

You too by a dam, Atami - 2021 Atami landslide. The 1st Atami Volunteer Report.

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Theme Scripture: Isaiah 6:11

“Then I said, ‘For how long, Lord?’ And he answered: ‘Until the cities lie ruined and without inhabitant, until the houses are left deserted and the fields ruined and ravaged.’”

(New International Version)

<Introduction>

Just one year ago, on July 4, I was told about the damage condition by looking at the big map at Ashikita local public office where we visited for our Kuma River (Kumamoto heavy rain) volunteer.¹ When I went to Ichifusa Dam, the sound of the release water was too loud, and I immediately sent out the video through my Facebook. Since then, in the beginning, we went to the damaged houses of elderly living alone people once every other week to remove debris, mud and changing the tatami mats. From June 20, last month, 8 members of the Kobe International Sustaining Organization have served with local children for the first rice planting.² It was the 16th times our visit, and local disaster affected people welcome us just like their family members. Female participant is invited to do home-stay at local’s house. In October, we are looking forward to enjoy the harvest of “*Fukoumai* (復幸米 = Recover, happiness, rice)” with the children. “Then I will send rain on your land in its season, both autumn and spring rains, so that you may gather in your grain, new wine and olive oil.”

(Deuteronomy 11:14)

In the grasslands, we plant rice on the vegetation has been preserved by appropriate hand work of humans. Local rivers, which flow “between” water stream and humans”, are crying due to development, technology and human life first policy.

Heavy rain attacked Sichuan, China for about a week since July 7, 2013. Its about 200 km from Chengdu, the ancient capital of China, to the epicenter. I visited the disaster site of Luobu Village in Yanmen Rural Township, Wenchuan County of the Qiang people whom are the Tibetan minority ethnic groups.³ On the way go back, we saw a standing statue of the god of flood control [2123 – 2025 B.C.].⁴ We witnessed the quick response of the Chinese People’s Army to flood disasters and

¹ 2020. *Kobe Shimbun*. July 18.

² 2021. *Hitoyoshi Press*. June 26.

³ 2013. Y. Iwamura. *Disaster Field Report of Sichuan, China*. July.

⁴ Yu the Great (大禹) has been worshiped throughout Japan as a master of flood control, “The one who rule the Yellow River will rule the world”. He became the first king of ancient China because of his successful completion of flood control of the Yellow River that was used to be the center of China. He stopped the crop damage. He is also described as a metaphor of the saint in “*Kojiki* (古事記 = Records of Ancient Matters) [712]”, and “*the Nihon Shoki* (日本書紀 = The Chronicles of Japan)”. About the Three Gorges Dam in China,

the differences in efficiency, ability and project of general contractors in Japan. I was amazed for quick response to handle the fall of bridges, highways, and tunnels in a few hours, that would take months to recover, reconstruct, and restore in Japan. Japan was used to learn through the “Imperial Examination” system, Chinese characters, and Confucianism, by calling the continental Chinese civilization as the father and the Korean peninsula civilization as the older brother. Particularly in flood control, local rivers and disaster prevention, there still many things to learn as model.

In recent years, there are some common causes of disasters that we have seen and heard at the disaster affected sites where we Kobe International Sustaining Organization visited. There is no other way but think the cause is the collapse of the sabo dam (sand control dam), the discharge of the dam, and the childishness of the river bank protection work.⁵ However, unfortunately, at marginal villages in Japan, civil engineering projects prioritize the economy so that they can survive even if it destroys nature. The local leaders are buckled under money for the survival of small communities, villages and local cities. Currently, the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transportation and Tourism is proceeding dam construction on Kawabe River, which is called as the clearest stream in Japan.⁶

Can we say that human-made concrete rivers, tetrapods, and seawalls bring safety and security to us?

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please refer my document “True identity of Leviathan (2)”.

