

## Humanity at the end Range of Democracy: Through the war in Ukraine and the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria.

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Theme scripture: “Consecrate the fiftieth year and proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you; each of you is to return to your family property and to your own clan.” (Leviticus 25:10. “New International Version”)

### <Introduction>

It is my great pleasure to meet all of you this morning. You are the future of not only Japan, but Asia, and global world.

30 years later from now, it will be impossible for me, the speaker, to meet and have a dialogue relationship with you again who are the “generation” that Søren Kierkegaard [1813-1855] called.

Therefore, after the one generation passed, I am not able to be a witness whether the wounds of humanity are healed or humans vanished due to the fatal wounds. On the other hand, where and what will you be doing in 30 years later on this earth, based on your intellect, sensibility and soul. Are you pushing yourself on the edge to beat your enemies on the battlefield? Or, will you become a researcher developing renewable energy when resources are exhausted? Or, do you find joy in mental training Taipa (time performance)<sup>1</sup> by throwing yourself into sports? One thing is clear. None of you will not remember what you hear today even for a moment. You won't recall “stumbling rock, Iwamura (岩 *iwa*: rock)” who crawled on the ground and devoted his life to the *Volunteer-dō* (The principle way of volunteer) that he was a liar, a copy of Asahara Shoko [1955-2018] of Aum Shinrikyo, an incompetent activist. Even if I don't have supernatural powers, I can be proud of myself that I became a prophet for a moment.

This morning, as the one who visited four times to the real world of war after the Russian army invasion to Ukraine on February 24, last year, and made think at the “place: *topos*”, and who had a dialogue with other religious leaders at the mosque of Islam on last week, I do like to share my experience that is far away from the reality, from Kobe.

First of all, I am the pastor of a small Christian church. In order to earn my own living expenses, I work as a Greek and Hebrew language teacher to provide necessary things for my family. Because I am poor, I always be close to orphans, widowed single women, elderly living alone people, and refugees, not only in the disaster areas of Japan, but also across over borders. Because I can empathize with them. My sensor resonates. Since I rushed to the site of the Great East Japan Earthquake, the so-called 3.11 tsunami, the large scale earthquake, we keep visiting there for 141 times, and enjoying cultivating “*Fukoumai* (復幸米: Restoration-happiness-rice)” with kindergarten children for 10 times without using agricultural machines. Since we have been volunteering for a long time, when I ask others if they would like to join us, they all say the same thing (voice in unison), “I do like to go volunteer at least once”. However, I have never met anyone who say “If only I have more time, “If only I could have spare money”, visit the disaster

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<sup>1</sup> Abbreviation for time performance. Means "time-effective". A coined word that replaces "cost" in "cost performance" by "time".

area. Those who participate in overseas volunteers are also such people who are poor, unemployment, family misfortune, crushed sorrow, and the frustration of losing something important. Since they experienced those process, they go on volunteers. There are no examples of people with positions that are satisfied with their current system, such as politicians, officials, economic leaders, scholars, using their personal money to participate in remote area. Of course, I am aware that there are people who have gone to disaster areas, written books about it, and appeared on TV because they are using research grants from the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.

All ages and countries, so many themes, reconciliation theories and principles have been launched like a profusion of flowers to avert “wars”, “conflicts”, and “religious disputes”. But the killings haven’t stopped. So, what can we do? Before you mumble to say that you can’t do anything, please listen to what the maverick who resist the stream of the times says.

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*“Fear those who do not care; they neither kill nor betray,  
but betrayal and murder exist  
because of their silent consent.”*

Bruno Jasienski [1901-1939?]

A poet and writer from Poland. He is exiled to Siberian forced labor.

“Collusion of the Indifferent” was published in 1937.

(Translated by Taku Egawa, Yukio Kudō. Kawade Shobo ShinSha)

## **(1) The world war has already begun.**

### **a. The Clash of Civilizations**

I had received an urgent call from the person in charge of “Kayoko Children’s Home” in Aleppo, Syria, when the 2023 Turkey–Syria earthquake was occurred on February 6. Information about Syria is uncertain in Japan, since we belong to the Western bloc. As soon as we entered to the 21<sup>st</sup> century, the civilization created by the wisdom of mankind went up in flames. On September 11, 2001, the world’s ecclesia (authority) was disrupted. It’s called 9/11. It was a turning point in my life as well. It cast a dark shadow over the future of the Christian democracy we trusted. Skepticism sprung up on what I believed that religion was the ultimate channel of human love. I just had started walking through marginal villages in Japan where were hit by natural disasters, Palestine in the Middle East, deserts in Africa, jungles and barren lands on this earth. I didn’t receive anything. I have not been saved anyone. The society hasn’t changed at all. I would like to share with you all today about what I have seen, heard, and experienced while walking.

A few years before the 9/11 terrorist attacks, a book was piled up in Japanese bookstores that gave influence to world politics, religions, and thoughts. It is “The Clash of Civilizations and the Remaking of World Order” that written by Samuel Huntington [1927-2008]<sup>2</sup>. This is a warning book that “clashes between civilizations are inevitable”. He says “the danger of a clash of civilization exists between Christianity and Islam”, and it is a structure of confrontation which would be happened in the near future. Huntington throws cold water on the idea of aiming a welfare state. He insisted on 1976, “Democracy should be governed by authority, so we should prevent for various groups of people participate excessively in political campaign and their extremely demands on the state”<sup>3</sup>.

Immanuel Kant [1724-1804]<sup>4</sup> proposes international law treaties in the direction of separation of powers. He proposes one world republic by the international law of an international body, that is the League of Nations and the United Nations, as “International law should be based on a system of federation of free nations”<sup>5</sup>. The political rhetoric that conflicts is relatively rare among democratic countries, which is a blueprint of Thomas Wilson’s saying [1856-1924]<sup>6</sup> “If the world stays by democratic way, and only in this way, peace is possible”, and this thought is inherited to the Bush family<sup>7</sup> and Bill Clinton [1946-]. Recent year’s neoconservatives<sup>8</sup> have promoted that the military conflicts among democratic states are relatively rare. Eventually, the extreme one-

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<sup>2</sup> An International political scientist in the United States. Professor at Harvard University. *The Clash of Civilizations and the Remaking of World Order* (1996). The Japanese version was published in 1998. 2018. Y, Iwamura. *Christ is not only for Christianity*. Erasmus Institute of Peace Studies. p.14.

<sup>3</sup> 1976. S, P. Huntington. M, Crozier. *The crisis of democracy*. Translated by Watanuki Jyoji. Edited by the Japan-U.S. European Commission. Simul Publishing.

<sup>4</sup> 2015. Y, Iwamura. *Christianity and Pacifism*. OCC College Lecture. Director of Erasmus Institute of Peace Studies. p.10-11.

<sup>5</sup> *ibid.* *Christianity and Pacifism*. p.10-11. I denied Kant’s theory of “Democratic peace theory” by saying that even if shift into democratic republic system, the people’s passion and rampage could lead to the power rushing into war.

<sup>6</sup> Thomas Wilson gave his speech in 1917 that, “Strong cooperative relations for peace can never be maintained without the cooperation of democratic nations”. He aimed for realization of idealism even there were only about 10 democratic states at that time.

