

Angela Johnson 精彩演講為華報讀者簽名祝福



〔本報訊〕五月一日晚上七點,在 Kirtland OH, 離克利夫蘭唐人街三十分鐘的 Historic Kirtland 教堂, 雕塑藝術家 Angela Johnson 為數百名信徒和仰慕她的觀眾做了精彩的演講, 當日華報讀者王玉兰, Irene Chiang 等人聆听了 Angela Johnson 的演講, 大家被她的激情和真情感動, 最後 Angela Johnson 還特意和本報讀者座談她愛上帝, 並為讀者簽名祝福。

Angela Johnson 從 13 就開始學習聲樂, 是一位有 25 年演唱生涯的歌唱家, 一個偶然她發現自己還是一個雕塑藝術家。那時在 Angela 接近 40 歲的時候, 她發現自己在練習唱歌時, 總是不那麼愉快, 一天她終於關上鋼琴蓋, 開車到了一家藝術品商店, 買了雕刻工具和水粘土回家, 到家後就開始做雕塑, 幾個小時後, 一個小女孩展現在她面前。太神奇了, 她從來沒有學過雕塑, 她知道這是上帝的手指在觸及她的心。她用她的生命和心靈去觸摸去感受。Angela Johnson, 耶穌基督給她天賦, 讓她成爲一個天才雕塑家, 雕刻出生動的藝術作品。

當日她除了演講, 還為大家唱歌劇曲目和讚歌, 舞台上的 Angela Johnson 就象一支蠟燭点亮大家的心。Angela Johnson 現家住尤塔州, 她有三個孩子和九個孫子和外孫。

The Healing Power Of Jesus Christ

Angela Johnson

It is Jesus Christ and His Gospel that has filled my heart my entire life. It is from that well of living water that I draw from.

There is risk involved, as there always is when people share. Giving means risk, but it al-



so means growth.

I am personally devoted to the growth process. One of my lifetime favorite sayings is, "What you are to be, you are now becoming." It is one of the most sacred responsibilities of someone who is invited to present, is to help others believe in their own ability to change, to progress. The way I feel that is accomplished is to help them see the power of creativity and empower them to search for their own soul treasures.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ empowers souls to create.

Jesus Christ was constantly teaching para-



bles of talents, gifts and giving. His Gospel is permeated with the vibrancy of life and light.

No one soul is greater than another. God is no respecter of persons.

Many times the unspoken, or maybe spoken message is that those called upon to present must somehow be more special. That is simply not true. Presentations must never carrying with them a condescending air of one individual bestowing light and wisdom upon another soul. All light and wisdom comes from God and without Him we would all be miserable, blind unenlightened souls.

Jesus Christ taught by His example that humility, love and serving others are the qualities that define greatness.

So take all of what I just said,

and picture me standing backstage wearing my maroon Indian sari while Elder Pedersen, the Director of the Oakland Visitors' Center introduces me. When I come out on stage, I see that the lower level of the Inter Stake Center is almost completely full, somewhere around 1,000 people. I felt such a strong spirit of love for them and a desire that during the time we spent together, our lives would be better for it.

I'm not going

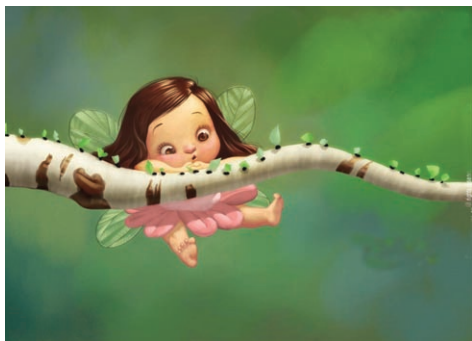


screen, with a spotlight on me, for almost an hour sharing my message, testifying of the healing power of our Savior. A Power-Point presentation featured each one of the sculptures, which most of the people had seen. I closed my presentation singing Amazing Grace and The Temple Hill Choir sang so beautifully This Is The Christ.

As I stood to greet people afterwards I was amazed by the outpouring of love. I loved to look into the eyes of those who came up to talk to me and so moved by the expressions of gratitude that were given.