⁵ Dam-related disasters: Tamba flood disaster (August 15, 2014. Death:2). Kinu River flood (September 10, 2015. Death: 14). Mashiki (April 14, 2016. Death: 20 [Dsaster-related death: 218]). Masue (July 5, 2017. Death: 40 / Missing: 2). Mabi (July 6, 2018. Death: 51 / Missing: 3). Koyaura (July 6, 2018. Death: 20). Atsuma, Hokkaido (September 6, 2018. Death: 36). Kuma River (July 4, 2020. Death: 52), etc.

⁶ 2020. *Hitoyoshi Press*. August 26. The Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism estimates that if there is a Kawabe River dam, the great damage will be reduced by 40%.



Back of Izusan Prajñā
Temple, Atami City. July 4,
2021.

(1) Real situation of Atami landslide disaster

a. Moaning at the site on the first day

3 volunteers headed to Atami from Kobe. Landslide occurred in Atami city, Shizuoka Prefecture around 10:30 am on July 3. It swept away houses and buildings along Aizome River and reached Izusan Port, which is located about 2 km below. 131 houses (128 households) were affected. 2 people were found in cardiac or respiratory arrest in the sea at Izusan Port, and the number will continue to over 20. Debris flow attacked and broke doors and occupied rooms. It reached 4 to 5 m height, that is same height as the second floors of houses. ⁷

b. Relief supplies to the site

On July 4, we visited Atami City Hall with carrying relief supplies that were donated from Co-op (it was started by Kagawa Toyohiko), Kobe City Social Welfare Association (was established by the contribution of Imai Shizuo⁸, former YMCA general manager), foodbanks, and “*Koushien* (耕支縁= cultivation support)”. I heard at the office of Mayor Saitou Sakae from secretary Suzuki Hideaki that approximately 500 people evacuated to the largest hotel, and about vulnerable people such as the elderly evacuated to another hotel, and he said “I don't know the actual number of people whom we can confirm their safety, but just I guess there are about 100 people.”

⁷ 2021. *The Asahi Shimbun*. July 4.

⁸ 2001. K, Iwai. *Kobe and Bible*. Kobe Shimbun Publishing Center. 145-148.



c. Voices of disaster affected people

The victims of Atami City told us their unspeakable nightmare that, “Debris flow rushed from a mountain, which has no river stream, and it washed away neighboring houses”, “It was not much rain compared to neighbor Ito City”, “My neighboring houses were washed away in just 10 minutes”, “Debris flow mixed with stones and fallen trees rushed to us. And about 10 minutes later, another one came”.⁹

People whom we met on July 4, they just told us “It was not that heavy rain”. The media also reported that no “heavy rain” of 30 mm or more in a hour was observed.¹⁰ Professor Ushiyama Motoyuki from Shizuoka University (Integrated Research and Education of Natural Hazards) said on the newspaper, “This time, there was no time when it rains intensively in a short period, and it just consistently rained with moderate strong level for about two days. It was a difficult raining pattern for us to determine the timing to be alarmed strongly.”



House on the other side were all washed away.

A woman in her 40s at the New Fujiya Hotel, an evacuation place, said that “The house of the one whom I met just before was rolling over in front of me”. Another evacuation place, New Akao Hotel was occupied by people from facilities of elderly housing. Until the lifeline is restored, sleeping,

⁹ 2021. *The Asahi Shimbun*. July 4.

¹⁰ 2021. *The Asahi Shimbun*. July 4.

meals, and support survive at staying hotel are well organized, compare to staying at gymnasium of schools. The cost is covered by the city. I heard that it was a receiving benefit like “After rain comes fair weather” for hotel related people since tourists and users are severely decreased due to COVID-19 disaster. Hotels would be able to cooperate with the shortage of medical beds.

(2) What is the cause of landslide?

a. Not heavy rain, embankment, solar panels

This time Atami landslide is clearly a human-made disaster. Nor heavy rain and lack of water retention are not the main cause.