<sup>7</sup> 2021. Y, Iwamura. *When did you give up to be with the oppressed?* Kobe Shinbun Kaikan. p.1,2,11.

<sup>8</sup> It is a serious phenomenon that many Christians in Japan, Southeast Asia, and Hong Kong are being persecuted by Neo-con (short term of Neoconservatism in the United States since 1981). *ibid.* *When did you give up to be with the oppressed?*

side theory that “Among democratic countries like Western blocs and Japan, would never conduct war”, “Democratic states will never use forces each other” became the common idea. However, if you look at history, mankind has been busy doing wars that are extraordinary situations. The hypothesis that democratization will reduce the number of wars, which is based on “Uppsala / The Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO)”<sup>9</sup> of Stockholm International Peace Research Institute that is supported by peace researchers, had blown away by the outbreak of the war in Ukraine.

In political science, a democracy is a political system with competitive elections. It is also essential to recognize the presence or absence of the participation of opposition parties. During the Cold War, democracy had a benefit to criticize the Soviet Union. However, in practice, 80% of dictatorship system hold elections and approve the participation of opposition parties. For example, the constitutional text of North Korea, the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (hereafter the “Republic”), which became independent on September 9, 1948, calls itself as a democratic republic. Besides the Worker’s Party of Korea, there are two opposition parties. The Korean Social Democratic Party and the Chondoist Chongu Party. The philosopher Martin Heidegger [1889-1976] shows his question whether democracy is relative for the modern technological society. A pupil of Heidegger, Hannah Arendt [1906-1975] supported an anti-bourgeois style. Arendt could not accept the bourgeoisie because it was a manifestation of “interest group” politics and a greedy competitive society. When Arendt wrote “Eichmann in Jerusalem: A Report on the Banality of Evil”, she did not completely denounce Eichmann, but also brought out the fact that a banal evil also exists on the Jewish side. As a result, she herself was turned away by her fellow Jews. She argued that public indifference is evil.

Japan also had nationwide local elections. Some candidates were elected without voting. Each Tokyo’s Chuo Ward Mayor was elected without voting on the day of notification. Of these, 21 municipal assembly elections were below the fixed number of candidates who could not reach the fixed number<sup>10</sup>. Is it possible Japan to be proud itself as a democratic nation? Do you think that democratic states do not start war with each other?

## **b. Resonate with people’s crying**

It was the time while we are conducting listening volunteer activities at Hakimasue Asakura City Fukuoka Prefecture through the 35th Kuma River (Kumamoto Heavy rain) Volunteer on February 6, 2023. I was talking with Mr.Minoru & Kizue Higuchi at that time. At 10:17am, my cell phone kept ringing strangely. It was a screaming call of “Earthquake!!” from Mr. & Mrs. Jack Bahhade & Nell Ly, who are in charge of “Kayo Children Home” in Aleppo, the 2nd largest city in Syria<sup>11</sup>.

I confirmed first their safety and physical injuries first, and I asked for local information. They told me that the shaking was so strong that they thought it was an all-out attack by the Israeli Air

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<sup>9</sup> “Uppsala/ The Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO)”

Reference: Erasmus Institute of Peace Studies.

<http://kicc.sub.jp/%E3%82%A8%E3%83%A9%E3%82%B9%E3%83%A0%E3%82%B9%E5%B9%B3%E5%92%8C%E7%A0%94%E7%A9%B6>

<sup>10</sup> 2023. *Asahi Shimbun*. April 24.

<sup>11</sup> Turkey-Syria earthquake (February 6, 2023 at 4:17 am / 10:17 Japan time)

Magnitude 7.8. The epicenter was Gaziantep, the southeastern part of Turkey. Immediately after the earthquake on November 27, 2020, “the Kayoko Fund” visited İzmir, Turkey, a disaster area. It was covered by local “Sözcü TV”.

<http://kisokobe.sub.jp/%e6%b5%b7%e5%a4%96%e3%83%9c%e3%83%a9%e3%83%b3%e3%83%86%e3%82%a3%e3%82%a2/1734>

Force, and that most of the buildings had broken down. I also received contacts from Japanese media people who had written articles about the Syria volunteers of Kobe International Sustaining Organization five years ago, and the İzmir earthquake volunteers in Turkey two years ago. An article was covered in the morning paper on February 8<sup>12</sup>.

We kept in close contact, gathered local disaster situation and information by pictures through messenger, and sent out requests for relief funds nationwide. Even the Syrian army lost themselves since they could not decide where to start to rescue people since they had to remove so many rubbles. Nell from Aleppo cried out that although relief supplies have arrived in Turkey from all over the world, but not a single rescue plane has flown to Syria.

Why is the world so cold to Syria?

While former President Trump of the United States on the seat, he professed to completely withdraw of the US troops from Syria, but they are still stationing there. Since the civil war in 2011, Syria has been completely isolated from the West because of the crisis. There are more than 6.5 million Syrian refugees out of the country. It can be said that it is the greatest humanitarian tragedy in human history<sup>13</sup>.

After the 9/11 terrorist attacks, the United States initially announced that they would only attack military related targets, but houses and civilian facilities were also damaged by accidental bombings. As a consequence, many lives were lost. And many refugees were forced to flee that war. Needless to say, it was the cause of the birth of “terrorism (*KAMIKAZE* in English means suicide attack)<sup>14</sup>. Also, it was the impetus for the establishment of Kobe International Sustaining Organization<sup>15</sup>. Shortly after the United States and Britain launched airstrikes in Afghanistan in October 2001, Washington Post conducted its poll and found that 94% of Americans supported military action. The US public opinion was outraged by the first direct attack on the US mainland since the Year of 1812, and the approval rating for President George Bush<sup>16</sup> reached an unprecedented high level<sup>17</sup>. The Bush administration at that time chose to continue stationing.

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<sup>12</sup> 2020. *The Christian*. April 26, 2020. *Christian Today*. April 26.

2020. *Kobe Shimbun*. February 8, 2020. *Chugai Nippoh*. February 8.

<sup>13</sup> 2018. Y, Iwamura. *The Greatest Humanitarian Tragedy in Human History: The 2<sup>nd</sup> Syria Volunteer Report*. Erasmus Institute of Peace Studies. p.7.

<sup>14</sup> Foreign media refer to suicide bombings as “a kamikaze or a suicide bombing (Kamikaze is a suicide bombing mission that kills both own self and its target)”. Our Japanese negative legacy of the war have inherited. 2020. M, Shinmen. *New Introduction of Christianity. Vol.2*. Sanyobooks. p.69.

<sup>15</sup> 2021. Y, Iwamura. *Waves of Prayer: Is it fine to be indifferent to the Palestinian tragedy?* May 28. p.2.

The US attacked the Taliban in Afghanistan. Orphans are innocent. How come a country called Christianity expose its cruelty?

Under the banner of “Christianity”, far from the path to “reconciliation”, the reality of destruction, oppression and prejudice that produce hotbeds of terrorism has been confronted.

Based on the sensibility of whether there is anything that we can do as Kobe International Sustaining Organization decided to start information gathering, seminars, and support activities (since 2001). We started a small work for “*Kyosei* (共生: *Live together*)”, “*Kyoku* (共苦: *Share sufferings*)”, “*Ku-en* (苦縁: *Relationship to share sufferings*)” with people who were hurt by wars, earthquakes, etc.

