

## Essay from the Bold Pastor

### #90- Osamu Tezuka -

Japan is celebrating 60yrs.of anniversary of TV broadcasting. So, there was a special assignment in newspaper for Osamu Tezuka as one of many celebrations regarding the beginning of TV broadcast in 1953. To say Osamu Tezuka was a one in a million genius created by God would be an understatement. It's fair to mention that today's world leading modern anime society was created by him.

In 1928, he was born in a rich family with a manual film projector which is rarely owned at that time in Japan, he grew up watching comedy such as a Disney or Chaplin. His neighbor right next to him was a family of the opera company star that encouraged him to jump into the world of entertainment in an early age.

He majorly influenced Japanese anime at the time by portraying a kiss scene in juvenile comic books for the first time including tragedies such as the death of a main character and changing the method of reading a 4 frame comic strip from "left to right" to "right to left" as we see in recent years. Not only did "Astro Boy", Japan's first animated TV series, exceed audience ratings of 40%, but it also successfully sold merchandise such as character toys that led to other companies creating their own TV anime. As a result, he build up the whole anime industry at last.

There are countless people who got influenced by him such as his pupils and various experts in the field of animation. Yoshiyuki Tomino, one of Tezuka's pupil, a creator of "Mobile Suit Gundam" describes Tezuka as not a comic writer or anime producer, but an innovative story writer, as a result of the success of his different approach, many new ideas came out of curiosity. Tomino also mentions that people are no longer skeptical about problems of media related to an anime, and stuck in the foxhole. His point is "Creators of animation should compete in the way how creative story they could make." He also commented with anxiety that there could be no way out if there are only standardized people who just follow the others blindly, and our society wouldn't have a bright future unless we find a way to get people turn into *a new type* completely. In another words, it is not a lack of individuality or uniqueness and obsolete way but creativity, innovation, communication skills and so on.

Actually, it is very similar to the people who *newly* start to walk by faith in Christ. In the Bible, God encourages us:

**"Don't lie to each other, for you have stripped off your old evil nature and all its wicked deeds. In its place you have clothed yourselves with *a brand-new nature***

that is continually being renewed as you learn more and more about Christ, who created this *new nature* within you.” Colossians 3:9-10,NLT

The people who accepted Jesus Christ get the Holy Spirit sent from God and get purged of sin. As a result of increasing the amount of creativity by gaining God’s knowledge, it’s not only what used to be impossible becomes possible, but also to gain even more power. However, this doesn’t refer to a negligence of effort but along with repent of their own sins in every single person first of all. Let’s turn back to the creator, Jesus Christ the savior and get saved. Then, we will gain a diverse creativity by the Holy Spirit and perform not standardized way but *new individual stories*.

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