Sand control dam with three-sided concrete wall, which was constructed upstream of the Aizome River in 1999, is the cause of disaster. Izu Mountain is only 400 meters high and has a mild slope of less than 30 degrees.¹¹ If it's a snowy mountain, you can't even enjoy skiing. This is the same situation of the water incident on the Tago River in Kobe City.¹² It can only be said that Aizome River, which has a thin three-sided wall, slipped down toward the sea at once like a rolling coaster.¹³ This dam has a capacity of 4,000 cubic meters. However, the overflowing debris took only about 10 minutes to reach 2km away coast while destroying people's houses. The debris seems to reach about 100,000 cubic meters.

It is a complete human-made disaster. Naturally, the MLIT “authority” would not admit it. However, we believe that there are more than 100 useless objects like Sand control dams in Japan. Sediments pile up in a few years and the dam no longer useful, and then build another one at more upper stream. It is the Japan island that won't be surprised if a similar disaster occurs at any time.

¹¹ 2021. *The Asahi Shimbun*. July 13.

The Izu Mountain area has a certain constant slope (about 11 degrees) from around the 400m high to the sea level.

¹² 2019. Y, Iwamura. Christianity and Disaster Prevention. December 14. 8-9.

file:///C:/a%20%E4%BD%9C%E6%A5%AD%E3%83%89%E3%83%A9%E3%82%A4%E3%83%96/My%20Thesis/2019122%20%E3%80%8C%E3%82%AD%E3%83%AA%E3%82%B9%E3%83%88%E6%95%99%E3%81%A8%E9%98%B2%E7%81%BD%E3%80%8D/%E3%80%8C%E3%82%AD%E3%83%AA%E3%82%B9%E3%83%88%E6%95%99%E3%81%A8%E9%98%B2%E7%81%BD%E3%80%8D.pdf

Genius or human-generated disaster.

2019. Y, Iwamura. *From the era of crisis to the era of regeneration. No.2 – Abandoned Masue -*. Kobe International Christ Church. March 31. 6-9. <http://kicc.sub.jp/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/23101a78797710aae33fd37b048eb0b8.pdf>

¹³ Professor Haruhiko Yamamoto (Disaster Prevention) at Yamaguchi University said, “Probably the destructive power may have been concentrated because the debris flow did not extend transversally. (2021. *The Asahi Shimbun*. July 13)



The Aizome River with three concrete walls and sediment control dam that broke down.
July 5, 2021

b. Is the dam useful for water utilization and flood control?

We often hear about the benefits of dams; power generation, irrigation, flood control and tourism site. There is the champion who promotes public projects, Fujii Satoshi [1968-], in Japan. He is often invited as a commentator on TV program. I don't watch TV, so I don't know how often he shows up. Mr. Fujii is the professor at the Graduate School of Kyoto University who served as a brain for nearly six years under the second administration of Prime Minister Abe Shinzo. He emphasized the need for the Kawabe River Dam, a tributary of the Kuma River in Kumamoto Prefecture, in the September 2020 issue of "*Bungeishunju* (hereafter: *Bunshyu*)". Mr. Fujii is one of the spokespersons and flagman for the "authority" of Politicians, officials, and scholars, that insists dams contribute to water utilization and flood control.¹⁴ On page 105 of his book "Public projects save Japan", he talks about effectiveness of water utilization; "If we store water in a dam, you can keep the certain amount of water flowing through the river even if its rain or not. And it prevents the river to be 'dried out'". On page 107, he explains about the effectiveness of flood control; "If we construct 'dams' beforehand, we don't necessarily have to conduct 'a perfect measure at every place'". Mr Fujii coitizes local anti-dam people on *Bunshyu* page 236 that for letting left behind the river because of then; "A flood control measures after stopping the Kawabe River Dam construction, 'crime of omissions', which is 'For more than 10 years, the Kuma River stream was abandoned in an extremely dangerous condition', is very serious, so that we must strongly ask for their responsibility". Is that so? Instead of investigating the fact that the country left the existing embankment in a fragile structure to promote the dams, he has become a spokesman for the authority. Doctor of engineering, Ishigaki Katsuyoshi blow the whistle on conspiracy of the MLIT as, "The government urged Kumamoto Prefecture and people to accept the dam, but when it was not accepted, they hardly proceeded river improvement. They implicitly pressured the locals to recognize the Kawabe River Dam". The MLIT did not formulate a flood control plan, even though they speak