<sup>16</sup> George Walker Bush [1946-], the 43<sup>rd</sup> President of the United States. In office: January 20, 2001 to January 20, 2009. On October 7, He began to launch airstrikes in Afghanistan under the pretext of a “war on terrorism” as retaliation for the 9/11 terrorist attacks in New York City.

The US initially announced that they only target military related facilities, but due to accidental bombings, civilian’s houses, and facilities were also destroyed.

<sup>17</sup> After the 9/11 terrorist attacks, it reached 91%, the highest figure among other US presidents in history. 2007. *USAT/Gallup Poll: Bush approval at new low; Republican support eroding*. USA Today. July 10.

During he was in office, Bush said; “I will establish a democratic state in this land”. It was a far-reaching plan<sup>18</sup>. Bush’s worldview appealed to the world that, “We will respect democracy in the Middle East, and we will seek victory in this war by preventing further rampant hatred and terrorism in the Middle East”. Is democracy by force compatible with Christianity, especially the Bible, which is said to be the bestseller of all time? Many of the world’s Christian churches, especially evangelicals in general, have followed the modern “crusade” by American leaders.

It was been 20 years have passed sine the New York Trade Center buildings were burned down in 2001, our, Kobe International Sustaining Organization’s “Shien (Sustainable Relationship)” to Afghanistan have failed to bear fruits. The overthrow of the Afghan government, suicide bombings, and the Taliban are on the rise. On the site, after 20 years stationing, situation perpetuated, the death of 2,461 U.S. soldiers, and spent total of 2.3 trillion dollars (253 trillion yen), and “the longest war in American history” came to an end<sup>19</sup>.

### **c. Is it a prelude of catastrophe: Russia – Ukraine War**

From Bucha, Irpin, Borodianka, Makariv. Hostomel Airport.

About two months after the outbreak of the Russia-Ukraine war, Kobe International Sustaining Organization issued a joint communiqué<sup>20</sup> to the world about the end of the war. Of course, in Japan, which is not part of the Global South<sup>21</sup>, it was not even noticed. It was not even a topic. In 1989, the world celebrated the end of the Cold War by perestroika. Kobe International Sustaining Organization visited Vietnam with students in 2016. We saw handicapped children in various places suffering from the aftereffects of Operation Ranch Hand by the U.S. troops during the Vietnam War (November 1, 1955 – April 30, 1975). However, even the Unites States lost in Vietnam, they did not pay any compensation. In 2001, the reason Kobe International Sustaining Organization was established was that the land of Afghanistan turned into the place people cannot live due to the war damages caused by the U.S. airstrikes, land mine laying operations, and Al-Qaeda’s weeping operations. There was the sacrifice of Nakamura Tetsu [1946-2019]<sup>22</sup>.

In 2021, the United States withdrew and the Taliban regime was established. The United States attacked Iraq and killed Saddam Hussein [1937-2006], president of the Republic of Iraq, on the false pretext that it had weapons of mass destruction. “The Crusades = Zionist Coalition” on March 20, 2003<sup>23</sup>, amplified the hatred to let European disfavor people of immigrants as parasite people. It became the fertilizer for helping the growth of Islamism. Securities in Iraq and Afghanistan has not yet been restored. Because of that, the Unites States, a military superpower, has lost confidence in the Global South states. The world start giving up on the United States’ hardline policies such as, criticism of Russia Putin and the emergencies in Hong Kong and Taiwan.

On the other hand, in 1989, Russia (Soviet Union) under the Cold War structure, they were also

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<sup>18</sup> 2011. J. W, Bush. *Decision Points*. Translated by Fushimi Ihan. Nikkei. p.294.

<sup>19</sup> The US President Biden gave a speech on August 31, 2021.

“*Last night (evening of 30<sup>th</sup>) in Kabul, the United States ended 20 years of war in Afghanistan — the longest war in American history.*” Washington Jiji Press.

<sup>20</sup> 2022. *Quarterly journal "Shien"*. No.39. p.1. It proposed arbitration by three countries including Japan.

“There will be no way out by bad Russian theory.”

<sup>21</sup> “The Global South (emerging and developing countries exist on the southern hemisphere)”. Developing countries such as India, Indonesia, Turkey and South Africa, in contrast to developed countries in the norther hemisphere.

<sup>2222</sup> 2021. Y, Iwamura. *When did you give up to be with the oppressed?* Kobe Shinbun Kaikan. p.4-11.

<sup>23</sup> 2021. Y, Iwamura. *When did you give up to be with the oppressed?* do. p.9.

forced withdraw from Afghanistan. They were not even enough to fight against the Taliban that had massive arms support from the United States. The Chechen War, which began in 1994, became a war no one can win, and Russia got burned at.

## **(2) There is no justification for war**

### **a. Misled by deepfakes**

There is no justification for war. The Chechen army is shelling Ukraine this time.

If you carefully examine the views of the media such as newspapers, experts, and scholars, the truth would become like a labyrinth, so it is very magical thing. This is because the testimony that we saw and heard directly in the field is likely to be ignored. It can be said that it is like a troublesome stereotypical symptom, regardless of time or place. By the time you realize it, you are suffering in a bottomless swamp of irreversible ravages of war. For example, regarding the damages caused by the earthquake in Syria, there is a prejudice in Western countries that they deliver relief supplies only to Turkey. The intolerance that excludes only Syria cannot be ignored. Japan is member of the Global North and follows like a vassal state of the United States<sup>24</sup>. Due to SNS propaganda, the standardized information warfare by the spread of Kyodo News, and the deluge of expert deepfakes<sup>25</sup> probably let people impossible to make accurate decisions. What are TV programs reporting about? If we are imprinted with the dualism that the United States, Britain, and Israel are justice, and Palestine, Syria and Iran are not, we lose sight of the essence of the things. The picture of “democracy” versus “totalitarian” battle may be a straightforward explanation, but it is full of lies. Even after slaying Saddam Hussein in Iraq [1937-2006], Gaddafi Gaddafi in Libya [1942-2011], and Osama bin Laden in Afghanistan [1957-2011], I do like you to remember that “the Arab Spring” is far from to accomplish. Western mass media, including Japan, are repeating the fixed idea that Russia is “evil” and Ukraine is “right” in a dualistic view.

There are moves that should not be overlooked. It is a coalition of new politics and religion from latter half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century to the first half of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. What superpowers have in common is not the separation of church and state. Rather, they seek an integration of politics and religions. Religion and politics have also been strongly linked in the United States, the great one of the West. Billy Graham [1918-2018]<sup>26</sup> was in charge of prayers at the president inauguration

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<sup>24</sup> 2018. *The Greatest Humanitarian Tragedy in the History of Mankind: the 2<sup>nd</sup> Syria Volunteer Report*. Erasmus Institute of Peace Studies. February 17. p.5-7.

Many of Japanese knowledgeable person see the Assad administration is conducting genocides on his own people and it goes against the Arab Spring phenomena, because of the US propaganda that Assad is using sarin and other chemical weapons. The Assad regime is one-sidedly reported as a “devil’s dictatorship”, “brutal and murderous regime” through the Western media. However, it is true that many of the Syrians we met supported the Assad regime. I got an impression that the anti-government groups were rather isolated. (Quoted from the text “Is the Assad regime the cause of all evil?”)

