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aspects of human being

Life and time are two inseparable aspects of human being.

Life is a paradox. Once life begins, it keeps on moving and heading towards an end while enlightening oneself and showing the way for others. The span of life is measured by a clock, man-made device to frame time into seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks, months, and years. Time rolls on and it can never be called back again. It plays a role in a span and rhythm of human life. What is now is called present; what was gone, the past; and what is to come, the future.

Human life can be developed in every dimension. As time passes, learning increases adding more value to life as man gains experiences enable him to face life's obstacles. The brighter the candle light of life is shining, the better and clearer is his vision and future.

The author: Bancha Saenghiran alias Albert Lawrence. Bancha Saenghiran is the name given by father and mother. Whereas Albert Lawrence is self-chosen name on his vestition, entering a religious life as a Brother of Saint Gabriel. For the ones who have contributed to my growth

as a person especially my father and mother

who acted as my first educators.

Especially, for my father, Julio Visai Saenghiran, in particular who had left those he loved and cared for so dearly behind on September 14, 1996 and from whom I have learned so much.

Preface

As July 7, 1995 marked my 50th birthday anniversary, I went through some of my old notes, collection of quotations and poems. Papers are piling high in my room as years go by, and I want to get rid of some of them. On one hand, I want to keep them as they still have some personal values to me. On the other, I want them to be of some use to others, too.

From my professional life as an educator, I found out that education, one of the most essential part in life, is a long process. A person begins to learn once he opens his eyes to the world and the process of lifelong education picks up its nuances and emphases depending on the rhythm of life.

The proses and poems of this book are compiled from the pens of the world's greatest writers. The book is best shown by illustrative poems, love songs, sonnets and some of the proses. Most of sources can be referred to and some cannot. I want readers to consider this book as memento and also a source of knowledge, a lifelong education a person can cherish.

Listening to life makes me sensitive to its silent invitation to change and renew my world of meaning and action.

Life, at every stage, is a process of education. It is a longer process, conviction grows slowly from its infancy, child-hood, school years, college life, adulthood, married life, old age, till the end of one's life.

Bancha Saenghiran

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