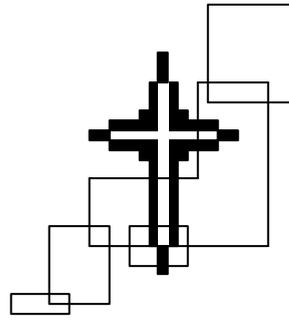


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The World of Adam and the World of Christ

Rev. Kinya Hayashida

There are two worlds; one is “the Adam’s world” and the other is “the Christ’s world.”

Man who is justified by faith and is granted peace with God is “the new man.” This man belongs to “the Christ’s world.”

On the other hand, there is a man who does not live by faith but live in sin. Such a man lives in “the Adam’s world.”

Man called Adam was the first human being created by God, but he took and ate “the forbidden fruit of the tree” that was forbidden by God to take and eat, he sinned against God. That is to say that he was the first sinner.

If a man lives in “the Adam’s world,” he is the person entrapped in sin with a sinner’s label placed on him.

However, if a man lives in “the world of Christ,” he is deemed sinless and become a newly created man receiving reconciliation with God. (II Corinthians 5:17)

The man who lives in “the Adam’s world” is dying, while the man who lives in “the Christ’s

world” began to walk toward the everlasting life.

“The Adam’s world” means the old before us, at present, and after us.

But, “the Christ’s world” is the world where “for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here.” It is in (II Corinthians 5:17.)

Man had been abandoned by God through Adam, but he found God again through Christ. The road parted into two paths here. And again they may meet again. The other path will lead to the old world; this path will lead to the new world.

There is the declaration of death in the other path; there is joy of the everlasting life in this path.

That is why the person like Adam, who had been abandoned by God and received a death sentence, can receive a sentence of everlasting life if he accepts Christ and reconciles with God. So, a conversion from the former to the latter means victory to that person.

Although I have compared the two worlds side by side, they should not be compared on

equal basis. This is because, as stated in (I Corinthian 15:45~49), those who are in Christ is totally converted second Adam. As such “the Christ world” is not simply a metamorphosed “Adam’s world,” but it is more than that. Furthermore, those who are justified have no place to return if they fall into sin. As it is stated in (Hebrew 6:4~6), “As for those people who were once brought into the light, and tasted the gift from heaven, and received a share of the Holy Spirit, and appreciated the good message of God and the powers of the world to come and yet in spite of this fallen away – it is possible for them to be renewed a second time. They cannot be repented if they have willfully crucified the Son of God and openly mocked him.”

And, the Resurrection of Christ is emancipation from death and not merely being resuscitated. So, there is such thing as “death of death.” “Death of death” means that death completely disappears.

It is the content of visitation of salvation, the power of God, and the power of the Resurrection.

“Death” is the ultimately severe law in this world of ours. What we know about “death” is that it is the denial of “living” and its destruction. However, we should bear deeply in our mind that “death” means being under God’s wrath.

This is the reason why “death” is the ultimate law. According to the law of entropy, every flame once ignites it burns to ashes. For example, if the earth were to burst into flame only a chunk of ashes would be left behind.

“Death” is the ultimate law to this extent.

This is why “salvation” must be “salvation” from “death.”

It is God that overcomes this last enemy (I Corinthian 15:26). That is to say that only God can erase “death.”

Then, what is “death?” How did “death” become the ultimate law of this world?

It was a deed of “sin.” Moreover, it came

from a single person’s sin. It was the result of one person daringly crossed God’s borderline succumbing to temptation of Satan, who said “God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods,” and attempted to become like God.

As a result of this, we all have to die. If the sinners are to live forever and multiply endlessly, we could not bear to live in such a world. This is how the sin of this crazy person brought death to the entire human race. As it is written in (Romans 5:12), “Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned.” That is to say that death is other side of sin. As indebtedness it is sin; as destiny it is death.

It says “through one man,” but who this “one man” could be? It was Adam. It was Adam, as a practitioner of sin of separation from God, and “as one man” who brought sin into this world.