¹⁴ 2011. S, Fujii. *Public project saves Japan*. Bunshun shinsho. 102-103)

about the strengthen of the embankment on the river development project of the Kuma River system. Regarding the measures taken by the MLIT Kinki Regional Development Bureau, which adhered to the dam project, the conspiracy theory has been pointed out; “When the anti-dam people came to insist that the Kawabe River Dam was unnecessary if the frontier embankment built, the government deferred on a plan of making budget for contraction fee of frontier embankment in 2002. The strengthen measure of embankment was wiped out in both a guideline for river embankment and at the site of flood control.”¹⁵ The MLIT insisted that “Since soft rock layer, which is called Hitoyoshi layer, is exposed and the riverbed is not stable, we cannot carry the riverbed excavation in the Hitoyoshi area.” Mr. Ogata Shyunichirou, Sagara village superintendent of schools, said “The government has neglected to dredge the bottom of the water to remove sediment.”¹⁶ In other words, the government is doing something that seems to be a mean act of revenge against the anti-dam construction. They let the Kawabe River be as it is without dredging the bottom sediment.

c. Damage due to the presence of the dam

On page 238 of Bunshyu, Mr. Fujii drag readers into the direction to believe the public project, which cut and destroy nature, is good; “Our ancestors did not leave nature as it is. The artificially created dam lake become tourist site and the ‘new nature’ where people enjoy their holidays. And it gradually fit into our daily life.” It is a reasoning that hides how ruthless the dam is to nature.

The area that recorded the most victims from the overflow of the Kuma River stream on July 4, 2020 is irrelevant with or without the Kawabe River Dam. The damage covers a wide area of upper stream from the confluence of the Kuma River and the Kawabe River system. On July 4, we tried to go to Kuma Village from Ashikita Town even though we could not tell whether it was a road or river, but we could not go through because the road was cut off, so we detoured and entered the center of Hitoyoshi City. Due to the power outage, we could not see what was in front of us, but we just ran through the mud road.¹⁷ We met with Fukukawa Yoshifumi who is the chief priest of the national treasure, Aoi Aso Shrine, on next day, July 5 at 8am, and he told us that; he thought “Water would not reach to the 2nd floor” but it became “Ganburi (Kumamoto dialect. It means full of water or filled by water)”, and mud increased up to his knees in no time. There were restaurants, hot spring facilities, hotels, liquor stores, convenience stores, fresh fish stores, fruit and vegetable stores, haircut stores, clothes stores, flower stores in Aoi Town. But everything was covered by mud, and cars were stand in inverted position or piled up, and it was unpredictable what to do on the 2nd day of the

¹⁵ Embankment strengthening measures that gone due to the suspension of dam construction one after another. 2020. A, Asano. *Science*. Iwanami Shoten. 769.

Asano Atsuko [1954-] is a novelist and children's literature author. She received the Noma Children's Literary Prize and Japan Children's Author Association Award on her novel “Battery”. She pointed out that “We have not formulated Kuma River water system improvement plan that includes flood control measures to replace Kawabe River dam plan, and we have yet done nothing to this day.” (ibid. 770)

¹⁶ Co-representative of the “Association of Citizens of the riverside residence that hands over the pure stream of Kuma and Kawabe River to the future”.