Source: 9) 2016. *The truth about Syria never reported by TV and Newspapers*. M, Kunieda. Asahi Bunko. p.14-15. 10) 2015. T, Fujimoto. *Workplace Tourism: The most famous Japanese in Syria*. Gentosha Literary Publication. p.276. 11) *ibid.* 113. “Arab distress seen from Lebanon: America’s Injustice.”

12) 2018. *Nikkei*. February 10. 13) 1987. Y, Sasaki. If you don’t know Islam, you can’t see the world. Youyoushya Publishing. p.67. 14) *ibid.* p.108. “Arab distress seen from Lebanon: America’s Injustice.” 15) *ibid.* p.116. 16) 2015. K, Tsumura. *What did Middle East correspondents see in Syria?* dZERO. p.85-86. 17) 2012. M, Tsutsumi. The government always lies. Kadokawa Magazines. p.19.

\*All of Japanese books above with provisional translation.

<sup>25</sup> A fake video created using artificial intelligence (AI).

<sup>26</sup> Billy Graham [1918-2018]. America’s most prominent Christian (Southern Baptist Convention) pastor. He was called “an American evangelist”, and the leading person of the revival movement in the mid-20<sup>th</sup>

of Nixon [1913-1994] and Reagan [1911-2004] Graham is an evangelical pope in the United States, South Korea, and various Asian countries. He had an influence and intervened in the Vietnam War<sup>27</sup>, the Gulf War, and wars in Afghanistan, Iran, and Iraq. He stands on a consistent anti-communist position. Patriarch Kirill of Moscow of Russian Orthodox Church has also consistent ruthlessness ideology towards LGBTQ people in the West through the struggles between good and evil.

Victor (65) from Zhytomyr Ukraine, who also speaks Russian, said that “It is not decisive whether I consider myself as Russian or Ukrainian. It doesn't matter which nationality I belong to, but which one you support depends on time, place and choice.”

His words made me think that it is ridiculous to shed blood, even though they are of the same ethnic group and of the same Orthodox Church followers. Moreover, it made me to realize that if outside countries force their worldviews of “human rights”, “justice”, and “democracy” would only make the war situation even more complicated.

The unfamiliar term “the Global South” is appearing frequently in the media. On the other hand, “the Global North” has a disparity that occupies 75% of the world’s vaccines.

It’s something you cannot realize in Japan that the world isn’t monolithic in criticism of Russia. The Global South keeps their distant from Ukraine. They are cold to the “justice” that advanced countries, especially Britain and the United States, and the dual structure that prioritizes their own country. It is unfortunate for mankind that there is no power, including the United Nations, to end the hegemony of Britain and the United States, and Israel over Middle East.

## **b. Abandoned Syria**

About the big earthquake, Japan is actively providing support to Turkey, but Syria has been left behind<sup>28</sup>.

Norwegian peace scholar Johan Galtung [1930- ]<sup>29</sup> called a violence when an assailant is unknown as “indirect violence”. Galtung defines cultural violence that are religions, art, science and cosmology that legalize structural violence. In our organization, people, who are homeless, schizophrenic, and handicapped, are relatively marginalized by society, work as our core

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century. He conducted over 400 Evangelistic gatherings, which were simultaneously broadcasted to over 185 countries. He derived gospel to 215 million people and told people about Christ. He offered prayers at the inauguration ceremonies of successive American presidents, and provided emotional support as a chaplain of the White House.

<sup>27</sup> Cambodia was also bombed [1969-1973] due to the disruption of North Vietnam's transportation of troops and supplies. Approximately 150,000 people were killed.

<sup>28</sup> 2023. “*Why does the world cold to Syria?*” *Voices from the disaster site*. Kayoko Fund. February 6.

<https://www.christiantoday.co.jp/articles/31981/20230210/why-is-the-world-so-cold-to-syria.htm>

2023. *The world has abandoned. Civilians at disaster area pray for the rescue of their families*. Kyodo News. February 10.

<sup>29</sup> 1991. J. Galtung. *Violence, peace and peace research; A structural theory of imperialism; Cold war, peace and development; 1989 fall in East Europe: what happened and why?* Translated by Takayanagi Sakio. Chuo University Press. p.44.

2015. Y. Iwamura. *Christianity and Pacifism*. OCC College Lecture. p.22.

2022. Y. Iwamura. *Why Article 9 of the Constitution important?* Headquarters of Executive Board of Kobe “Nobel Peace Prize for Article 9”. Hyogo Kenmin Kaikan. p.22.

Selfishness presupposes individuals seeking to maximize their own interests at the cost of others. On the other hand, altruism presupposes individuals who seek to best serve the interests of others, even at the cost of own self.



members<sup>30</sup>. There is no subsidy nor support for transportation costs from the state, prefecture, or volunteer center (VC), and it is like a hand-to-mouth operation. I don't know if it is because of that, we are in a position to be sensitive to the pain, suffering, anger, and frustration of the Syrian and Palestinian people. Furthermore, many of the people who support us are not wealthy at all.

On the Palestinian issue, I often explain in detail of "Liberation theology", which the Kobe International Christ Church stands on<sup>31</sup>. "God is not to be underestimated about terrorism in Palestine and the Middle East. Politicians and leaders who brought the ravages of war do not bring education, medical care, and welfare to the Palestinian people, even in the midst of the COVID-19 crisis. It has been more than 70 years. A heartless person<sup>32</sup> who has become a prayer teacher for such people. Those religious people should perform 'metanoia' <sup>33</sup>(repent)'. (Romans 1:31)" Not only politicians, officials, economic leaders, scholars, and media, but also religious people would be seen as "ignorant, dishonest, heartless, and merciless" by the public. Where will salvation come from for people who are in need due to wars, earthquakes, tsunami, etc.? As a result of my religious pilgrimage, the vague sight on the borazon was a hideous darkness. I'm almost choking because I feel like I can't get out of the long tunnel anymore. The epidemic of the invisible COVID virus that leaks from the medical facility next door. How am I supposed to live with neighbors who are thrash around about the insanity of indifference.

Why am I still remaining even after being smashed over and over again like a cockroach<sup>34</sup>? This is the proof that God exists. I have lived stubbornly. No matter how much people disliked me, I still alive with bad breath. Airstrikes by the Britain and the United States forces, Israeli forces and Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi [1971-2019] will not extinguish my desire to build "Kayoko Children's Home". Asians tend to think that tangible things will perish<sup>35</sup>. But liberation of orphans, who have no one to rely on, from landmines, hunger and isolations will be the responsibility of adults, societies and communities. Because orphans, single widows, elderly people living alone, and refugees have no political responsibility based on war. They must receive basic human rights. Christ humbled himself by his historical interventions against people without human rights. It is a work of an ambassador level to go out with the gospel; "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery." (Galatians 5:1) Have institutional religions protected the tortured poor?

### c. The biggest unreported battlefield

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<sup>30</sup> 2022. Y, Iwamura. *Essence of Volunteer-do*. Mint Kobe. p.9.