This means that Adam through his sin brought about death from life; Christ brought about life from death through the righteous deed. Adam and Christ are the same type in giving the impact to the whole human race single handedly. All one has to do is to place Adam on the negative coordinates and Christ on the positive coordinates having the origin of the coordinates at center.

That is to say that Adam and Christ are the opposite ends in negative and positive coordinates with the origin at center. So, the road from Adam to Christ is the road of negative to positive, from the road of indebtedness to the road of winning, and from the road of sin to the everlasting life.

Also, one can say the followings about “the Adam’s world” and “the Christ’s world” in relation to God:

These two worlds, as the watersheds of the Silk Road separate the source, are separated by God. The Obi, Lena, and Yenisei flow into the North Sea; while the Ganges, Indus, and

Euphrates flow into the Indian Ocean. Even it starts at the same starting point, there is a great difference in where it ends up.

Similarly, there are people who go to “the Adam’s world” and those who go to “the Christ’s world.” There is little difference at the starting point; however, there is the great difference of heaven and earth at its destination.

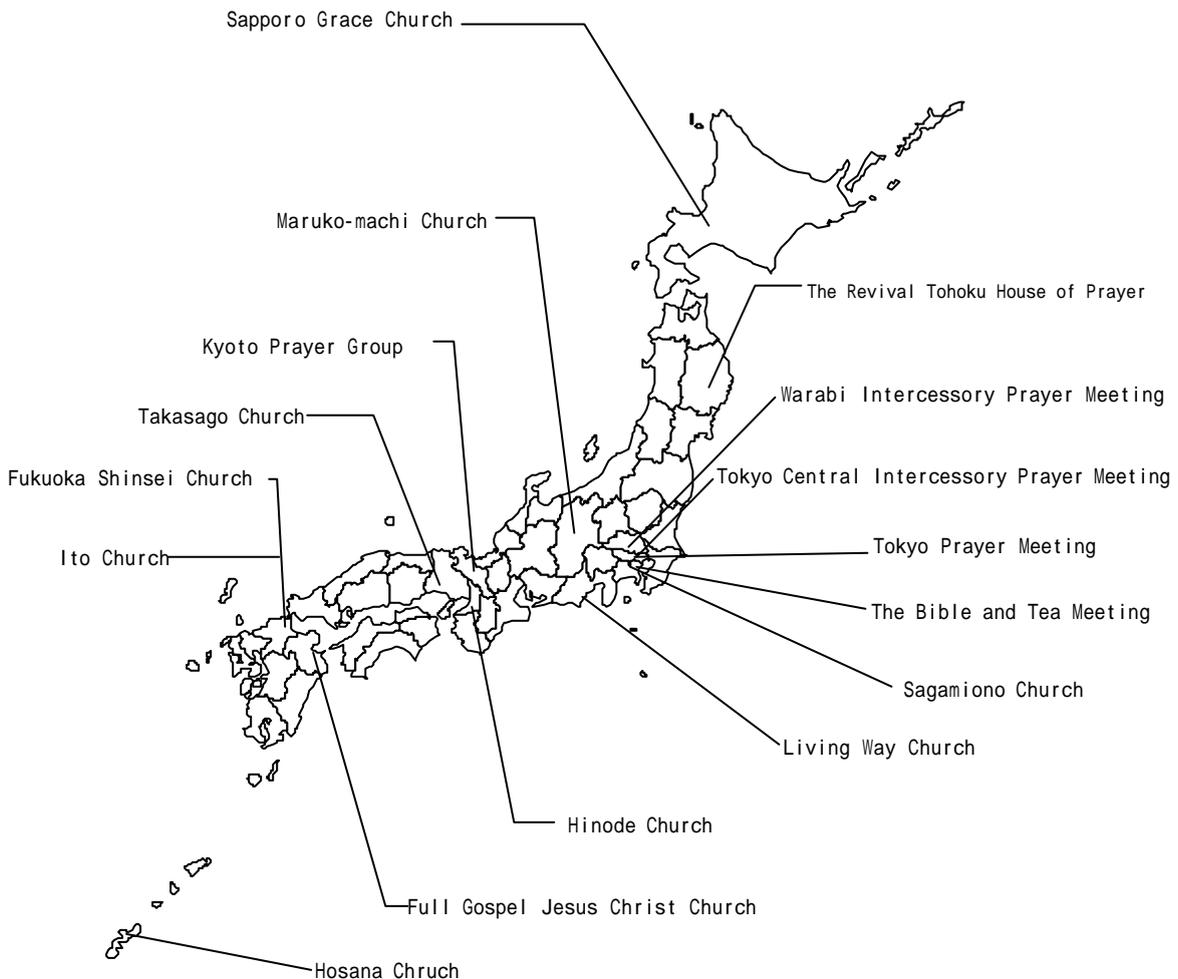
In that manner, the destination of sin is death; the destination of righteousness is the everlasting life. Depending on the fact whether the person has faith or not, his destination is different from heaven to earth just like a watershed. The world that you would not recognize at the starting point of the watershed

