

Faith in Lord El Cantare



Happy Science believers have a strong faith in the God of the earth, El Cantare. A part of him was born as Shakyamuni Buddha. In the Old Testament, El Cantare is known as Elohim, and he also represents the ancient legend of “The Tree of Life.” All religions originally come from one source – El Cantare, the being that designed this world with love. A part of El Cantare resides within Master Okawa, and is guiding humanity to create a world of harmony and prosperity.

The word *El* means *light* and *Cantare* means *land* or *earth*, so El Cantare means *the beautiful land of light, earth*.



The Mission of Lord El Cantare

The mission of Lord El Cantare is to bring salvation to all living creatures through a worldwide revelation of the Truth. El Cantare’s role is twofold: one side represented by the Amitabha (The Savior), consisting of love, compassion, and faith; the other side represented by the Mahavairocana (The Essence of Buddha), which is enlightenment, spiritual learning and the secret knowledge of the spiritual domain. Lord El Cantare has a mission to reorganize the high spirits in heaven, while also integrating all the various religions on earth to create a new world religion. He has a mission to gather all the people of the world into this new faith, to witness the development of a new civilization, and to herald the advent of a new age for the world.

Lord El Cantare is the greatest being responsible for the planet earth, and everyone living in this age is witnessing a miracle, which happens only once in hundreds and thousands of years.

El Cantare’s Name Revealed to Humanity for the First Time

The existence of El Cantare has been revealed for the first time. This has long been the secret of Heaven... until today, where communication and advancement in information and transportation technology continues to bring the world closer together. As the world population swells towards ten billion, the time has come to reveal the Truth about the supreme God of this earth – how he has led humankind from the very beginning and how he intends to guide people now and into the future. It is time to unify the world under the name of one God – Lord El Cantare.

El Cantare’s Past Incarnations

It is the third time in about 400 million years of human history for the core consciousness of El Cantare to descend to earth. The first time was about 300 million years ago, when he was called Alpha; and in his second incarnation about 150 million years ago, his name was Elohim. However, his brother souls (branch spirits) have incarnated on earth

more frequently and founded a new era, and hoped for humanity each time. The following were his past five incarnations.

17,000 years ago – La Mu in Mu Continent

12,000 years ago – Thoth in Atlantis

7,000 years ago – Rient Arl Croud in ancient Inca Empire

6,500 years ago – Ophealis in Greece

4,300 years ago – Hermes in Crete Island, Greece

2,500 years ago – Gautama Siddhartha (known as Shakyamuni Buddha) in Nepal and India.

Master Ryuho Okawa is the reincarnation of the highly revered Shakyamuni Buddha. While alive, Shakyamuni Buddha himself prophesized about the future Buddha, and since ancient times, people of India passed on this prophecy from generation to generation that a future Buddha will be incarnated 2,500 years later to the land in the Far East.

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Happy Science

Happy Science (幸福の科学 *Kōfuku-no-Kagaku*), formerly known as The Institute for Research in Human Happiness, is a controversial new religious and spiritual movement, founded in Japan on 6 October 1986 by Ryuhō Okawa, that is widely criticized as a cult.^{[2][3][4]}

The Happy Science group includes a publication division called IRH Press, educational establishments such as Happy Science Academy and Happy Science University, a political party called The Happiness Realization Party, and two media entertainment divisions, which are called New Star Production and ARI Production.

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History

Happy Science was founded on 6 October 1986 and was certified in Japan as a religious organization on March 7, 1991. According to Ryuhō Okawa, its aim is "to bring happiness to humanity by spreading the Truth". Before its foundation, Ryuhō Okawa published various books of "spiritual messages" that claim to channel the words spoken by religious and historical figures such as Jesus Christ, Confucius and Nichiren. In 1987, *The Laws of the Sun*, *The Golden Laws*, and *The Laws of Eternity* were published, forming the core textbooks of Happy Science, along with the fundamental sutra *The Dharma of the Right Mind*. In 1986, he resigned from a position at a trading corporation to found his own religion.^[5]

Teachings

The basic teachings of Happy Science are "Exploration of the Right Mind" and "The Fourfold Path" and El Cantare belief. According to Okawa, in order to obtain happiness one must practice the Principles of Happiness known as "The Fourfold Path", Love that gives, Wisdom, Self-Reflection and Progress. The only requirement to join Happy Science is that applicants must have "the aspiration and discipline to seek the truth and actively contribute to the realization of love, peace and happiness on

Happy Science Kōfuku no Kagaku



Happy Science logo

Formation	1986
Founders	Ryuhō Okawa
Type	Religious movement
Headquarters	1-2-38 Higashi Gotanda, Shinagawa-ku, Tokyo 141-0022, Japan
Membership	11 million (claimed) ^[1]
Master	Ryuhō Okawa
Website	happy-science.org (http://happy-science.org)
Formerly called	The Institute for Research in Human Happiness

earth".^[6] Among other teachings, they believe in reincarnation^[7] and aliens.^[8]

