii. For this, we sincerely thank You. On the 30th of this month, the Annual Tenrikyo Bazaar will be held. The congregation and all the people involved will unite as one and work together to make this big event a success, and also through the bazaar, we hope to further progress in sprinkling the fragrance of the teachings to the local community. Furthermore, as we approach the All Tenrikyo Nioigake Day scheduled on the 7th next month, let us be always mindful of sprinkling the fragrance and helping and saving others while paying attention to those around us so that we may convey the teachings to as many people as possible.

Together we vow to accord with the intention of God the Parent, whose desire is for all humankind to live the Joyous Life, and as instruments of Oyasama we will walk firmly on the path of single-hearted salvation, single-heartedness with God and single-hearted joyousness here in Hawaii. As the day before yesterday marked the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II, we shall recollect the fact that during the war the forerunners of our path in Hawaii struggled with the difficult issue of loyalties between the two nations yet strove to adhere to their faith in the teachings of "world salvation" and convey it to the later generations, and also the fact that amidst the chaos and desolation at the war end, the second Shinbashira immediately advocated "Restoration," calling for return to our faith based straightforwardly on Oyasama's teachings, to which our predecessors responded with resolve. And in this important season of approaching Oyasama's 130th Anniversary only 5 months away, each and every one of us is determined to make decisive efforts to grow spiritually by always paying attention to those around us and devoting ourselves to spreading the fragrance of the teachings and salvation work in any way possible so as to bring joy to the everliving Oyasama.

May You, God the Parent, accept our sincerity, and we ask that You guide us further towards the advancement of the Path in Hawaii and the reconstruction of the world into a Joyous Life World where everyone will come to know of the Parent of Origin thus awakening to the truth of universal brotherhood and sisterhood and live together in harmony helping and caring for one another, even a day sooner. Together with all present, I sincerely pray that You bless us so.

Mission HQ August Monthly Service Sermon

Mrs. Yuk Mei Inouye

Head Minister of Hawaii Kai Mission Station

Good morning everyone! And thank you very much for being here! Because of your presence, we were able to complete the August Monthly Service with such joy and high spirits! I am very sure that God the Parent and Oyasama is very happy that we could all gather here today for the service. And for that, thank you again!

Before I begin, I would like to express my appreciation & my gratitude to Mrs. Shigemi Nakao for the Japanese translation and most definitely, for her time and effort so for that, thank you very much in advance, Shigemi-san!

Anyway, I believe it was about almost 1 and a half year ago, Bishop Yamanaka asked me to deliver a sermon sometime in 2015. And at the time I was asked, I was really hoping that it would be really nice if it's more toward the end of the year like maybe November or December. But, low and behold, I am already standing here in front of all of you today. Of course, I am very nervous because I am very inexperienced but interestingly enough. Also at the same time, I feel very honor to be able to have this opportunity to just share with you what little knowledge that I have



come to understand about life through this wonderful teaching of Tenrikyo! So at this time, may I kindly ask all of you for your attention for a short while. I promised it will be a very short while!

First of all, my name is Yuk Mei Inouye. And you know what, as you can see, I am getting old now, I think I am also being known as “aunty Mei” which I truly love, love the sound of that because they could have very easily call me “grandma Mei” with all the white hair that I have! No choice of mine!

In 1954, I was born in Hong Kong and moved to Hawaii at the age of 13 with my whole family which were my mother, father, and 7 kids and I am the oldest child. When I was young, I was fortunate enough to be exposed to multiple religions. Little do I know that later on in my life, with that experience of knowing different

religions. It helps me greatly when I spread the fragrance of the Tenrikyo teachings, Nioikage! At age 5, I entered a Buddhist elementary school and graduated right before I turned 12 years old. Because we were very poor, right after graduated my elementary school, I began to work in the factory from morning to night (8am to 7pm everyday) to help out with my family's need. In about 2 years later, our whole family's application for immigration to the United States of America has been approved. And very shortly after arriving here in Honolulu, believe it or not, I was drawn to the Bible. I studied with some Christians for a few years. So I do have a little knowledge of the Bible.

Well, eventually when I was about 18 years old, I met my husband John Akira Inouye at work at Ala Moana Foodland (the old Foodland where the Food Court is today). I was the cashier and he was the bag-boy and well, he wants to bag for me all the time. So I kind of knew that he liked me. And soon, we began to date. One day, (in fact, it was on a New Year's Day) he brought me to his home for the first time to pick-up some lunches so we can save some money for other things like watching movies and going to Zippy's that was out things! Because it was on the New Year's Day, there was a lot of food at the church!

