

Not only have we the common ground of sense impressions, but we also have the sympathy of common ideals - Love, humanitarian service, socialized individuation, individuated socialization; and with such, the common ground of social problems, common needs. Then, too, paradoxically we have the common ground of differences from which a higher unity can be achieved. Marriage and friendship are examples wherein the common ground of love and understanding transcend the differences between the persons involved. Thus we realize that our common ground is fertile with significance, the importance of which when cultivated, reaps meaning to life.

By cultivating this common ground, we acknowledge the possibility of improvement, the realization of progress. It thus behooves us to be discriminate, to choose wisely among the many manifestations of life's common ground. This may now mean the difference in choosing between Hamlet and Superman; it ultimately means the difference between an abundant life and a dismal existence.

Will not these choices create differences? True, but that does not prevent us from developing our common ground of mutual understanding, appreciation, and service. If we do develop and cultivate our common ground through study and participation, we will reap a life of abundant meaning and that, paradoxically, is uncommon.

- - Kiyoshi Hamanaka

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FRCM FATHER TO SON

Dear Son,

It is almost three months since you went to Montana. It is still hot in Fresno, but we are all well and happy, and we are hoping and praying that you are all right. Please do not worry about us. There are many things to see every day. They have basket-ball, baseball, sumo, judo, boxing, and dancing. There are very good programs, and we wish to let you see them, too. Thank you for the photograph that you sent to me the other day, which showed you riding on horse back. You seem so proud, just like a real cowboy that you always admired. Eddie how do you like it

thank you