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This Month's Message: "Why Bother with Faith?" by Rev. Tomozo Hirano

Oyasama once told a follower:

"Virtue is more deeply planted in the second generation than in the first one, and deeper still in the third than in the second. By becoming ever deeper, it will become virtue which lasts forever."

Anecdotes of Oyasama, no. 123

To you, who have just turned fifteen, from your father:

Happy birthday! Let me take this opportunity to tell you why I have faith.

You might perhaps think that having faith is outdated and irrelevant to your life. I must confess that, when I was your age, I had a negative attitude toward my parents' faith. I assumed that faith was for the weak, for those who could not face reality. I used to think, "I believe in my own abilities, and I can build a life for myself without relying on God."

But then I encountered a number of difficulties. Despite my occasional big talk, I make many mistakes, and I fall prey to temptation. Once, I was so fed up that I tried to kill myself. My mother (that is to say, your grandmother) stepped in just in time to save me and earnestly told me about Oyasama. Her story spoke to my heart. Although I had known about Oyasama, She had only been like a character in a fairy tale.

On that occasion, however, She was real. I felt Her loving gaze on me and was in tears with gratitude. I felt from the bottom of my heart, "Oyasama is here with me."

When you think about it, it seems arrogant to think that we live by our own power. It is certainly not by our own power that we came into this world. Faith is not for the weak. On the contrary, no matter how tough things become, those of us who have faith do not run away from reality or try to find someone to blame. Instead, we face the situation head-on, perceiving God's deep intention behind it. We keep moving forward in a positive way toward whatever may lie ahead. Faith is a brave way of living.

Had it not been for Oyasama, my life would have ended on the occasion I mentioned. I would not have met your mother, nor would you have been born. Please do not forget that it is thanks to Oyasama that we can live as we do. The reason I try to convey the path to you is that it is the key to happiness.

This is what I wanted to tell you for so long. I was waiting for this day.



September 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, with Your constant providence and profound parental love, You have been guiding us toward the Joyous Life. For this we are truly grateful. Thus, always wanting to make repayments for Your blessings, we strive daily in high spirits for our work of single-hearted salvation. Today is the day we are granted to conduct the September 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 gathered here today in singing the Songs for the Service in unison. As You watch us, we hope You will be spirited as well.

On the 27th of last month, the 47th Annual Tenrikyo Bazaar was held safely and very successfully with all the members of the congregation uniting our hearts and efforts, even receiving a bigger turnout than last year, which became a great opportunity for us to sprinkle the fragrance of the teachings to the local community. Also, as this month is a month to emphasize sprinkling the fragrance of the teachings, the “All Tenrikyo Nioigake Day” is being held in each island of Hawaii. All Yoboku and followers of the congregation encourage one another and put forth our best efforts to engage in the nioigake and hinokishin activities with high spirits. We are all determined to 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 Your desire for all humankind to live the Joyous Life, and as instruments of Oyasama, we will walk firmly on the Path of single-heartedness with God, single-hearted joyousness and single-hearted salvation here in Hawaii. Especially, in light of the “knot of the Kanrodai” occurring on July 26th and the recent natural disasters happening in the world, each and every of us shall ponder upon God’s intent expressed through these, and resolve to proceed with a strong sense of connection with the Jiba and firm trust in the workings of God the Parent and Oyasama. May You, God the Parent, accept our sincerity, and we ask that You guide us further toward the advancement of the Path in Hawaii and the reconstruction of the world into the truly peaceful Joyous Life World, even a day sooner, where everyone will come to know of the Parent of Origin thus awakening to the truth of universal brotherhood & sisterhood and live together in harmony helping and caring for one another. Together with all present, I sincerely pray that You bless us so.

Mission HQ September Monthly Service Sermon

Mrs. Kayo Saito

Spouse of Head Minister of Honolulu Church



As I have received this assignment, please allow me to deliver today's sermon. May I please have your kind attention.

Last year about September, Bishop asked me to do the following year's sermon. I thought that I had just recently done one so I intended to refuse the request but upon checking, it turned out it was over five years ago and I realized how fast time flies! When I was a child, one year used to go by very slowly but nowadays, it seems to pass by in a flash! Realizing how quickly time goes by, our lifetime may not seem so long. On the day that I pass away, to be able to do so without any regrets, I would like to follow the teachings taught by Oyasama as best as I can now.

