

TEACHINGS OF THE  
KATIPUNAN OF THE SONS OF THE PEOPLE<sup>1</sup>

A life that is not dedicated to a great and sacred cause is like a tree without a shade, or a poisonous weed.

A good deed lacks virtue if it springs from a desire for personal profit and not from a sincere desire to do good.

True charity resides in acts of compassion, in love for one's fellow men, and in making true Reason the measure of every move, deed and word.

Be their skin dark or pale, all men are equal. One can be superior to another in knowledge, wealth and beauty... but not in being.

A person with a noble character values honor above self-interest, while a person with an ignoble character values self-interest above honor.

An honorable man's word is his bond.

Don't waste time; lost wealth may be recovered, but time lost is lost forever.

Defend the oppressed and fight the oppressor.

An intelligent man is he who takes care in everything he says and keeps quiet about what must be kept secret.

Along the thorny path of life, the man leads the way and his wife and children follow. If the leader goes the way of perdition, then so do those who are led.

Do not regard a woman as a mere plaything, but as a helpmate and partner in the hardships of this existence. Have due regard to her weakness, and remember the mother who brought you into this world and nurtured you in your infancy.

What you would not want done to your wife, daughter and sister, do not do to the wife, daughter and sister of another.

A man's worth does not come from him being a king, or in the height of his nose and the whiteness of his face, or in him being a priest, a REPRESENTATIVE OF GOD, or in his exalted position on the face of this earth. Pure and truly noble is he who, though born in the forest and able to speak only his own tongue, behaves decently, is true to his word, has dignity and honor, who is not an oppressor and does not abet oppressors, who knows how to cherish and look after the land of his birth.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.kasaysayan-kkk.info/membership-documents/emilio-jacinto-katipunan-nang-manga-a-n-b---sa-may-nasang-makisanib-sa-katipunang-ito-the-kartilya>

When these doctrines have spread and the brilliant sun of beloved liberty shines on these poor Islands, and sheds its sweet light upon a united race, a people in everlasting happiness, then the lives lost, the struggle and the suffering will have been more than recompensed.