

BEWARE OF THAT CRUMBLING MOUNTAIN OF EGGS -Abbot Hua,7/82

In this world, disasters and calamities increase day by day. Now where do disasters come from? They come right from scientific "progress." Most people can only see the superficial aspects and never fully realize that behind the token advantages that scientific progress seems to offer, the damage that is done is colossal and irreparable.

Before, when science wasn't so advanced, the world did not have so many disasters. Science is a product of people's greed. They are greedy for technological conveniences and especially attentive to the development of killing weaponry. Actually, when you come right down to it, scientific progress is *just* development of lethal weaponry. More and more armaments are invented that are capable of robbing people and other creatures of their lives. Think about it. First we invented the atom bomb, and because the Japanese had a mean streak in their nature, their entire nation had to undergo the retribution of being almost demolished by the atom bomb. What do I mean by a mean streak in their nature? Well, they liked to kill, and they used that as a means to terrorize other countries. As a result, they brought upon themselves the retribution of terrible destruction by the atom bomb.

Soon after, the hydrogen bomb was invented, and it is more lethal than the atom bomb. And now they have come up with the neutron bomb, which is even more fierce than the hydrogen bomb. All of these weapons are deadly. They generate forces that will drive the entire human race to the brink of destruction. Therefore, the more lethal weaponry is invented, the more perilous the situation of the entire human race becomes, to the point that we now feel "having awakened in the morning, it's not known whether we will still be alive at night." People are that paranoid and frightened! By the time scientific progress reaches its maximum degree, all of humankind will be liquidated. Conversely, as long as scientific development hasn't reached its apex, mankind will still not be utterly wiped out. Therefore, "armed races" are movements that will annihilate all living beings. Although most people know it to be so, still they compete with one another in inventing arms and amassing offense weaponry, the sole aim of which is to kill. Consequently, the disasters and calamities which occur among human kind increase every day.

In investigating the root-cause of it all, where is it found to stem from? It comes from killing--taking life. The toxic energy, the atmosphere of hate and resentment resulting from killing fills the universe and doesn't disperse. Since this vile energy doesn't disperse, eventually it assumes the form of all kinds of killing weaponry. And still the majority of us feel that this world isn't such a bad place! The



situation of the world can be likened to a mountain of eggs piled up very high. At any moment now the eggs are going to topple down. In fact, even if a single egg topples down, then all the other eggs are going to slide down and get smashed completely. What is the solution to this impending disaster? We have to be without greed, without contention, without seeking, without selfishness, and without seeking for self-benefit. If one person can go by those five conditions, then one person will be safe. If all people can be that way, then all people will be peaceful. If all in the world can be without greed, without contention, without seeking, without selfishness and without seeking for self-benefit, then the world will be a peaceful and cheerful place.