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Toil and Peaceful Life A women's quartet (Natalie Voykin, Anne Chersinoff, Edna Sapriken and Karen Markin) perform on the grounds of the Kootenay Doukhobor Historical Museum in Castlegar, British Columbia.

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Chapter 3 : Notes - Kootenay Choir: Toil And Peaceful Life

Toil And Peaceful Life has 1 rating and 2 reviews. Rodney97 said: The romance and tragedy of Doukhobor settlement in Saskatchewan. These people were ba.

Back to previous page Bread Salt and Water Since ancient times man has had the tendency to attempt to symbolize with material objects at least a partial reflection of important points of his life concepts. The ancient Israelites, in their many decades of wanderings always brought along with themselves the Ark of the Covenant. During their prayer services the Ark of the Covenant was placed at the head of the congregation with men assembled to the right of it and the women to the left. The early Christians also kept to this manner of assembly. There are groups of old time believers in Israel that keep this form of assembly to the present day. Christian forms of worship were brought over to Russia with the advent of Christianity there at the beginning of the Middle Ages. In time prayer services were established wherein a table stood at the head of the assembly and on the table there was ever present the Bible and other Holy Scriptures. Those who gathered for worship bowed to ikons. When the Doukhobors began to disassociate themselves from the rituals of the Greek Orthodox Church, it was through the initiative of their first spiritual leaders that their own forms of worship were established. Having set aside idolization of the Bible and other so-called sacred writings, the Doukhobors acknowledged as their guidance their own, "Book of Life" composed of psalms which were committed to memory. On the table which stood at the head of the congregation the Doukhobors placed Bread, Salt and Water. In similarity with the early Christians, the men assembled to the right of the table and the women to the left. During their prayer service each person bowed to the person next to him signifying a recognition of the spirit of God, which according to Doukhobor beliefs, dwelt within the heart and soul of every individual human being. Bread, Salt and Water were chosen as the material objects to be placed on the table because as objects representing the basic staff of life, they were the simplest symbols to reflect the Doukhobor life concept. These objects symbolized peace and hospitality among the Slavic people from the most ancient times. When one ancient tribe met another tribe with bread and salt on a platter, this meant that they were ready and willing to live with them in peace and friendship and share with them the products of their labour. These forms of worship established during the era of the Doukhobor leader Saveliy Kapustin serve as a basis of worship for all Doukhobors to our present day. Our symbols - Bread, Salt and Water denote that we are people of peace. We will not raise our hands in violence against our fellow man even in the protection of our own lives or in protection of our worldly belongings. We can use only spiritual force of love in our struggle against evil. Every Doukhobor is ever ready to share whatever he has with any and every needy fellow human being. In our 20th century, one of our late Doukhobor leaders, Peter Vasilyevitch Verigin Lordly in a very concise way reiterated the meaning of our symbols that are ever-present at Doukhobor services.

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The term literally means spirit wrestlers "and the priest intended it as a derogatory label meaning that these people were struggling against the Holy Spirit. The Doukhobors adopted the name, but gave their own interpretation to it, saying: By this they meant that in struggling for a better life they would use only the spiritual power of love, rather than any form of violence or coercion. Thus the Doukhobors acquired their name although they had already existed as a group for some time. Earlier, they had been called "Ikonobortsi" ikon wrestlers because of their renunciation of the Russian Orthodox Church ritual of worshipping ikons. Where there is love between people, that is where God dwells. The attainment of such attitudes, in the true sense, would mean the renunciation of all violence and war and the attainment of a life of peace and goodwill, a true "heaven on earth". The Doukhobors were always interested in a practical common sense religion which could help people to live a contented, happy life on earth. Their history is marked by efforts to bring their beliefs into practice in everyday life. In this context, Doukhorism can more accurately be called a way of life, or a social movement, rather than a religion. This is especially true because, in living together as a group for several centuries, the Doukhobors developed many unique cultural customs and traditions. Possibly their highest development and moral achievement was produced by the Doukhobors at the end of the 19th century. Inspired by the high ideals and dynamic leadership of Peter Vasilievitch Verigin, the Doukhobors made great progressive strides in the development of the practical moral and ethical aspects of their life-style. Aspiring to pacifism, they made a decisive stand against militarism and all forms of violence. In they burned all of the arms and weapons which they possessed, as a symbolic act marking their total renunciation of the taking of life. Believing that the killing of animals also brutalized the human sensibilities they resolved henceforth to abstain from the consumption of animal flesh as food. The habits of alcohol and tobacco were rejected because they serve to harm the human body, created by God to be pure and respected. The Doukhor stand against killing met with harsh oppression on the part of Czarist State and Church authorities, and the Doukhobors were tortured and exiled under extremely arduous conditions, with the total loss of all normal freedom and privileges. Suffering of such proportions attracted world-wide attention, and with the help of humanitarians such as Leo Tolstoy and the Society of Friends Quakers , the Doukhobors were able to emigrate to Canada "a home away from home, a haven and a refuge". In Canada, the Doukhobors, established a communal life-style which has sometimes been referred to as their "Golden Age". Their agrarian communal society in some respects similar to those of the Amish and the Hutterites was a glowing tribute to their slogan of "Toil and Peaceful Life". At the same time, it provided nearly total self-sufficiency for their simple needs. The virtually Utopian concepts achieved by the Doukhor community undoubtedly inspired the observation in the Encyclopaedia Britannica. This describes the Doukhobors as "industrious and abstemious in their lives and, when living up to the standard of their faith, present one of the nearest approaches to the realization of the Christian ideal which has ever been attained". The death of their leader and the Great Economic Depression made it more difficult for the Doukhobors to maintain the high standards of their faith. A combination of complex factors, internal and external economic and cultural pressures, eventually brought about a discontinuation of the communal life-style. The Doukhobors entered into a period of transition which continues to this day. The transition is essentially one from a unique, rural, ethnic, pre-industrial life-style to the conventional day-to-day existence of the average North American, in the midst of a fast-paced, technological and urban-oriented society. It consists of a process of adapting to changing conditions, while still retaining fundamental values and beliefs. Whereas for centuries the Doukhobors were illiterate, in the span of a generation or so they have gained access to the highest levels of formal education, and in a language and culture totally different from that in which their whole way of life originated. The stresses of this transitional period have resulted in a variety of changes. In the case of a small number of people this has resulted in a bizarre and tragic behavior completely incompatible with Doukhor ideals of non-violence and