is waiting for you at the destination.

The destination of the Adam’s world is death. The destination of the Christ’s world is the everlasting life.

“If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man’s fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous.”

Romans 5:17



REGIONAL INTERCESSORY PRAYER MEETINGS

1. HOKKAIDO

Sapporo: Sapporo Grace Kirisuto Kyokai,
Rev. John H. Minagawa
Sapporo Grace Christ Church
3-27 Nishi 5chome Kita 32jo Kitaku
Sapporo 001-0032
Tel 011-717-1801

2. IWATE-KEN

Mizusawa: The Revival•Tohoku House of Prayer,
Mr. Noriaki Takahashi
Restaurant Praise, 26 Naka-machi, Mizusawa-shi, 023-6813
3rd Sun. 7:00 a.m., Tel 0134-62-3561

3. SAITAMA-KEN

Warabi: Warabi Intercessory Prayer Meeting, c/o Sagitani
Minami-cho, Warabi-shi, 335-0003
One Holiday, Every Month, 2:00 p.m., Tel 0484-42-0967

4. TOKYO-TO

Tokyo: (1) Tokyo Central Intercessory Prayer Meeting,
Waseda Hohshien Seminar House (2-3-1 Nishi
Waseda, Shinjuku-ku), Contact Rev. John H. Minagawa,
6-1-17 Kamitsuruma, Sagamihara-shi, 228-0802,
Tel 0427-47-5703, Fax 0427-46-2119
3rd Mon. 6:30-9:00 p.m.
(2) Kirisutokyo Fujin Kyofu Kaikan, B1 (2-23-5 Hyakunin-cho,
Shinjuku-ku),
Contact Mrs. Moto Yamaura, King's Garden, Shuno Sono,
612 Shimo-Kosaka, Kawagoe-shi, Saitama-ken 350-0812,
Tel 0492-34-7049, Fax 0429-31-5552
1st Mon. 1:30 p.m.

5. KANAGAWA-KEN

Yokohama-shi: The Bible and Tea Meeting, Ms. Hisako Yoshida
8-9 Mankigahara, Asahi-ku, Yokohama-shi, 241-0836
Tel 045-363-5657, Every Friday, 2:00 p.m.
Sagamihara: Sagami-ono Kirisuto Kyokai, Rev. John H. Minagawa
6-1-17 Kamitsuruma, Sagamihara-shi, 228-0802
Tel 0427-47-5703, Fax 0427-46-2119
3rd Wed. 7:15 p.m., 3rd Thu. 10:15 a.m.

6. NAGANO-KEN

Chiisagata-gun: Maruko-machi Kirisuto Kyokai, Rev. Rieko Matsuyoshi
1710-1, Kami Maruko Kawahara, Maruko-machi,
Chiisagata-gun, Nagano-ken, 386-0404

3rd Wed. 7:30 p.m., Tel 02684-2-5264

7. SHIZUOKA-KEN

Shizuoka: Living Way Church, Richard Gordon 4-6-16-7
Kamiashigara
Shizuoka-shi, 420-0841
1st Sun. 2:00 p.m., Tel 054-248-4058