¹⁷ 2020. Y, Iwamura. *The 1st Kuma River Volunteer Report*. Kobe International Sustaining Organization. 1.

disaster at that area. It was a time when neither the Self-Defense Forces nor the volunteers had arrived yet. As it is written “Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. (James 4:14)”, it was a disaster affected area where a feeling of emptiness struck.

Through my 16 times visit, I heard the true intention of releasing the Ichifusa Dam from most of the residents I met in Hitoyoshi City. Initially, the MLIT postponed the planned releasing at 8:30 am to 9:30am, but in the end, the reaction was that there was no release.

However, on September 5, 2020, Sonoda Noriko (72 years old) in Shimoshinmachi, who we met through food distribution, told us that there is a rumor among local people that some people heard the sirens of releasing at midnight. On next day, she picked up the newspaper and showed us by saying “As we suspected, Ichifusa Dam was actually released”. Obviously, I could notice with my own eyes that “The dam water level was decreased in advance”.¹⁸

If the Kawabe River Dam is built, the place would be not attractive anymore to users of boat descent¹⁹, canoeing, and rafting, which are the symbol of tourism of the Kuma River.²⁰

Hitoyoshi City is different from big cities like Tokyo, Osaka and Fukuoka. 79 villages are located here and there in the Kuma River stream area. 133 spots of forest roads were damaged, and the damage of agricultural lands including orchards such as chestnuts were 810 places (90 hectares, 2.3 billion yen). The lost damage of farm roads, irrigation canals and flashboard were 207 locations (1,747 million yen).²¹ Does it mean that we could avoid huge damage of the primary industries such as forestry and agriculture, if there was the Kawabe River Dam? The scholars who support the dam construction probably have not visited the scene. I only can think that they only raise their voice to be famous as spokesperson of politicians, officials, and scholars by using casuistry to let people believe his desk theory.

(3) Dam is the root of all evil

a. Trap of public works

“Mizugami Village”, which locates on the upper stream area of the Kuma River compared to the confluence of the Kawabe River, that means lower than the Ichifusa Dam, has been damaged in 285 places in all area. The residents of Mizugami Village, who we visited on August 24, were also

¹⁸ 2020. *Hitoyoshi Press*. September 6.

Release for flood control carried out from 3pm on July 3 to around 2am on next day.

¹⁹ On August 3, 2020, when we visited chief of river boat Fujikawa Kazuhiko (40 years old), he was entertaining tourists as a guide of going down stream boat by giving instructions.

They departed from the other side of the Hitoyoshi Castle and slowly went down for about 50 minutes and about 4 km as its flow in the river. The course that can see Aoi Aso Shrine was popular. There was a tradition of over 100 years. Every year, 26,000 people have enjoyed it. The company also ran rafting for young people, but everything had gone.

²⁰ 2010. T. Noda. *Don't need a dam - New Traveling Japanese River-*. Shogakukan. 5. “In the countryside, no one complains about the useless public projects that the authorities and construction companies hang out. Canoeing friends....they feel exasperated deeply and sad because the river, which was pure clean, became to lose their water and got cloudy.”

²¹ 2020. *Hitoyoshi Press*. September 9.

temporary isolated. The revetment of the Ogouchi River, which flows under the Tsuruide Bridge and Onsu Bridge near Iwano Elementary School, was also carved, so sand and stones flow into the farming fields. Takizaki Natsuo (82 years old) from Mizogami Village was also disappointed that his rice bland Hinohikari, which he was looking forward to harvesting, had been damaged. The amount of damage of Mizogami Village was reported to be 3,064,944,000 yen.²² Along National Highway No.219 at Yunomae Town Ishinokakura Nakai, which is located in the upper stream the Kuma River area compare to the confluence of the planned construction site of the Kawabe River Dam and the Kuma River, landslide occurred so that sediment covered rice fields. In Yunomae Town, 93 people from 40 households were affected. Local residents knew that they could not be escaped their damage whether there was the Kawabe River Dam public works or not.

