

From "Susila Budhi Dharma"

An excerpt from English renderings of Susila Budhi Dharma, originally received as a high Javanese poem by the late R.M. Bapak Muhammad Subuh Sumohadiwidjoyo at Jogjakarta in 1952 and later translated in Bahasa Indonesia. The English is derived from the Indonesian version of the text.

In this way you will soon become adept at doing work that is in tune with your soul, and this will certainly make your life happy, for this skill will grow from your human soul which will have brought to life your whole inner feeling. As a result, my child, you will acquire a lasting interest in your work and your achievements will not be disappointing.

This is the true meaning of culture, for its source is the human soul, and it is received in an inner feeling that has awakened and become free from the influence of its own subordinate powers. It is a culture filled continuously with the life-force. That is why, when you reach this stage, the work you do will be a means for your worship of God Almighty.

Seen from an ordinary, outer point of view, your work will appear no different from ordinary work. In reality, however, there will be a very great difference. For ordinary work and skill are acquired by learning from someone else – or from a group – unable yet to determine whether or not the work is in harmony with the one's identity. But the skill in work that you will acquire in this way is of a quality which has its origin in the human soul.

Later, therefore, in doing your work, you will act in harmony with yourself, both inwardly and outwardly, and so you will certainly progress in your work in a way which will correspond with the advances and changes of the times you live in.

It is therefore hoped that you, my child, will not neglect these spiritual exercises (latihan kejiwaan) for in reality they constitute a way which is easy to follow, which does not require you to isolate yourself from others, and which can bring you an enlightenment which will strengthen your soul.

Moreover, you will gain a great deal by this means and will easily achieve those things which correspond to your true needs. Furthermore, in this state – which cannot be comprehended by the thinking mind – you will always be enveloped by the life force, with the result that you will easily find the way, which will then be wide open to you, for understanding the true significance of your own life.

Plainly then, the skill in work you will acquire as a result of these spiritual exercises is truly a quality of genuine culture, for it is born and grows as a result of the human jiwa becoming free from the influence of one's subordinate or ancillary forces.

So for that reason this culture will neither destroy human knowledge, nor close the way whereby man may worship God - for the truth is that it has its origin in God and returns to God again.

SICA-USA Grant Guidelines

SICA-USA awards grants to individuals and groups who are in the process of bringing their cultural talents out into the world. In other words, they are putting the latihan into their lives, through their talents. We hope that when they achieve success, they will financially support Subud.

Since culture is very wide and encompasses all activities, whose source is the human soul, guided by the power of God, we accept all types of applicants who fit that description. The main purpose of SICA-USA is to show the fruits of the latihan to all mankind.

Some of us were born with our true talent, but most of us have to receive it in the latihan. So many of us are still doing work, we learned through our passions and desires. But even this work can be done with the feeling of the latihan and would still qualify for a grant. The key is, do you feel the latihan, when you are doing the work? In other words, do you feel that you are worshiping God when you are working?

All grants will be approved by the SICA-USA Board. Testing will be used, if necessary. If grants are approved, follow-up reports will be required by the grantees. We need to know how the grant monies were spent and the results of that grant.

May Almighty God continue to bless us all,

The SICA-USA Board