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Letter: An inspiration for today's world

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Recently, I was thinking about my father Hubert Huether, who passed away nearly 40 years ago. He was an immigrant and lived and worked here in Napa for many years. He was a lover of art, classical music, rare books and philosophy.



At his funeral, a family friend gave a eulogy that included one of Hubert's favorite quotes. I include it here for your readers in the hope, that in these crazy times we live in, this passage might help lower the temperature, inspire and give us something to aspire to.

“To love justice, to long for the right, to love mercy, to pity the suffering, to assist the weak, to forgive wrongs and remember benefits, to love the truth, to be sincere, to utter honest words, to love liberty, to love wife and child and friend, to make a happy home, to love the beautiful in art, in nature, to cultivate the mind, to be familiar with the mighty thoughts that genius has expressed, the noble deeds of all the world, to cultivate courage and cheerfulness, to make others happy, to fill life with the splendor of generous acts, the warmth of loving words, to discard error, to destroy prejudice, to receive new truths with gladness, to cultivate hope, to see the calm beyond the storm, the dawn beyond the night, to do the best that can be done, and then to be resigned. This is the religion of reason. The creed of science. This satisfies the heart and the brain.”

R.I.P. Hubert.

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