Mr. Fujii mentions his evaluation in “*Bunshyu*” that “the Yamba Dam” showed its flood control ability existence during the great storm of typhoon No.19 in 2019. Did the Yamba Dam have an enough water storage capacity? Mr. Seki Yoshiki, a Professor of Political Science and Economics, Takushoku University talks on his blog that the strength of the embankment must be prioritized than dam construction; “Even if the Yamba Dam could keep water, it has only a slight effect on the entire Tone River system. The key to prevent flood damage is that whether absolutely the embankment has enough strength and prevent its collapse or not.”²³

Therefore, schoolers of the government, whom promote public projects, talk energetically to audience of TV program that good things to support dam construction, Linear system save Japan, and space development produce benefit to us. Entire Japan must develop the habit of stopping and thinking about what fallaciousness they hear from TV program, SNS, and books. We must have ability of judging that does not take fallaciousness as it is just because famous TV scholars are saying. If we do not confirm the scientific evidence, we will end up incurring huge debts to our next generation. Jesus was traded to Governor Pilate by the scribes as “one who was inciting the people to rebellion”. (Luke 23:14) But in reality, it was rather the wise leaders who were lying and deliberately trying to mislead people. There was a completely different deception; “So give the order for the tomb to be made secure until the third day. Otherwise, his disciples may come and steal the body and tell the people that he has been raised from the dead. This last deception will be worse than the first. (Matthew 27:64)” The saying that the tragedy of the Kuma River area would be worse if there is no dam seems to me only as a kind of rumored word. It would be better to have a discriminability to respond, “Those who doubt will be saved, and those who believe will not be saved.”

b. Global trends of dam removal

²² 2020. *Hitoyoshi Press*. August 20.

²³ Mr. Fujii mentioned the evaluation on October 4, 2019 on page 235 in *Shunju* that “The dam was almost empty so it could contain a large amount of water and showed its ability of flood control”. On the other hand, Mr. Seki refuted on October 4, 2019 that, “The fact that the dam empty dam became full only by a single typhoon means that if the dam stores water normally status, there was a high possibility of reaching to urgent releasing water in case of hitting by this time size typhoon (2019 typhoon No.19).”
<https://blog.goo.ne.jp/reforestation/e/6af9d8846b3df045a3725e6f3c3efc01>

Natural rivers are fields of aquatic life such as fish. The river is a livelihood. For Ainu, Native Americans and indigenous peoples, rivers are important for food, medicine and cultural practices, rituals and traditions. For many wild plants, they have rights to preserve natural ecosystems like riversides and swamps.²⁴ The word “creation (Greek κτίσις [ktisis])” in “We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time (Romans 8:22)” is “created (established) things, creation, made, world and institution”.

Since the Great Depression of 1929, the United States had built a series of large dams as part of the New Deal Policy. Employment of the unemployed had generated. It is also mentioned in Japanese junior high school textbooks that the policy affected the economic recovery. In 1931, the Hoover Dam was built. And In 1933, The TVA (Tennessee Valley Authority) in the Tennessee River area was completed. Half a century later, Daniel Beard, a dam expert of the United States came to Japan in February 1995 and had a panel discussion with Japanese economic leaders, bureaucrats and scholars. Construction bureaucrats of the pro-dam groups in Japan said, “Japan is a less-developed country for water storage capacity. We need to storage more.” The Japan said was worried about the real situation that even in early 1997, 40 large dams are under construction, and the amount of water storage was only about one-eighteenth that compared to the United States. Japan’s politicians, officials, economic leaders, and scholars, which promotes public work projects, appealed with their desire to gain the support of the United States. However, Mr. Beard flatly rejected; “The end of the dam construction era of the United States is manifestation of the enrichment of social capital”. The reasons for removing the dam are; “aging of the structure”, “consideration for safety and conservative”, “economically unprofitable”, “recreation opportunities”, “water volume problems”, and “regeneration of the ecosystem”.²⁵

In May 1994, Mr. Beard, the former president of the Development Bureau of a large dam construction organization in the United States, said at the “International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage, ICID” that “the era of dam development in the United States is over”.²⁶ In other words, the Japanese are too unaware that the United States, the most developed country of dam, has already withdrawn from the dam business.