Today, in connection to my learning, as God has taught in the following Osashizu of July 4, 1888: *"Human beings are such that the body is a thing borrowed. So long*

as they understand this truth and the truth about the eight dusts, they can understand any and everything." Thus, I would like to study about the truth of "A Thing Lent, A Thing Borrowed."

God the Parent, who created this world and us human beings, gave us our mind, which we cannot see, but it is like a magical tool that can give birth to anything we create. Therefore, through the use of our minds, so that we may be enabled to live the Joyous Life, God the Parent created the environment we live in. Our minds belong to us but everything else is borrowed from God. This is called the truth of "A Thing Lent, A Thing Borrowed." I assume that almost everyone here has heard of and already knows the meaning of this teaching of "A Thing Lent, A Thing Borrowed." I too, have heard it many times and have talked often to many people and I thought I knew its meaning thoroughly. But a few years ago, I read a talk by an early follower and I realized that although I heard of this teaching before, I really did not have a good understanding of the teaching of "A Thing Lent, A Thing Borrowed." Then, for some reason, a great feeling of joy and happiness welled up in me.

This early predecessor I am talking about is Rev. Tokujiro Yanai, the founder of Chuo Grand Church. He entered the faith in 1889 after Oyasama had already hid Her Physical Being. Rev. Yanai worked at a glass factory and as a result of an accident, became blind at the age of twenty. Thereafter, a co-worker introduced the path to him and they returned to Jiba. Upon their arrival in Jiba, they were given counseling by Rev. Narazo Hirano and Rev. Isaburo Masui and thus decided to become of a mind to do single-hearted devotion to the path (doing 100% missionary work only). Then the next morning, Tokujiro was able to regain his eyesight. Tokujiro received a miraculous blessing and there forth, went to Tokyo to do missionary work. With no place to stay or food to eat and without even a change of clothes to wear, he put his heart and soul into his missionary work and five years later, he was able to establish the Chuo Mission Center.

This story I read was written in 1932, forty years after the establishment of the Chuo Mission Center. The Year 1932 is 4 years prior to Oyasama's 50th Anniversary in 1936 and 5 years prior to the 100th Year of the Founding of Tenrikyo in 1937. That year in 1932, on the 12th of September, Rev. Yanai suddenly realized the essence of the truth of the teaching of "A Thing Lent, A Thing Borrowed" and it was like waking

up after a very long dream. On that day, I wonder what caused his sudden realization?

That morning, a reverend from one of his branch churches came for advice on some salvation work he was doing. That minister was praying for a person who had a stroke. With a sense of concern, he said, "Today marks the 100th day since beginning prayers but there hasn't been any sign of a blessing." Usually, for matters such as this, Rev. Yanai would always explain parts of the teachings. But on this day, it was different because he suddenly got an inspiration and without delay, began to give instructions. As he was giving counsel, he himself became emotional and tears welled up in his eyes. At that time, Rev. Yanai was talking to the other person as well as to himself, about nothing other than the teaching of "A Thing Lent, A Thing Borrowed."

I would now like to talk about what Rev. Yanai said:

"You devote yourself to doing salvation work. You are being allowed to walk. Are you grateful for this? Your body is a borrowed thing. It is definitely not your own. To move or not to move is not by your own power but rather through the blessing of God. When you can move a body that could not be moved, there is no greater happiness than this. When you awake in the morning and your eyes cannot see,

who can say such things never happen? Thinking about it, just waking up in the morning and being able to see, can there be no greater happiness than this? That feeling of happiness is the same feeling as a person who once could not see but can now see is feeling. If one can harbor this mind constantly every day, one will truly be able to understand the truth that our eyes are borrowed things.”

In other words, to understand the truth of “A Thing Borrowed” we must not forget, even for a moment, the mind of happiness and gratitude we feel from knowing that we are being allowed to live. Thus, pertaining to the Sazuke, Rev. Yanai is saying: “For example, when a person who can see does the Sazuke on one who cannot see, if that person doing the Sazuke does it with the same feeling of joy as if one has just received the blessing of sight himself, then the Sazuke will surely bring forth instant blessings.” Rev. Yanai believed this to be true with firm conviction. The minister I talked about earlier, praying for the person with the stroke, became enlightened by what Rev. Yanai said and received the blessing of a full recovery for that person.