At the beginning, what had surprised me the most was that his home is actually a church. Why was I surprised? Because this guy had never mentioned anything about his home being a church nor did he ever explained to me anything about his religion or his believes. But no matter what, it was a very nice surprise to me. Talking about: "NICE SURPRISE" even till today, now at this moment, I am still continuing to be surprised by this wonderful religion's teaching which is called Tenrikyo! And as for my journey with Tenrikyo, that was the first day I came to know the name of "TENRIKYO"! Up to that point in my life, I didn't even know there was a religion named Tenrikyo existed in this world.

When I first saw the *happi*, I immediately understood the meaning of the kanji and at that moment, I thought to myself what a wonderful and unique name for a religion! TEN means heaven or heavenly. RI – reason / truth. And thanks to the Buddhist School, already at that time of my life, I have come to believe that everything that happens under the sun, it happens for a reason! Everything is about "CAUSE & EFFECT" and nothing in life is a coincidence. The fact that all of us are gathering here today is no coincidence. I believe God the Parent has drawn all of us here today. If we all can truly understand

that and believe that, then we should all really be happy to see each other and we should be really enjoy each other's company and not just for today, but always!

And if we all can think a little bit further, it is not just because it is the Monthly Service today and we all gather here and we all enjoy each other's company but more importantly, think about all of the love ones that surround you day in and day out. Like your parents, your spouse, your children, your sibling, your friends and your co-workers. If we can always enjoy all these important people's existence in our own life what a wonderful world this will be!

Now, how do we go about doing that or achieve that state of mind? I am sure every one of us has a different answer. But as for me, the answer for me is joyous acceptance!

Therefore, today I would like to just lightly touch upon "TANNO" as we all know, it's joyous acceptance. It won't take long, because I had promised you a short one today. Anyhow, actually through my last 15 years of my life, there were a lot of ups & downs. And I can assure you that there were more downs than ups! But guess what, I definitely am not complaining here. Oh no, in fact, it's far from it, cause at this point in my life as I reflect upon my pass experiences, everything that had happened to me were such a blessing,

such divine guidance from God the Parent, such an incredible experience and you know what, they are "ALL GOOD"! Nothing but goodness! Why you might ask? Why is going through tough times and sometimes unbearable times, good? For me, as I could understand through my own experience and through all of the difficulty that I have to face and in order for me to survive physically, mentally and spiritually, I have come to learn to see and to look at things in situations in my life from a different angle. I also chose to and learned to look at things with a different set of eyes and positive eyes. Ultimately and most importantly, I have come to see the light of "tanno", the beauty of "tanno", and the importance of "tanno" in our daily life.

Think about it this way, life is actually very simple! That's really what I have come to understand. Let me ask you. What does God the Parent really want from all of us? What does the God really wants us to achieve in our life? Happiness, Joy, Joyous Life... all of the above, right? And also maybe along the way, somehow, somewhat, we stride to become a good "YOBOKU" with all these joy and happiness if and when we could achieve them. So, as you see, all we need to do is to be happy. Being happy is the key to everything! But how can we always be happy? The answer to

me is tanno, joyous acceptance. If you can really always practice tanno (and let it become your 2nd nature) and learn to accept everything in your life that comes your way with joy, then try imagine living in this world when there will be no grudges held, there will be no animosity towards one another. There will be no friction with one another. No antagonism toward one and others. No bitterness. No resentment. No dislike and no hatred toward one another especially toward all those people who are always around us. More important, especially, especially all those people whom we love and truly loves us! We definitely don't want to hurt or harm them in any ways with our "UNHAPPINESS"!

Also, as we go a little deeper, if we are all happy again, can we all imagine how wonderful this world will be. But most importantly, and on top of that, we make God the Parent happy and we also make Oyasama happy too! (If God the Parent is happy, God the Parent might even make our world even more wonderful and beautiful than what it already is today!) So, how good is that, right?!

Lastly, if all of us continue on this happy thoughts and to continue to think about it little bit more so as we make God the Parent happy, we also make Oyasama happy. We make our family members happy, our love

ones happy and we make all the people that we encounter each day happy, now what happens when we can do that? Whoala we, ourselves are happy! And that is a very, very important thing, not in a selfish way! Now, why is that very important? Because with the happy mind comes happy life and that's when you can truly bring fore true joy and true happiness to others! And furthermore, another thing that is very important with all these happiness, joy and positiveness that embrace our bodies, our bodies function better, less discomfort, less sickness and less diseases. And our mind will be at peace and thus comes true "JOY"! The Joyous life, yokigurashi how wonderful this life will be!

The famous and beautiful Audrey Hepburn once said: for beautiful eyes, look for the goods in other. For beautiful lips, speak only words of kindness. And for poise, walk with the knowledge that you are never alone!

For the last one, I would like to interpret it as we are never alone because Kamisama (God) is always with us no matter where we are and no matter what we do! So, no matter what you will do from here on with your life, I, Yuk Mei Inouye humbly and sincerely pray that you will always be happy! Thank you very much for you being here and for your very kind attentions!