I think that a “public trust” should be introduced in Japan so that the people can enjoy canoeing, rafting and playing in the river. Which is more sufficient in flood control, forest or dam? “Public trust” is that preserve the public value to answer the questions of which is the most economically effective public projects, forest maintenance or dam construction.

In Japan, the word “public” has derailed from its original meaning and has permeated.²⁷ As you can see from the image of public policy, “*Yushi Sensei* (有司専制: despotism by domain-dominated

²⁴ 2018. Y. Iwamura. Technicism brings destruction of nature - The 1st Hokkaido Earthquake Volunteer-. <http://kicc.sub.jp/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/6fd475dd9fe0e47f708cfde21a50a5d6.pdf>

²⁵ 2004. D. P. Beard. *Dam removal*. Translated by Aoyama Miori. Iwanami Shoten. 56-69.

²⁶ 1996. *Why did the United States stop developing dams?* Assembly of members for realizing public works check function. 16.

²⁷ 2003. Y. Yamaguchi. *New public nature*. Yuhikaku Publishing.21.

government)”²⁸ by the “politician” since Meiji era, that is the monopoly of the “public” and public work project, has been continuing on constructions of dams, restarting nuclear power plants, and airports and it seems at a dead end. Originally, the “public” should be leaded by the people.

c. Water rights belong to everyone

The disappearance of dams and the restoration of waterways, which once sank to the bottom, means back on the natural ecosystems of the earth. As it is written, “In that day the mountains will drip new wine, and the hills will flow with milk; all the ravines of Judah will run with water. A fountain will flow out of the Lord’s house and will water the valley of acacias (Joel 4:18)”, “run with water” is desirable. Fish such as salmon that live naturally in rivers will be able to return to their original habitat. The place where salmon spawn is on the riverbed with clear spring water. The laid eggs are stored at the bottom of the river, between the stones, and grow in spring water that does not freeze even in winter.²⁹

However, those people, who admire politicians, officials, economic leaders, scholars, and media, glorify the demons. They speak through the media as if they were a prophet who received an oracle. In such a terminal world, I cannot keep silent. I cannot stand for oblivion of the letter of recommendation from God that received the order that “But if I say, “I will not mention his word or speak anymore in his name,” his word is in my heart like a fire, a fire shut up in my bones. I am weary of holding it in; indeed, I cannot. (Jeremiah 20:9)” I can’t even hide it. I can’t keep silent anymore. The “fire (Hebrew אֵשׁ [esh])” ignited by in my bone, and the origin of dedication that has to be told to people keep “flame up (בָּעֵר [baar])” even I try to hold it. However, Paul Tillich [1886-1965], who opened my eyes for justification of disbelief³⁰, preaches the paradoxical mission of being dispatched in “I and Thou”.³¹ Even sending message of “Make the heart of this people calloused; make their ears dull and close their eyes. Otherwise, they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed (Isaiah 6:10)”, people recommend the ministry to be indifferent, silence and insensitive. I believed the work, which to be close to people, practice in spiritual care, sweat in debris removing, “I have seen their ways, but I will heal them; I will guide them and restore comfort to Israel’s mourners (Isaiah 57:18)”, is the work given by God. However, God pushes me not to heal people. Is it really “Truly you are a God who has been hiding himself (Isaiah 45:15, Habakuk 1:2)”? Is that demonstration of “hiding himself (*deus absconditus*)”? No.