Until I heard of this talk, whenever I did the Sazuke on someone I had always first wondered such things as: What was wrong with me? What may I be lacking? At the same time, pertaining to the person I was

praying for, I wondered deeply what kind of resolution he should make in order to be saved? In other words, I thought: Was there something wrong? Was something not enough? Or was there a need for something to be done? So that blessings can be received? But, before thinking such things, we need to first realize how much gratitude and appreciation do we have for knowing that we are being allowed to live and also to be aware of whether I am living each day with a mind of joy.

God the Parent wanted to see us human beings live the Joyous Life and share in that joy with us, and thus, from this Intention, humankind and the world was created. If we accept this Intention of God the Parent deep in our hearts, then, no matter what we see happening around us, I think it is important for us to make a firm decision to live with minds of joy. To live daily from moment to moment, living joyously with gratitude and appreciation is the way we should spend each day. If we can live each day, filled with thankful and happy thoughts, I wonder what kind of happiness may that be like? Yet, for us human beings, when difficulties arise, it is not easy to be thankful for such hardships. At such times, I would like to share a simple method that will help you.

Have you ever heard of the saying: “Especially at times when there is suffering,

be thankful”? The following is what a young Japanese person once heard from an old Jewish woman in Israel. That woman said: “‘Thank you’ are words to use especially when there is suffering.” The two kanji characters for the word ‘thank you’ can carry the meaning of ‘*nan ga aru*’ or ‘there is suffering.’ Whenever one is besieged by disasters or suffering it is especially important to express the words ‘thank you and gratitude,’ which will stop the effects of the negativity. Although that Jewish woman did not know Japanese, I was amazed because it seemed as if she understood the meaning of the kanji character. This is the simple method that I wanted to convey to you. Especially, when you are in times of trouble or suffering, it is very important for you to say ‘thank you.’ It is as simple as that!

Now that we think about it, the disciples that were around when Oyasama was alive, often used words like ‘how satisfied I am, how grateful I am,’ whenever there were problems or troubles. Therefore, why would using such words as ‘thank you’ during difficult times or suffering be good or beneficial? Why would saying ‘thank you’ help you through troubles or times of suffering?

One thing that comes to mind is that by saying ‘thank you,’ you can sweep away dust of the mind. When you are suffering, much dust can be stirred up in your heart. If left alone, my mind tends to put blame for my suffering on things other than myself and thus, my heart cannot accept the consequences that appear. But if at this point, you can say ‘thank you’ and accept what is presented to you before your eyes, you can thus sweep away the dust of your mind, stopping the negative situation and move forward from that point. If you have appreciation, you can sweep away dust, which will bring out even more appreciation. Having appreciation and sweeping dust from our heart are like the two sides of a coin.

I feel that God’s gift to me in this life is not only my body that I borrow. I believe that everything around me, and all life, including even human relationships such as parent/child and husband/wife interactions—these are all borrowed from God—I am just the borrower. If it is borrowed, then it must be returned some day. Until that day, I would like to continue to nurture my mind of gratitude for the things I am borrowing every day. Thank you very much for your kind attention.

Dendocho October Grand Service *Sunday, October 15th, at 9am*

The sermon will be delivered by Bishop Yamanaka. The Head Ministers Meeting will not be held.

Mahalo for the Bazaar!

We would like to express our greatest appreciation for your sincere efforts in this year's bazaar. We also want to thank the following companies for their generous donations.

- *Diamond Head Papaya*
- *Green Point Nurseries*
- *Charles Nii Nursery*
- *50th State Poultry*
- *Balloon Monsoon*
- *D Otani Produce*
- *Natsunoya*
- *Hilo Products*
- *Eggs Hawaii*
- *Mountain Meadows*

Gross receipts:	\$62,370
Expenses:	\$29,503
Net Proceeds:	\$30,167



Hurricanes Disaster Relief

Hawaii Dendocho sent \$5,000 to American Red Cross to help the victims of recent hurricanes hitting the US. Thank you for your donations.

All Tenrikyo Nioigake Day

The Honolulu venue of the “All Tenrikyo Nioigake Day” was held on Labor Day, Sep. 4, around Paki Park, Kapahulu. About 80 participants engaged in door-to-door nioigake and cleanup hinokishin.



Mission Visit by BGA HQ Chair

Rev. Chikara Iburi will be visiting Hawaii from Nov. 17 to 20. He will be delivering a Lecture on the Vertical Mission, which will substitute the Monthly Service Sermon at Dendocho on Nov. 19.