We head to the site with people who have been received oppression, discrimination and prejudiced, "street living (homeless) people", "people with schizophrenia, depression", and "physically challenged people".

<sup>31</sup> 2021. Y, Iwamura. *Is it fine to be indifferent to the tragedy in Palestine?* Erasmus Institute for Peace.

<sup>32</sup> The word "heartless" is means in the Greek word "lack of natural affection, loveless, heartless that derived from ἄστοργος (στοργή <love>). (Romans 1:31).

<sup>33</sup> The original meaning of the verb *metanoia* is *meta*, "change" + *now* "think" = "change perspective" and "logic of negation" (Mr 1:15). (33 times in the New Testament). *Metanoia* in the noun form (22 times). ``Continued: ``The God Who Stands on the Side of Those Who Have Been Made Small" (Tetsuro Honda, Shinseisha, 2000, p.106-107).

<sup>34</sup> 2021. Y, Iwamura. *Christianity and Volunteerism: From Horizontal <Movement> to Vertical <Activity>*, Shuenren, University of Tokyo, 2016, p.29,30.

<sup>35</sup> "*Shoyogyo mujyo* (諸行無常: the impermanence of all things" was translated by Faxian of the Eastern Jin dynasty which is written in "*the Mahāyāna Mahāparinirvāṇa Sūtra* (大般涅槃經), *hinayana*." It equivalents to "Nothing is permanent". 1989. H, Nakamura. *Iwanami Buddhism Dictionary*. Iwanami Shoten. p.648.

There is one of the biggest battlefields between Russia and Ukraine that have not been covered by Western media.

Information of the eastern Donbas, Donetsk Oblast, and Bakhmut is sweeping the world. Is the battle told by the American think tank “Institute for the Study of War (ISW)” true? Neither side’s information about the number of deaths, destroyed combat vehicles, soldiers cannot be trusted. Numbers are keep increasing or decreasing. Accurate statistics are impossible on the front lines.

Kone International Sustaining Organization has made 4 times visits to cities near the capital in Kyiv (Kiev) Oblast. We have been holding meetings with Oksana, who will take charge of the house, to decide where to build the first orphanage house among three candidates sites. There are areas that the Russian army had been aiming at with a keen eye from just before the invasion on February 24<sup>th</sup>. Only two places in Kyiv were occupied by the Russian army, Bucha and Irpin.

Last year, 3 months after firing the war, Moschun area of Bucha was heavily guarded against outsiders and journalists by the Ukrainian army. Photography was also prohibited. During my visit in May, I could not know which side blew up the bridge between Bucha to the capital city, why Russian army did not enter Kyiv even they had been stationed in Bucha and Irpin for more than a month. In conversations with survivors of the devastating battlefields of Moschun, a village near Bucha, I heard some unexpected information. Russia’s aim was to capture “Hostomel Airport (Ukrainian: Аеропорт "Гостомель””.

Unintentionally I asked again “why?”

Moschun [Moshchun] village where is close to the airport is only 30 km away from the capital Kyiv. The airport was once one of the most important fortresses for launching space satellites into outer space during the Soviet era.

On February 24, 2022, Russian 200-man “Spetsnaz” elite airborne unit descended from helicopter to attack Kyiv, but they were completely destroyed by waiting American subsidiary troops. The reason why the non-regular U.S. troops was guarding the airport is also shrouded in mystery. Although they did not give their control of the airport by the Russian army’s strongest elite unit, but 2 days later, it was invaded by the Russian army. The Ukrainian army kept heavy battle with the Russian army to get back airport control. Ukraine’s proud, Antonov An-225 Mriya, the world’s largest aircrafts, was also blown up by the Russian troops. Although it was the fiercest battlefield than the eastern front, Ukraine has fixed the world’s attention on the eastern front, so the heavy battle at the airport remains largely unknown to this day. The commander of the Ukrainian army, Magomed Tusyaev (Russian Border Forces 141st Regiment), defended Hostomeli Airport, despite the loss of many Ukrainian soldiers. Putin’s was thinking as his strategy that if he took over the airport, he can send large numbers of soldiers. His strategy was probably to move immediately, capture the capital of Ukraine, win a short-term decisive battle, and force the Ukrainian to surrender. But his plan had gone wrong. The area around the airport was a vital point of the Ukrainian front line and was very tensed. As soon as I stepped in that area, fear went through my whole body. In order to prevent the real situation from being leaked to the Russia side, the Ukrainian army imposed a gag order. The area around Moschun village, which we visited in February 2023, was tensed. It was just a year after the breaking out war, so fear of attacking the airport again covered the sky, forest, and abandoned houses in the area. When I was about to take a picture, a surveillance person, who I could not tell either a civilian or a military officer, suddenly appeared from nowhere and ordered me to erase the whole data. Taking pictures of destroyed-broken buildings, roads, and village without people were forbidden. A shoe of Ukrainian soldiers is left here and there. It tells us the how great number of Sacrifice of Ukrainian soldiers are. The vivid colors of the single flower that was offered to the casualties

contrasted with the darkness of the battlefield. There are no ceremonies to bury the war dead. In Ukraine, since April 2022, they had no choice but forcing to call the national policy of sending men aged 18 to 60 to the front lines in the east. The sense of being in battlefield had risen. There was no mercy,

### (3) Limitations of democracy

#### a. Skirmish or War?

What threatens humanity now is extreme weather and the reality that 805 million people in developing countries continue to face hunger. On the other hand, in Japan, we dispose 30 million meals every day due to expiration dates, and we are terrified of variant virus infection that even the name of the disease is unknown. It is said that we should expand our armaments and before being attacked, we must be equipped by “Enemy Base Attack Ability (Counterattack ability)<sup>36</sup>”. Article 9 of the Constitution is ignored. It has been 78 years after “The nation is broken, though mountains and rivers remain (國破山河在: nation-broken-mountain-river-remain <Poetry ‘Lüshi 律詩 by Du Fu 杜甫)’”, but the pledge not to fight again has not been taken. Not to mention, Japan became the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest military power state in the world. People believe that devotion to authority is justice rather than legal freedom. Surveillance cameras are everywhere, and we are used to hear repeated announcements asking us to do something for safety, even on public transportation. The Absolute will monitor the people with regulation, standardized education, and police force. A French philosopher, Michel Foucault<sup>37</sup>, described the modern society advocating democracy as “the panopticon” society. Foucault described today's ruling society as a prison of “panopticon (all seeing)<sup>38</sup>”, which was originated by a British utilitarianism philosopher, Jeremy Bentham. Japanese people are not only being choked in fixed living environment, they are foolishly saying “the world is peaceful” and rely on their fate and are resigned. People are indifferent to problems of depopulation, aging, declining birthrate, and the lower age of suicide.

The United State is a white people’s country that demonstrate a climax of democracy. The white minority has oppressed the black majority, the growing number of Hispanics, and the Native Indians.

On May 25 (Monday), 2020, a black man, George Floyd, was arrested by a white police officer in Minneapolis Minnesota, and died unconscious at the scene. It is a typical thing of wartime that violence takes place behind closed doors<sup>39</sup>. In war, torture is a common barbarity. We must not forget the cases of Abu Ghraib prison<sup>40</sup> (the US army tortured captive soldiers of Iraq War) in Iraq, and Guantanamo Bay detention camp<sup>41</sup> (Long term detention of prisoners of war in Afghanistan without trial) in Cuba.