At the same time, the organization's political wing, the Happiness Realization Party, promotes political views that include support for Japanese military expansion, support for the use of nuclear power, and denial of historical events such as the Nanjing Massacre in China and the comfort women issue in South Korea—see the Japanese-language version of the organization's online news bulletin, *The Liberty*.^[9] Some other views include infrastructure spending, natural disaster prevention, urban development, and dam construction.^[10] They also advocate fiscal conservatism, strengthening the US-Japan alliance, and a virtue-based leadership.^[11] As of the spring of 2018, the Happiness Realization Party has 21 local councilors.^[12]

Object of worship

Happy Science worships a deity named "El Cantare" who they believe was born on Earth as Hermes and then Shakyamuni Buddha, and is said to be the core consciousness of Okawa himself. The movement rejects monotheism and claim that there is a hierarchy in the heavenly spirit world and believing in the existence of many gods, Tathagatas, Bodhisattvas, and other high spirits.^[13]

Facilities

General headquarters, worship facilities, and missionary sites are located in Japan and other countries. Worship facilities are called *Shoja* (精舎 or *vihara* in Sanskrit) or *Shoshinkan* (正心館). On January 1, 1994, as the first overseas branch, "Happiness Science USA" was established in New York.^{[14][15]} The organization has branches in several countries including South Korea, Brazil, Uganda, the UK, Australia and India.^[16]

Controversy

Happy Science is one of many Japanese new religions (*shinshūkyō*), which are looked upon as "controversial" by the mainstream press and public.^[17] According to *The Japan Times*, "for many, the Happies smell suspiciously like a cult".^[18] Not only the domestic Japanese press, but also international media in the United States, Uganda, Indonesia, and Australia have applied the term "cult" to Happy Science.^{[19][2][3][4]}

Happy Science has released promotional videos that claim North Korea and the People's Republic of China are plotting to invade and colonize Japan after first subduing it through nuclear warfare.^[18]

In June 2012, Happy Science was blamed for a reservation mix-up at the Ugandan national stadium by the Ugandan athletes preparing for the [[2012 Summer Olympics]]. Some athletes blamed Happy Science for their failure to qualify as they were forced to use the inferior track for time trials, as the national stadium was booked by Happy Science.^[20]

In February 2017, actress Fumika Shimizu abruptly retired from her former entertainment production agency while in the middle of multiple filming projects in order to pursue a full-time role in Happy Science, declaring she had been a member of the group since childhood under the influence of her parents, both of whom have been devout believers in Happy Science for a long



Ryuhō Okawa, Feb. 15, 2015



Tokyo Shoshinkan in Sengakuji

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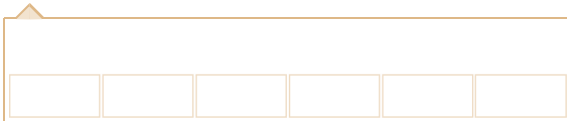
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Ryuhō Okawa

Ryuhō Okawa (大川 隆法 *Ōkawa Ryūhō*, born on July 7, 1956 in Tokushima Prefecture) is the CEO and founder of the Happy Science religious organization and the Happiness Realization Party in Japan. He is also chairman of two companies affiliated with the organization, Newster Production and ARI Production.^[2]

His organization has been widely criticised as a cult.^{[3][4][5]} Adherents of the religion worship Okawa as "El Cantare", the reincarnated consciousness of Buddha.

Life and career

After graduating from the University of Tokyo, he joined a Tokyo-based trading house. While working at its New York headquarters in 1982-1983, he studied finance at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York. In 1986, he resigned his business career and started Happy Science.

Since the founding of Happy Science, Okawa has reportedly published over 2,300 books^[6]; most of which are transcripts of his video recorded lectures with 12 films based on his teachings.^[7] *The Laws of the Sun*, *The Laws of Eternity*, *The Golden Laws*, *The Terrifying Revelations of Nostradamus*, *Hermes - Winds of Love*, *The Rebirth of Buddha* *The Mystical Laws*, *The Final Judgement*, *The Laws of the Universe*, *I'm Fine My Angel*, *The World We Live In*, and *Daybreak*.^[2] The three books *The Laws of the Sun*, *The Golden Laws*, and *The Laws of Eternity* (a.k.a. The Nine Dimensions) contain the core teachings of Happy Science.

He was married to Kyoko Okawa (大川 きょう子 *Ōkawa Kyōko*), former leader of the Happiness Realization Party and self-proclaimed "reborn Aphrodite and bodhisattva of wisdom and intellect",^[8] but it was reported in February 2011 that they had divorced.^{[9][10]} Happy Science announced that she had been permanently expelled for allegedly causing great personal and administrative damage to the organization, libeling the organization in various newspapers, and besmirching the name of Lord El Cantare.^[11]

He is now married to Shio Okawa (大川 紫央 *Okawa Shio*, née Kondo), who is believed by members of Happy Science to be the incarnation of the goddess Gaia.^[12]

Okawa was the target of an assassination attempt by Aum Shinrikyo in January 1995 using VX agent.^[13]

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Ryuhō Okawa on February 15, 2015

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Years active	since 1986
Era	present-day
Organization	Happy Science
Title	Founder and CEO of the Happy Science religious organization and the Happiness Realization Party ^[2]

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