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Associations' Reports

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The Tenrikyo Bazaar reflects our mind of mutual help and gratitude. Thank you very much for all your help and hinokishin at this year's bazaar. I'm looking forward to seeing many people at the All Tenrikyo Nioigake Day which will be held on Monday, 7th.

Nuuanu Hale Visitation

September 12th (Sat) 9:30 a.m.

WA Monthly Meeting

September 14th (Mon) 9:00 a.m.

WA Women's Musical Practice

September 15th (Tue) 9:00 a.m.

Lecture for Mothers

September 22nd (Tue) 10:00 am - 12:30 pm

*The September Monthly Service luncheon hinokishin is assigned to Godo-C group. Mahalo!

September Memorial Service

On Sunday, September 27, from 10:00 a.m., the September Memorial Service will be held at Mission Headquarters. After the service, the following anniversaries will be observed:

5th Anniv. Mrs. Karen Keiko Sato, Yoboku of Mission Headquarters of Hawaii
10th Anniv. Rev. Kenji Hongo, Myodo GC, 1st head minister of Alexander Mission Station
30th Anniv. Rev. Kisayo Ogasawara, Honjima GC, 2nd head minister of Kaimuki Church

BOYS & GIRLS ASSOCIATION

Children's Pilgrimage Summer 2015

The Hawaii group successfully participated in this year's Children's Pilgrimage, including 2 students in the Boys and Girls Hinokishin Corp and 6 in the Oyasato Seminar Course I and III. Congratulations to Taylor Bonachita, Miki Hamada, Casey Nakamura and Dean Rodan for completing Course III and receiving their Sazuke.

YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION

Monthly Meeting

September 16th (Wed) 7:30 p.m.

The Life of Oyasama Study Session

September 25th (Fri) 7:00 p.m.

YOUNG WOMEN'S CLUB

Big shoutout to everyone who helped with the bazaar! We couldn't have pulled it off without every single person's help. Even the smallest thing is Hinokishin! Thank you so much all you beautiful people!!



The Hungry Reporter

I haven't shared a good chicken recipe in a while. So I found this great chicken recipe that's easy & a winner at the table. The recipe recommends chicken breasts, but any kind of boneless chicken will work well with this recipe. Simple taste that truly delights the palette. Hope you enjoy this!

Chicken with Mushrooms

Ingredients:

3 cups sliced mushrooms	2 Tbsp butter
4 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves	6 oz mozzarella cheese, sliced
2 eggs, beaten	3/4 cup chicken broth
1 cup seasoned bread crumbs	

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
2. Place half of the mushrooms in a 9x13 inch pan. Dip chicken into beaten eggs, then roll in bread crumbs.
3. In skillet, melt butter over medium heat. Brown both sides of chicken in skillet. Place chicken on top of mushrooms, arrange remaining mushrooms on chicken, and top with mozzarella cheese. Add chicken broth to pan.
4. Bake in preheated oven for 30 to 35 minutes, or until chicken is no longer pink and juices run clear.



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September Calendar 2015

1 st	Tue	Community Hinokishin Day	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
2 nd	Wed	Mai Uemura to return to Jiba		
4 th	Fri	Adopt A Hwy Cleanup Hinokishin	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
7 th	Mon	All Tenrikyo Nioigake Day	Meet @ Paki Park	9:00 a.m.
8 th	Tue	TCC Monthly Service	TCC	10:00 a.m.
		WA Comm. Meeting	Mission HQ	7:00 p.m.
12 th	Sat	WA Nuuanu Hale Visitation	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:30 a.m.
14 th	Mon	WA Monthly Meeting	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		TCC & Bunko Joint Comm. Meeting	TCC	7:30 p.m.
15 th	Tue	WA Narimono Practice	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
16 th	Wed	YMA Meeting	Rainbow Hale	7:30 p.m.
17 th	Thu	BGA Meeting	Rainbow Hale	7:30 p.m.
19 th	Sat	Board of Directors Meeting	Mission HQ	2:00 p.m.
		TSA Hinokishin	Mission HQ	6:30 p.m.
20 th	Sun	Mission HQ Monthly Service	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		Sunday School	Rainbow Hale	After Yorozyuo
		Head Ministers Meeting	Mission HQ	12:45 p.m.
		Oyasato Seminar Course II Meeting	Mission HQ	1:30 p.m.
		Aloha Band Practice	Mission HQ	1:30 p.m.
22 nd	Tue	Lecture for Mothers	Rainbow Hale	10:00 a.m.
25 th	Fri	YMA The Life of Oyasama Study Session	Mission HQ	7:00 p.m.
26 th	Sat	Yohaiishiiki (26th day service)	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		Bazaar Booth Head Evaluation Meeting	Mission HQ	10am/ 7pm
27 th	Sun	Memorial Service	Mission HQ	10:00 a.m.