Even they call themselves as the democratic state, if we introduce the facts and theories that

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<sup>36</sup> “Enemy Base Attack Ability”. On September 30, 2022, Yamaguchi Toshikazu, a president of the Yomiuri Shimbun Group Headquarters, argued that it is necessary to have the ability to attack enemy bases.

<sup>37</sup> Michel Foucault [1926-1984] referenced in 1974.

1977. M, Foucault. *Discipline and Punish: The Birth of the Prison*. Translated by Tamura Hajime. Shinchosha Publishing. p.202-204.

<sup>38</sup> Panopticon (Greek word πάν “all” pan+ὄπτικ “seeing” optik) is a form of centralized prison conceived by the British utilitarian philosopher Jeremy Bentham [1748-1832] that he pondered his idea for improving prison management. Panoramic monitoring facility (equipment).

<sup>39</sup> Kobayashi Takiji [1903-1933] is a novelist of *Kani Kōsen* (蟹工船: The Crab Cannery Ship). Intentional torture to kill. A picture of miserable dead bodies. 2015. Y, Iwamura. *Christianity and Pacifism*. p.15.

<sup>40</sup> “Terreur et Martyre” 2008, Gilles KEPPEL, Relever le défi de civilisation p.30-33.

<sup>41</sup> // p.19-29.

they have fought wars so far, we will be led to a completely different conclusion. The typical example of this is clear from the points made by Bruce Russett [1935-], an American political scientist<sup>42</sup>. He shows a list of wars between democratic nations.

The War of 1812 (1812), the war of the Roman Republic v. France (1849), the American Civil War (1861), the war of Ecuador v. Colombia (1863), the Franco-Prussian War (the Kingdom of Prussia v. France: 1870), the Spanish–American War (U.S. v. Spain: 1898), the Second Boer War (British and Dutch Afrikaans: 1899), the 2<sup>nd</sup> Philippine–American War (1899), World War I (the German Empire v. Euro-American democratic republic: 1914-1917), World War II (Finland v. Western Democratic Republic: 1941), Lebanon v. Israel (1948), Lebanon v. Israel (1967). Those twelve states.

In 1975, a dispute over fishing rights between Iceland and the Britain led to “the Cod Wars”. In 1982, the conflict between the Britain and Argentina erupted. The number of deaths reached over 950 people. However, Russett’s analysis is always preceded by the viewpoint that democracy is always “right”. Probably because of that, it sounds me as a weasel-worded excuse. A war that even created death ends with a happy ending. They don’t care about bloodshed.

The Spanish-American War was treated as an exception because of reality that the scars of battle could not be ignored. What the analysis has to say as a self-serving argument is that they do not mention the Irish-British engagement.

Those who, orphans, single women who have lost their husbands, single living elderly people, and even refugees, are not need to take political responsibilities due to war but they face to harms. The arbitrariness theory that democracy can avoid war is dangerous.

Should we consider the indiscriminate slaughter situation in Ukraine and Syria in the category of “war”? Once we enter the scene, I saw the bottom point of losing parents, killed the household of the family, and being handicapped by landmines. It looks as not a war damage, but victims of “violence”, “tyranny”, and “perversion”. It cannot be solved by militaristic way. As I mentioned earlier, what was the reason for the withdrawal of the United States from Iraq and the Soviet Union from Afghanistan? It was because they could not deal with the chaotic agonizing cries anymore.

## **b. Theory of war that persists in the territorial issue**

*Ryoshin-shya* (良心者: conscientious objector)<sup>43</sup> would as that a foreign military invasion leads to put the country under occupation, so the country people cannot stand because it is just like watching a thief break into their own house. Even if Japan is not a proponent of Clausewitz, an atmosphere that insists that war is a necessary evil covers entire Japan. Mozi of China [c. 475–221 BCE] was the person who told the oldest systematic “pacifist” theory in the world. Mozi wrote the “non-attack” book that is divided into Vol.1,2, and 3 (上/中/下: first-second-third). “Non-attack” is the act of denying or preventing a war of aggression. Mozi unveiled himself that he is from an “outcast”, and was the leader of a group of craftsmen who moved from place to place to look for work. He said, “If you kill one person, it will be called unrighteousness and you will surely be guilty of on death. Now that you have done a lot of unrighteousness and attacked the country, that is, you do not know what is wrong, so you praised this act and call it

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<sup>42</sup> 1994. B. M. Russett. *Grasping the Democratic Peace” Principles for Post-Cold War World*. Princeton University Press, New Jersey. p.17. (Translated by Kamo Takehiko in 1996. University of Tokyo Press. p.26)

<sup>43</sup> *Ryoshin-shya* (良心者: conchie < Good-heart-person>) is shortened of conscientious objector. A coined word by Iwamura Yoshio, The Mainichi Newspapers (April 8, 2015). “*Ryoshin-sha* (conchie) continue to cry out for Article 9 to be disseminated worldwide.”

righteousness<sup>44</sup>.” Until the 18<sup>th</sup> century, Mozi’s thought was ignored.

Andō Shōeki [1703-1762], a doctor from Hachinohe Aomori Prefecture, who studied at the Dutch trading house, even he shared a remarkably similar view of peace with Mozi, he did not write about it. The teaching of Mencius, who respect the spirit of Confucianism and respect for teachers, parents, and lord, became mainstream. It seems that Mozi’s non-war argument did not reach Shōeki ears. Shōeki studied not only this history of raise and fall of Chinese dynasties, but also the “*Ki-ki* (記紀 <the *Kojiki*: 古事記 *Records of Ancient Matters*, The *Nihon Shoki*: 日本書紀 *The Chronicles of Japan*>), and he wrote “*Shizen shineido* (自然真營道)”. He admonished against aggression, looting, and robbery of other countries by “*chi* (治: structural and indirect violence)” and “*ran* (亂: human made and direct violence)” in his book. He analyzed “the root of conflict” as, “For the sake of the use of gold and silver, the law of buying and selling has become popular, and the world’s interests have been raised. They try to take over Japan from China and India, and they invade Korean peninsula from Japan to get Taiwan. They set up a law of sale of gold and silver and made for people freely and easily to buy. This is the root of conflict”<sup>45</sup>. He criticized wars of aggression against foreign countries as arising from both military and economic ambitions. It should be noted that there was a philosopher of “state of peace”, the opposite of war, during the Edo period in Japan. Shōeki denies aggressions of Empress Jingū's legendary military invasion of Korea in the 3rd century, Toyotomi Hideyoshi's the Japanese invasions of Korea (1592–1598), the rule of Satsuma clan over Ryukyu Kingdom, and invasion of Matsumae clan to the *Ainu mosir* (the quiet earth of human beings). At the beginning of “*Sun Tzu* (孫子)”, it criticizes that “Soldiers are important matters that decides the fate of a nation.” and it states that “Soldiers are tools that disturbs the world.” The Japanese should be proud of the fact that was as a predecessor who said, “Soldiers are weapons. If you keep utilizing this continuously, it is same as keep stealing without stopping”<sup>46</sup>.”