Installation of New Head Ministers

Installation Service for the Head Minister of Kilauea Church was held on Sep. 2. Rev. Lorna Nishimura is now the 3rd head minister of the church. Also, Installation Service for the Head Minister of Haleakala Church was held on Sep. 9. Rev. Melvin Iwata is now the 4th head minister of the church. Congratulations!



Three Day Course

The first Three Day Course in Hawaii was held from Sep. 22 to 24 at Dendocho. 6 participants earnestly learned the basic teachings, practiced the musical instruments and hand movements for the service. They also engaged in the hinokishin activity.



OCTOBER EVENTS in JIBA

Joyous Gathering in Celebration of Wedding of Successor-Designate Daisuke Nakayama and his wife Nobue

October 26 (Thu) after the evening service
In the area in front of the East worship Hall and the Besseki Place.

*The YMA Convention-Eve Festivities will not be held. The YMA Convention will be held on the 27th as usual.

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Associations' Reports

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

I feel autumn is coming to Hawaii these days. As an event of the Hawaii WA, on September 26 we listened to the CD-recording of a Lecture for Mothers which was held in Jiba. As an upcoming event, the Follow in Kokan's Footsteps will be held on October 21. Let us invite as many young women over 15 as possible to this event.

Monthly Meeting

October 9th (Mon) 9:00 a.m.

Musical Instruments Practice

October 10th (Tue) 9:00 a.m.

Nuuanu Hale Visitation

October 14th (Sat) 9:30 a.m.

*The October Grand Service luncheon hinokishin is assigned to Hofu group.

English Head Ministers Meeting

October 25 (Wed) from 9:00 am
At Tenrikyo Overseas Department

Welcome Party for Overseas Returnees

October 25 (Wed) from 4:00pm (Check-in is at 3:30pm)

At Church Headquarters Dining Hall #3 (Daisan Shokudo)

1,000 yen (Free for 12 years old or under)

* Special Lecture for overseas returnees will not be held this time.

YOUNG WOMEN'S CLUB

I would like to thank Mrs. Rumi Miyauchi for teaching YWC the art of cooking nimono Kabocha. To the Tenrikyo members, I would like to thank you for your support and hope you enjoyed the Kabocha. We definitely had fun and learned some secrets in the kitchen. Thank you YWC members for participating in our first YWC cooking class, I hope we will be able to continue the cooking class.



Follow in Kokan's Footsteps

October 21st (Sat) 10:00 a.m.

"With You" Discussion

December 2nd (Sat) 9:30 a.m.

All the events will be held at Dendocho.
Thank you for your support!

YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION

Howdy YMA Members! I'm sorry, I am still stuck in the ways of Alabama from my business trip! Thank you all for accommodating the meeting change in September while I was away in the mainland. Can you believe it's been 1 year since our Hinokishin Corps at Dendocho? It's amazing! The fence still looks wonderful! And if you haven't noticed the new, expertly welded gate, installed by Blayne Mima please check it out! That gate will last until Daisuke-sama's grandson comes to visit! October will be full of Hinokishin opportunities and ways to fix our minds on "being grateful and taking on new challenges". I hope you all approach this final year of the 100th anniversary with open hearts and clear minds. Now more than ever we need to practice filial piety and marital harmony to make this the Joyous Life world!

I will be attending the Chairman's meeting this month as well as the YMA Convention. On behalf of the Hawaii chapter I will be sure to give Daisuke-sama our congratulations on his wedding. I will take a lot of pictures and make a full scale report upon my return in my hopes to convey the excitement and energy of the 100th Anniversary preparations. Let's unite our hearts and sweep away our mental dust to lay the foundation for the Path for the next 100 years. Not only are you all true Yoboku and inspiring Arakitoryo you are all my very dear friends. Thank you all for your love and support.

Monthly Meeting

October 11th (Wed) 7:30 p.m.

The Doctrine of Tenrikyo Study Session

October 25th (Wed) 7:00 p.m.

BOYS & GIRLS ASSOCIATION

Fun Night for UNICEF!

Please join us for a Fun Night for UNICEF On October 28th (Saturday) from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Tenrikyo Mission Headquarters. This is a first-time event filled with games, magic show, costume and pumpkin decorating contests. In the past, BGA members have gone trick or treating in Waikiki collecting donations from the public. We want to try something different this year and hope that this can become a yearly tradition.

Come dress in your favorite costumes and don't be scared if friendly goblins and zombies greet you at the door. Scripts will be sold for games, refreshments and baked goodies at the Country Store. Bring your friends and families and let's raise funds to support the UNICEF program.