As has happened with every performance, I walked out of the hall with my husband, I was a better person for having sharing my life and love of Christ. I carry in my heart the hope that those who were there were strengthened with a greater comprehension of the love God has for all of us. That entire night I felt such a profound outpouring of the love of God. I was sustained as though on the wings of His love.

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Love
Angela Johnson



優秀是一種習慣

這句話是古希臘哲學家亞里斯多德說的。如果說優秀是一種習慣, 那麼懶惰也是一種習慣。

除了脾氣會因為天性而有所不同, 其他的東西基本上都是後天家庭影響和教育的結果。我們的一言一行都是日積月累養成的習慣。有的人形成了很好的習慣, 有的人形成了很壞的習慣。

從現在起, 要把優秀變成一種習慣, 使我們的優秀行為習以為常, 變成我們的第二天性。讓我們習慣性地創造性思考, 習慣性地認真做事情, 習慣性地對別人友好, 習慣性

分享人生五句話

地欣賞大自然。
生命是一種過程

事情的結果儘管重要, 但是做事情的過程更加重要, 因為結果好了我們會更加快樂, 但過程使我們的生命充實。人的生命最後的結果一定是死亡, 我們不能因此說我們的生命沒有意義。

戀愛中的人們每天都在信誓旦旦地說我會愛你一輩子, 這實際上是不真實的。最真實的說法是:「我今天, 此時此刻正在真心地愛著你。」明天也許你會失戀, 失戀後我們會體驗到失戀的痛苦。這種體驗也是豐富你生命的一個過程。

兩點之間最短的距離並不一定直線

在人與人的關係以及做事情的過程中, 我們很難直截了當就把事情做好。我們有時需要等待, 有時需要合作, 有時需要技巧。

我們做事情會碰到很多困難和障礙, 有時候我們並不一定硬挺, 硬挺, 我們可以選擇有困難繞過去, 有障礙繞過去, 也許這樣做

事情更加順利。

大家想一想, 我們和別人說話還得想想哪句話更好聽呢? 尤其現在這個比較複雜的社會中, 大家要學會想辦法諒解別人, 要讓人覺得你這個人很成熟, 很不錯, 你才能把事情做成。

只有知道如何停止的人才知道如何加速

我有位朋友在學滑雪的時候, 最大的體會就是停不下來。他剛開始學滑雪時沒有請教練, 看著別人滑雪, 覺得很容易, 不就是從山頂滑到山下嗎? 於是他穿上滑雪板, 咣溜一下就滑下去了, 結果他從山頂滑到山下, 實際上是滾到山下, 摔了很多個跟斗。

他根本就不知道怎麼停止、怎麼保持平衡。

經過反覆練習, 終於學會了在任何坡上停止、滑行、再停止。這個時候他就發現自己會滑雪了, 就敢從山頂高速地往山坡下衝。因為他知道只要想停, 一轉身就能停下來。只要你能停下來, 你就不會撞上樹、撞上石頭、撞上

人, 你就不會被撞死。因此, 只有知道如何停止的人, 才知道如何高速前進。

放棄是一種智慧, 缺陷是一種恩惠

當你擁有六個蘋果的時候, 千萬不要把它們都吃掉, 因為你把六個蘋果全都吃掉, 你也只吃到了六個蘋果, 只吃到了一種味道, 那就是蘋果的味道。

如果你把六個蘋果中的五個拿出來給別人吃, 儘管表面上你丟了五個蘋果, 但實際上你卻得到了其他五個人的友情和好感。

以後你還能得到更多, 當別人有了別的水果的時候, 也一定會和你分享, 你會從這個人手裡得到一個橘子, 那個人手裡得到一個梨, 最後你也就得到了六種不同的水果, 六種不同的味道, 六種不同的顏色, 六個人的友誼。

人一定要學會用你擁有的東西去換取對你來說更加重要和豐富的東西。所以說, 放棄是一種智慧。

做人最大的樂趣在於通過奮鬥去獲得我們想要的東西, 有缺點意味著我們可以進一步完美, 有匱乏之處, 意味著我們可以進一步努力。