The non-war theory of “no-attack” of Shōeki and Mozi is the guideline of mankind that should be reconsidered. *Ryoshin-shya* is neither a traitor nor a betrayer to its country. Nor they don’t have the goal of overthrowing the political form of the ruler, seizing it, and creating a new government. Prince Shōtoku, who preached the “the world”, stood at the center of politics while criticizing secular activities. Fighting for non-war is not an anarchist who says “no” to the regime, nor have the will of power to replace the current regime by themselves. This is because *Ryoshin-shya* people are not broad-minded enough to show tolerance toward all sorts of things at the center of politics. It is rather than denying the whole state power, but it is a resistance to military power.

Pope John Paul II [1920-2005] declared on March 20, 2003, “There can be no forward progress into the future without reflection on the past”, and he ask forgiveness for all the evil committed by Christians during the last thousand years. Britain and Northern Ireland have been in conflict for centuries. A hierarchy of control backed by force only invites a chain reaction. The 39th G8 summit was held in June 2013 at resort hotel in the isolated Lough Erne, Northern Ireland, UK.

There are 50 walls that separate inhabitant area between the Roman Catholic Congregation and Anglican Episcopal Church in Ireland. The antagonism of armed clashes between the two states has not yet been resolved. On June 20, 2014, a large-scale conflict between the two powers

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<sup>44</sup> 1973. *Mozi*. Translated by Wada Takeshi. Tokuma Shoten. p.91.

Mozi strongly emphasized that war is the greatest unrighteousness by showing that war is essentially an act of murder through the principle of “non-aggression”. (ibid. p.20)

<sup>45</sup> 1970. D, Watanabe. *Andō Shōeki and Shizenshineido*. Keiso Shobo. p.300.

<sup>46</sup> ibid. p.149.

occurred near Short Strand in Catholic district where is sandwiched between the Protestant districts of eastern Belfast, Northern Ireland. Their division and hatred will not be removed until both sides return to the Bible.

We must not misunderstand the territorial issue as an issue of the peculiar are of a country. Old wars would have invaded enemy nations and taken their surrender by force. However, today's wars are meaningless even if one country invades another's land but the people living there do not obey the occupying country. The countries without military forces such as, Republic of Costa Rica, Republic of Palau, Republic of Kiribati, Independent State of Samoa, Republic of Maldives, Republic of Mauritius, Principality of Andorra, Principality of Monaco, Principality of Liechtenstein, Iceland, Commonwealth of Dominica, Republic of Haiti, Republic of Panama, military power countries will not invade. Because for example, in Costa Rica, if Costa Ricans don't welcome the invasion, there is no point in going to war.

Martin Luther King Jr called for a non-violent bus boycott fight. As a result, he passed the Civil Rights Act and made the walls between blacks and whites lower. The word "boycott" was named after the British land agent Charles Cunningham Boycott [1832–1897]. The British boycott is originally from the collective opposition from tenant farmers in Ireland. Even in Northern Ireland, even though the British conducted armed aggression and concurred the land, the Ireland people was not welcomed them, so their invasion had no meaning. The reason Russian military set forth on expeditions to Crimea, Donetsk and Transnistria is that they are supported by the people living there. If we keep arguing about the Senkaku Islands and Takeshima as own historically inherent territory, we need steady heads to remind that the British Empire, which once ruled the seven seas, had occupied about one-fifth of the earth<sup>47</sup>. When we discuss historical indigenouness, we have to realize that neither Russia nor Japan is qualified. We must return the Kuril Islands (meaning "our people live" in the Ainu language) to the indigenous Ainu people. The cause of protracted resolution of territorial disputes are nationalism, sovereign states and borders.

Just like doing boycott, there is no place for *Ryoshin-shya* who keep no-fight in wartime to flee back to their homeland in England with desperation of life. They put their life in danger, "If I do this, I know the consequences, but I cannot help doing it". Not only himself, but also this family would be looked down in their community, company and school. His bonuses, retirement benefits, and unemployment benefits are also taken away, and is forced to experience of family member's suicide.

After 9/11, "peace" became an illusion. We fall into the brain freeze to think that Islam = terrorism. We need the wisdom to stop encouraging animosity for the sake of war by saying, "The reason why our civilization has survived and continued is that we have admitted our mistakes and corrected many of them."<sup>48</sup>

Therefore, in any country, *Ryoshin-shya* seeks to create a society that their rights to talk about peace policy at an impartially constituted court (court-martial) regarding on will of deserting weapons. They hope that the preceding of inquiry like the Act on the Protection of Specially

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<sup>47</sup> In 1922, the total territory of the British Empire was 3,330 square kilometers, 22.43% of the world's land area.

2004. N, Ferguson. *Empire, The rise and demise of the British world order and the lessons for global power*. Basic Books.

<sup>48</sup> 2011. *Newsweek*. February 11.

Andrew Sullivan is a British writer. "We have survived and endured as a civilization because we have recognized our errors and corrected them."

Designated Secrets, should be opened to the public, not keep it known by only government leaders, chiefs, and police officers. No country of any thought, ideology, or system should impose the death penalty on *Ryoshin-shya*. I request the law that *Ryoshin-shya* can exempt from military training and the obligations required in the military. I hope that there will be an international agreement that will apply conditional certificates that allow people to engage in non-combat work regardless of nationality, LGBTQ<sup>49</sup>, or educational background.

### c. Alternative values to democracy

Peace in Hebrew is “שָׁלוֹם *shalom*”. The original meaning is “complete, whole” and it comes from the verb “שָׁלַם *shalem*”. “Shalem” means “to finish, without defect” in Zakhar, and “to complete, to be secured, to restore perfectly as it was” in Piel<sup>50</sup>. “Non-war” does not equal to “peace”. Sugata Dasgupta<sup>51</sup> from Gandhi Institute told at the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Peace Studies in 1968 that if there is a state of “peaceless”, then there can be no peace.

There are three values that surpass democracy. One is no-war. The second is a religion to be with “nothing”. And the third is “*Koushien* (耕支縁. Cultivation-support-relationship)”. It eliminates borders to move from war to non-war. From the pyramid-shaped religious hierarchy, we should change to aim for a spirituality of “no” religion<sup>52</sup> to live together regardless of nationalities, languages, and skin color. Even if it is a small empty space in the city, it is necessary to return to enjoying the blessings of nature through self-made farming. It has no relation to greed. It is a 50 years plan. The first 7 years, we will deepen diplomacy, exchange prayers, and provide a guarantee equivalent to a basis income<sup>53</sup>, and next following 7 years, we will abolish the policy that is based on the Japan-U.S. Security Treaty. We will promote organic farming methods by natural dams, river construction methods, pesticide-free based on the idea of “Resurrection of Rice Field, Mountain, and Bay”.

Another 7 years later, it is a high-rise house made of wood, not concrete. We will abolish nuclear power, space satellites, and linear power, and promote renewable energy that does not rely on depleted resources. Over the next seven years, the highly indebted poor countries (countries with debt exceeding 80% of GNP) and the developed countries of the Global North will reduce their debt. This will save children in poor regions such as Africa who are starving to death<sup>54</sup>. “Do not take interest or

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<sup>49</sup> We need to coexist with LGBTQ sexual minorities through dialogue that we have been ignorance, indifference, and passive toward them.

