

Seicho-no-Ie

Seichō no Ie (Japanese: 生長の家, "House of Growth"), is a syncretic, monotheistic, New Thought Japanese new religion that has spread since the end of World War II. It emphasizes gratitude for nature, the family, ancestors and, above all, religious faith in one universal God. Seichō no Ie is the world's largest New Thought group.^[1] By the end of 2010 it had over 1.6 million followers and 442 facilities, mostly located in Japan.^[2]



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History

In 1930, Masaharu Taniguchi, working as an English translator, published the first issue of what he called his "non-denominational truth movement magazine", which he named *Seichō no Ie* to help teach others of his beliefs. This was followed by forty volumes of his "Truth of Life" philosophy by 1932. Over the next forty years, he published an additional four hundred-odd books and toured many countries in Europe, South America, and North America with his wife Teruko, to lecture on his beliefs personally. Ernest Holmes, founder of Religious Science, and his brother Fenwicke were of great assistance to Taniguchi. Fenwicke traveled to Japan and co-authored several books, with one called *The Science of Faith* becoming a cornerstone of the denomination.^[3]

Taniguchi died in a Nagasaki hospital on June 17, 1985, at the age of ninety-one.^[4] Today the president of Seichō no Ie is Masanobu Taniguchi.

In the 2000s, Seicho-no-Ie Fundamental Movement seceded from HQ. There are as of 2017 three factions of the original movement. The two largest factions are led by Masanobu Taniguchi the president of Seichō no Ie and a group of elder teachers of Seichō no Ie known as Manabushi leads the other faction. The Manabushi only want to teach the fundamentals taught by the founder: Masaharu Taniguchi. One lone teacher who does not want to confront the current president of Seichō no Ie leads the last group.

See also

- List of New Thought denominations and independent centers
- List of New Thought writers

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External links

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- [Seicho-No-Ie US Missionary Headquarters](#)

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Summary of Seicho-No-Ie

NAME	Seicho-No-Ie
FOUNDATION	March 1, 1930
FOUNDER	Rev. Masaharu Taniguchi
FORMER PRESIDENT	Rev. Seicho Taniguchi
PRESIDENT	Rev. Masanobu Taniguchi
PRINCIPAL IMAGE	While the principal image of Seicho-No-Ie may be called the Seicho-No-Ie-no-O-Kami (Lord of Seicho-No-Ie), Seicho-No-Ie is another name of the Great Universe and it is deemed to be the responding manifestation or personification of the noumenon of the Great Universe or the one absolute God. Any principal image for salvation in true religions, whatever the name of God or Buddha, is worshiped as the principal image of this Religion. In Seicho-No-Ie we do not create a statue to manifest our principal image. Instead, a writing of "Jisso" is put up to worship "Jisso" (the True Image) which lies behind the principal image of every religion.
MEMBERS	1,511,859 □Japan: 521,100□Other countries: 990,759□
MINISTERS/LECTURERS	27,844 □Japan: 21,085□Other countries: 6,759□
FACILITIES	440 (Japan: 125 □Other countries 315□)

* The numbers of members, ministers/lecturers, facilities are as of December 31, 2014.