The context continues. It is a cold answer that “Then I said, ‘For how long, Lord?’ And he answered: ‘Until the cities lie ruined and without inhabitant, until the houses are left deserted and the

²⁸ “*Yu-shi-sen-sei* (有司專制)”. A word that criticized about the governance by the Meiji Government which had been carried out by several specific clan politicians within the government. Academically, it is the bureaucracy began in 1873 [Meiji 6] under the initiative of Okubo Toshimichi.

²⁹ 2005. K, Hieda. *Salmon was killed by the dam*. Iwanami Shoten. 23.

³⁰ 2017. Y, Iwamura. *Sensitive to the Cry of the Stone*. Miyagi Gakuin Women's University. June 14. 12-15.

³¹ 2010. P. J, Tillich. *The Shaking of the Foundations*. Translated by Shigeru Hiroshi. Shinkyō Publishing. 123.

fields ruined and ravaged' (Isaiah 6:11)" There is no reward for the effort of recovery, restoration, and reconstruction. I am neither an anarchist nor an antisocial criminal. I am not the command of the armed revolution. I am nothing more than a proxy for God's judgment on humankind. Even I encounter reaction, rejection, ostracism, I must accept it. It's an unremunerative work. I will continue to strike a hard blow to the falsehoods of upper-class hierarchy, the state, and false prophets.

Tanaka Shozo [1841-1913] was angry that nature was threatened by the Ashio Copper Mine Incident. He never gave up his fighting faith against the arbitrary rule by non-violent way till the end; "There is land, and it is the joy of heaven that if it is cultivated. If we don't cultivate humanity, both heaven and people will be sad. Not only that, vandalizing the land, poisoning it, killing crops and losing people's food is also a sinner of evil for the people of heaven and earth."³² Like Tanaka, Japan will be sunk by dams if we do not establish ideas that transcend the management society.

<Conclusion>

In dam construction, when calling a committee to consult, it is necessary to stop the informal way that is occupied by pro-scholars, bureaucratic OBs, and general constructors in charge of construction.

Although they said that local residents also participate, all the public briefings are just formal ceremonies, and even if the opinions of the attendee's criticisms are heard, the decision has been already made from the beginning. In the fixed-game race, what Habermas says "publicity (German, Publizität)" is no longer "the public spheres (German, Öffentlichkeit) itself. English word "public" also has meaning of "publicity" beside "people" and "crowd". Therefore, at first glance, "resident briefing", information disclosure, and respect for human rights are democratically unfurling like "Swarms of living creatures will live wherever the river flows. There will be large numbers of fish, because this water flows there and makes the salt water fresh; so where the river flows everything will live". However, constructors are always the monopolized army of "public" by "politicians", and it is not an exaggeration to say that they just show their "public position" to care people. Even though the officials were having hard time answering the residents' briefing session on the restart of the Onagawa Nuclear Power Plant No.2, they just proceeded their process quietly and passed through the gate of "publicity".

It is sad way of dealing with the disaster affected people as a disaster-prone country. Moreover, the quality of researchers who investigate the cause of disaster every year, should start to listen the voice of disaster affected areas. Civil engineering and puppet scholars (puppets with a hollow head), who do not bring disadvantages to the country, are involved in various interests. They report that are closely related to the administration and media such as TVs take it up on the air. As the result, the restart of the Onagawa Nuclear Power Plant No.2 (Onagawacho Ishinomaki City Miyagi Prefecture), and the Kawabe Dam construction got started contrary to the wishes of the local people. "Swarms of living creatures will live wherever the river flows. There will be large numbers of fish, because this

³² 1966. N, Kinoshita. *Life of Tanaka Shozo*. Bunkashiryō chosakai. 561.

water flows there and makes the salt water fresh; so where the river flows everything will live. (Ezekiel 47:9)” Until God regains the original nature of Japan where nature is not damaged, our organization will continue to criticize the system full of falsehood while coexisting with the disaster affected areas, orphans, and single mothers.

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