pacifism. Fortunately, the vast majority of Doukhobors in Canada were able to avoid these kinds of pitfalls, largely because of the foresight of the second leader of the Doukhobors in Canada, Peter Petrovitch Verigin. In the years of the decline of the communal structures, he counselled young Doukhobors to acquire all of the positive, constructive aspects of knowledge and skills which were offered through formal education, while at the same time retaining their valuable heritage. The combination of the best influences from these two sources would prepare them for a life as truly responsible citizens of the world. Also known as the Orthodox Doukhobors, this group has been instrumental in maintaining the thread of Doukhobor cultural activity until the present day. Youth activities, in particular, have gained new prominence, with the introduction of Sunday Prayer meetings, Russian language classes, and youth activity groups. Annual youth festivals held each spring have been a focal point of cultural activity for 27 consecutive years. The Honorary Chairman of the U. Thus, the Doukhobor cultural identity has endured until now, and in recent years, with the advent of a new generation of young people, aware of their destiny, it shows all the signs of a healthy, vigorous future. Instead of abandoning their cultural inheritance, the Doukhobors, in applying traditional concepts to their everyday lives, are striving to be in harmony with modern conditions. In maintaining the language and culture of their origin, they have grown to appreciate their advantages in achieving bilingual or even multi-lingual status. In a world which is faced with a multitude of technological and ecological problems, they have gained a new respect for the simple, self-sufficient, and ecologically sound traditional life-style of their forbears. And, most of all, in a world constantly threatened by outbreaks of violence large and small, Doukhobor youth stand fast by the precious heritage of eternal Truth which they inherited.

Chapter 5 : "Toil And Peaceful Life": Doukhobor Village Settlement In Saskatchewan, by CARL TRACIE

Toil and a Peaceful Life: Peter V. Verigin and Doukhobor Education JOHN E. LYONS ON OCTOBER 29, , a passenger car on the Canadian Pacific Railway train between Brilliant and Grand Forks, British Columbia.

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Chapter 7 : CARL TRACIE (Author of "Toil And Peaceful Life")

Description: "Toil and Peaceful Life" is the axiom that lies at the heart of Doukhobor spiritual, personal, and community values. These values have always been, and continue to be, integral to the people who belong to this historically rich and vibrant community.

Chapter 8 : Who Are The Doukhobors

Theirs was a constant struggle to confirm a society in which the life of the individual may become indistinguishable from the life of Christ as told, not in books, but through ancient psalms and hymns carried on living human breath; a society in which the fruits of the earth and of men's toil suffice to sustain and embellish life, setting an.

Chapter 9 : Notes - Kootenay Choir In Concert: Toil And Peaceful Life

They have also participated in folk festivals, conventions, as well as manifestations for peace and brotherhood. In the group released their first long play stereo album. The desire to preserve the art of Doukhobor singing has united the members of the Kootenay Choir into a harmonious group with similar goals in life.