<sup>50</sup> 1907. H. F. W. Gesenius; Edward Robinson; Francis Brown; S. R. Driver; Charles A. *A Hebrew and English Lexicon of the Old Testament: With an Appendix containing the Biblical Aramaic*. Oxford University Press. p.1022. ; 2008. J. Macquarrie. *The concept of peace*. Translated by Toubou Yoshinobu. Shinkyō Publishing. p.35.

<sup>51</sup> 1968. *Peaceless-ness and Maldevelopment: A new theme for peace research in developing nations*. International Peace Research Association Second International Conference, ASSE. Van Gorcum. Vol II, p.20-21.

<sup>52</sup> 2022. Y. Iwamura. Peace University Lecture. Keynote Theme at World Conference of Religious for Peace. March 10. “Mu (無)” religion is not irreligion, but it means Christ himself came to this earth as “mu”. (Phillipians 2:7, 1Corinthians 1:23). He built a new community with the Greek word ὄχλος *ochlos* = אָמְהָרָה [Hebrew word *am ha-ha'ares* means ‘people’). Yoshio Iwamura proposed that this was the origin of the “Mu (無)” religion.

<sup>53</sup> Basic Income (hereinafter referred to as BI) is a policy that provides all citizens with the minimum amount of cash they need to live on a regular basis, unconditionally, until they die. The Irish government is reportedly experimenting with a “basic income.” “The New York Times” March 31, 2023 asks Ian Fay, 32, how the guaranteed minimum income has changed the lives of artists.

<sup>54</sup> Sociologist *A. Giddens* calls globalization (economic, political, cultural, and social ties that transcend national borders decisively condition the fate of people living within each country). *A world running out of control: What and how will globalization change?* (translated by Takamitsu Sawa, Diamond Publishing, 2001) and

any profit from them, but fear your God, so that they may continue to live among you.” (Leviticus 25:36).

7 years x 7 times = 50th year following 49th year (Year of Jubilee<sup>55</sup>) later, we will break away from the roots of all evils that Ivan Illich<sup>56</sup> sharply criticized modern society. At that time, deschooling, the dehospitalization, and depoliticize will be realized. Environmental justice will be delivered widely. Violence, crime and discrimination will no longer exist, and we will be freed from oppressive power and authority. It will be the beginning of a new community that humanity has never been able to achieve before.

### <Conclusion>

Advocating non-war is branded as a coward. It takes courage to give up your armor, even if you are called coward. But if you have a determination of “Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. (Matthew 10:28)”, you will not give up. It is incompatible with a way of life that is lived for wealth, fame, and power. People may despise you as “die for nothing” if you need to stop something for non-war. We cannot sell our souls on the judgement of humans who breath through their noses.

A major democratic power is providing military support to the Russia-Ukraine war. In 2011, the Middle East plunged into civil war due to its support of the “Arab Spring” democratization movement. In Syria, Libya and Yemen are suffering from hunger and humanitarian crises. It cannot be denied that “democratization” has become a hotbed for terrorism. In particular, the value of Article 9 of the Constitution, which Japan is proud of, is losing its meaning, since there is a wave of revisions of it. I sent the following message to the Nobel Peace Prize Committee in Oslo on January 31 this year.

*There are movements to distort the history of the wars that wreaked havoc on neighboring countries in Asia and to jeopardize the bonds of friendship with them. The group that emphasizes such friction with neighboring countries are trying to distort Article 9 in order to use war as a means of solving international disputes. In the Japanese Constitution renounces “war” in Paragraph 1 Article 9, and in Paragraph 2, pledges not to hold “war potential power”. However, the current Prime Minister of Japan says, “the Self-Defense Forces are military force and are constitutional.” On December]16, 2022, the Kishida Fumio administration approved three security-related documents (National Security Strategy of Japan, the National Defense Strategy, Defense buildup plan”. He threw away the previous policy of “exclusive defense” and declared possession of “enemy base attack ability”. They will invest 43 trillion yen in military budget over the next five years. Now is not the time to increase defense budget, but as Japan, the only country*

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environmental justice that resists developmentalism, which is structural violence. “Radical Democracy: The Politics of Possibility” (C. Douglas Lummis, translated by Eitoko Kaji, Iwanami Shoten, 1998).

<sup>55</sup> "Jubilee" (Hebrew יוֹבֵל (meaning "ram's horn") yowbel, Latin *Annus sanctus, Jubilaeum*, English Jubilee). On the 50th "Jubilee Year", a horn will be blown to declare liberation to all residents.

<sup>56</sup> Ivan Illich [1926-2002] is a civilization critic born in Vienna, Austria. He criticis of modern industrial society. 2017. M, Murata. *Between Christianity and Sociology*. Koyo Shobo. p.240.

Illich is a former Catholic priest born in Vienna, who wrote in books of “*Deschooling Society* (Japanese translation, 1971)”, “*Limits to Medicine: Medical Nemesis* (Japanese translation, 1979)” that we have no choice but to act as a good “consumer” in the industrial society. In his book, he calls for the revival of human beings as “independent existence” by focusing on the existence of students who obey to the organization called school in their school education, and patients who are curing only their disease in hospital.



*has suffered from atomic bombings in war, should develop thorough and peaceful diplomacy. No one in East Asia wants to use military forces over the horrors of the Ukraine war. Only with Article 9 of the Constitution, which acts as a brake on warring nation, we can promote peaceful diplomacy without posing a threat to neighboring countries. Article 9 of the Constitution will serve as the basis for spreading the circle of the idea of rejection for military expansion and giving up participation in the war on the issue of “conflict over Taiwan”. Maintaining Article 9 of the Constitution was a strong desire of those who experienced the tragedy of war. And this thought still live on many Japanese people today. Since the birth of this constitution, we have a history of many people have made various movements and efforts, such as opposition to the Vietnam War, in order to protect and live the spirit of Article 9 without changing the constitution even once. Article 9 of the Constitution is preventing Japan to be a military superpower state. The existence of Article 9 of the Constitution has won the trust not only of neighboring countries but also of the international community. Furthermore, we strongly believe that Article 9 of the Constitution will be a breakthrough in resolving the world’s wars, conflicts, and violences. As a gift of hope of people to the future generations, I once again resolve to advocate Article 9 of the Constitution, which is the crystal of human wisdom, and as a treasure of the world. We strongly believe that Article 9 of the Constitution is worthy to be selected as the Nobel Peace Prize and we appeal it to the world.*

Is the “national body” immortal? Even if you take up arms and decide to fight because you love your country, it doesn’t mean that your country will last forever. It may be forced again into unconditional surrender. There is no guarantee that it will rise and fall like the Roman Empire. We must wake up from the danger of becoming insensitive, stolidity and nullified by the dehumanization that comes with fighting because of your love to country. If you truly love your country, there will be a universal line of sight in choosing to look back on your own life. “Thou shalt not kill”. The non-war pledge not to kill lives is eternal. Let’s have the spirit of “My life depends on this straight road (Matsuo Bashō [1644-1694]. 奥の細道 *Oku no Hosomichi*: The Narrow Road to the Deep North)”. Only the brave, not the coward, live for eternal testimony.

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