UNICEF works in more than 190 countries and territories to save and improve children's lives, providing health care and immunizations, clean water and sanitation, nutrition, education, emergency relief and more.

BGA supports this organization by collecting needed funds annually. UNICEF boxes are still being distributed through the Tenrikyo churches and mission stations to all interested members. Extra boxes are also available at the Dendocho office if you wish to participate in this worthy cause. The UNICEF collection box can be placed by your church's or altar's offering box. Please turn in all collected donations to the Dendocho office staff by November's monthly service. If you wish to assist or make donations toward this event, please contact Rev. Audrey Suga-Nakagawa at 836-3333 or email: audsn@hawaii.rr.com



The Hungry Reporter

It's that pumpkin time of year and these cheesecake bars are perfect for Fall. Chill them overnight and they are sure to please any potluck or family table. Hope you enjoy this recipe!!

Pumpkin Cheesecake Bars

Crust:

1 1/2 Cups All-Purpose
Flour
1/2 Cup Butter, softened
1/4 Cup White Sugar

Cheesecake Layer:

8 oz Cream Cheese
1/4 Cup White Sugar
1 Egg
1/2 tsp Vanilla Extract

Pumpkin Layer:

1 (15 oz) Can Pumpkin Puree
1 (12 oz) Can Evaporated Milk
3/4 Cup White Sugar
2 Eggs
3/4 tsp Ground Cinnamon
1/2 tsp Salt
1/2 tsp Ground Ginger
1/4 tsp Ground Cloves

Directions:

1. *Preheat oven to 425 degrees F (220 degrees C).*
2. *Stir flour, butter, and 1/4 cup sugar together in a bowl until dough is well-blended. Pat dough into the bottom of a 9x13-inch baking dish.*
3. *Bake in the preheated oven until crust is lightly golden, 10 to 15 minutes. Cool. Reduce oven temperature to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).*
4. *Beat cream cheese, 1/4 cup sugar, 1 egg, and vanilla together in a bowl with an electric mixer until smooth.*
5. *Whisk pumpkin puree, evaporated milk, 3/4 cup sugar, 2 eggs, cinnamon, salt, ginger, and cloves together in a bowl.*
6. *Spread cream cheese mixture evenly over cooled crust. Pour pumpkin mixture over cream cheese mixture.*
7. *Bake in the preheated oven until bars are set, about 60 minutes. Cool to room temperature, then refrigerate overnight.*



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October Calendar 2017

2 nd	Mon	Monthly Nioigake Day (Salt Lake)	Meet @ MHQ	9:00 a.m.
		WA Committee Meeting	Mission HQ	7:00 p.m.
3 rd	Tue	TCC Grand Service	TCC	9:30 a.m.
		Sakagami Family to return to Hawaii		
6 th	Fri	Adopt A Hwy Cleanup Hinokishin	Meet @ MHQ	9:00 a.m.
9 th	Mon	WA Monthly Meeting	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		TCC & Bunko Joint Comm. Meeting	TCC	7:30 p.m.
10 th	Tue	WA Musical Instruments Practice	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
11 th	Wed	Machiko Toi to start hinokishin (until Jan. 4)		
		YMA Meeting	Rainbow Hale	7:30 p.m.
12 th	Thu	BGA Meeting	Rainbow Hale	7:00 p.m.
14 th	Sat	WA Nuuanu Hale Visitation	Nuuanu Hale	9:30 a.m.
		TSA Hinokishin & Sleepover	Mission HQ	6:30 p.m.
15 th	Sun	Mission HQ Grand Service	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		Sunday School	Mission HQ	
16 th	Mon	Kamina-nagashi in Waikiki	Waikiki	10:00 a.m.
17 th	Tue	Bishop to return to Jiba (until Oct. 28)		
18 th	Wed	Monthly Community Hinokishin Day	Meet @ MHQ	9:00 a.m.
19 th	Thu	Kris Eco to finish her duty and return to Jiba		
21 st	Sat	YWC Follow in Kokan's Footsteps	Mission HQ	10:00 a.m.
25 th	Wed	YMA The Doctrine Study Session	Mission HQ	7:00 p.m.
26 th	Thu	Yohaishiki / Musical Instruments Practice	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
28 th	Sat	BGA Halloween Fun Night	MHQ Hall	7pm-9pm