

The joy of trusting each other!

(continued from Farewell to this Day, and extended study)

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Trusting each other with people of Islamic State or North Korea?

You must be half asleep to say such a thing!

You have such easygoing thinking!

Lots of people have been killed, you know?

You are such a naïve person or you may be childlike?

You appear so inexperienced though you are supposed to be old enough to know better.

I often get told off with severe words like these.

I'm seventy-three years old I might as well continue trusting a peaceful future will come with my half-senile head. .

Children Who Don't Know War

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vLa6x4C5ZHc> (当時・紅白 1 min)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l4JpZvgzA04> (後年・テレビ 3 min)

In 1970, I was one of the “Children Who Don’t Know War”. As getting older, my understanding for what the world is like is prudent to my own age.

I have gone through almost all the general life experiences by now. I have been around the block. I have come across jealousy, envy and a base and mean mind in a human society and got bruised feelings. I have experienced the great forces of nature and divine judgment.

However, I may still be opinionated. I have lots of misunderstanding and I tend to show off. I think I should be more supple and adaptable.

I have a vivid memory of Aum Shinrikyo related incidents. Aum Shinrikyo is a Japanese doomsday cult founded by Shoko Asahara in 1984 which carried out the deadly Tokyo subway sarin attack in 1995 and was found to have been responsible for several more murders in previous years.

Building human relationship is like building an architectural structure or precision machine. It requires craftsmanship.

I think elderly and experienced people are responsible to this difficult problem. There should be proper roles for them.

Morihiro Hosokawa and Junichiro Koizumi, both former Prime Ministers of Japan, are encouraging our country to abandon nuclear energy. They are in their seventy's but still have not given it up?

The Nuclear energy problem is so difficult that even experts cannot solve it. But it is so irresponsible to leave it aside because this problem is too complicated.

The Onkalo spent nuclear fuel repository is a deep geological repository for the final disposal of spent nuclear fuel. They excavate a tunnel at the depth of 500 meters and keep spent fuel for 100,000 years. How can they tell the fact - "Dangerous things are buried here." to people in the future world?

My imagination power can think about 100 years ago or later at the most. I respect those who can imagine what the people would be in world 100,000 years from today.

Now we can maintain a wholesome and cultured living on this planet, which means there used to be people who thought for the future. I am pretty certain that people who had a rich imagination power did exist 100,000 years ago on this earth.

Well, let me talk about 50 years/70 years now. Comparing to 100,000 years, 70 years is a short period of time and I feel small to talk about this but my copyright will be protected throughout my life time and for 70 years (50 years) from the date of my death. The amount of royalties might be small but I would like the money to be used for solving difficult problems on earth, for people in the future.

Politicians must win the election by majority rule. They focus on things just in front of them and it is nonsense to expect they think about 100,000 years into the future.

Mr. Koizumi and Mr. Hosokawa are retired politicians so they can think outside the box. They were called "wild and reckless old men". I would like them to join "Kyo no Hi wa Sayonara" future oriented NPO, whose purpose is to consider matters for people in the world 100,000 years from now. I expect they will make my drink taste better.

I would like to establish an NPO "Supporters for Education for International Understanding" and enjoy a good drink. This may sound rather selfish but donating the royalties after my death is like body donation to me.

Gaining an international understanding is a difficult thing. Take “whaling”, for example, there is still debate over this controversial issue.

Not only troubles with North Korea or the Islamic State, human beings have to deal with a mountain of difficult problems. While giving consideration to historical facts, it is necessary to think about the future of the earth to enjoy a good drink.

I would like to pass beautiful Mt. Fuji down the generations. The scenery must not be bothered by power cables.

A little exercise of imagination will tell that Mt. Fuji was registered as one of the World Heritage with those power cables is a strange thing?

Don't say “It can't be helped.” Don't say “I had no choice.” Use your imagination.



Let's drink together at the future oriented NPO and talk about 100,000 years in the future.

A butterfly flaps its wings and the wind generated from this small movement goes around the earth a few times, a typhoon will be born. Why don't we talk about such things over a good drink?

Let's invite Shigeo Ohno as a lecturer. Cheers!