8. KYOTO-FU

Kyoto: Kyoto Prayer Group, Sister Rosemary Bass
3rd floor, Catholic Kaikan, Kawahara-machi, 3 jo-agaru,
Nakakyo-ku, Kyoto-shi, 604-8006
Every Tue. 7:00 p.m. (ENGLISH), Tel 075-781-3330

9. OSAKA-FU

Neyagawa: Hinode Kirisuto Kyokai, Rev. Chitose Takimoto
26-9 Nakakida-cho, Neyagawa-shi, 572-0835
3rd Thur. 2:00 p.m. Tel&Fax 0720-22-9232

10.HYOGO-KEN

Takasago: Takasago Kyokai, Rev. Masaaki Tezuka
1-34 Kamicho Arai-machi, Takasago-shi, 676-0015
4th Wed. 9:30 p.m.-12:00 a.m. Tel&Fax 0794-42-4854

11.FUKUOKA-KEN

Fukuoka: Ito Kirisuto Kyokai, Rev. Tokuji Tomono
12-4-1 Imajuku Ijiri, Nishi-ku, Fukuoka-shi, 819-0197
3rd Wed. 7:30 p.m., Tel 092-807-9080, Fax 092-807-2298

12.OHITA-KEN

Beppu: Full Gospel Iesu Kirisuto Kyokai, Rev. Seiji Nagano
10-1 Noguchi Moto-machi, Beppu-shi, 879-0933
Tel & Fax 0977-26-3692
e-mail:fg-jesus@poppy.ocn.ne.jp
Fri. 7:30 p.m.

13. OKINAWA-KEN

Naha-shi: Hosana Kirisuto Dendosho, Rev. Shinshu Kase
9-6, 2-chome, Wakasa, Naha-shi, 900-0031
Sat. 6:00 p.m., Tel 098-868-5641

Focus of our Prayer for May 2004

(1) Pending Subjects for Prayer

1. That the Koumei Toh (the Clean Government Party) is eliminated from the coalition government, and their influence will be greatly diminished. Also, that the Liberal Democratic Party will regain its discernment and will not have to rely on the Souka Gakkai.

[Editorial]

* According to the December 25, 2003 of the Kokumin Shimbun report, it says “during the discussion to take the second look at the Fundamentals of Education Act within the party in power, Prime Minister Koizumi complained that “he was not informed,” in spite of the prior briefings given by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), Kawamura. Also, at the Diet where the Fundamentals of Education Act were discussed it was noticeable that the Prime Minister Koizumi read the scripts provided to him in a monotone. Even the MEXT officials were complaining that “the Prime Minister does not show much interest” in this subject. Behind the Prime Minister’s diminished interest in this subject is his consideration to the fact that the Koumei Toh, whose supporting organization is the Souka Gakkai and a member of the coalition government is against reforming the Fundamentals of Education Act. In particular, it is said that the Koumei Toh is fiercely against “the mind that loves the nation” and “cultivation of religious sentiment.”

* Tetsuzo Fuyushiba, the Secretary General of the Koumei Toh, at a meeting of the party’s Diet members on January 19, 2004 said regarding the bill to grant voting rights to foreigners at local elections, “We have an understanding within the coalition government to legislate the bill. Even though it was scrapped due to dissolution of the House of Representatives, we must reintroduce the bill now to the Diet.” Prior to this on January 16, the Secretary General Fuyushiba received Chairman Kim Sai-shuku of the Korean Group in Japan and promised regarding granting voting rights to foreign permanent residents saying, “We will reintroduce the bill to the Diet for sure. We will ask the cooperation of the Liberal Democratic Party, but if the negotiation hits a wall we will submit the bill even by the Koumei Toh alone. (January 25, the Kokumin Shimbun)

2. Let’s pray that those who are leaving cults will come to Christian church for salvation.

[Editorial]

* Those who are interested in knowing the celebrities that belong to the Souka Gakkai, the Unification Church, the Jehovah’s Witness, the Mormon Church, etc., please contact the Executive Committee of the Intercessors for Japan.

3. Let’s pray that the Emperor will be saved and abundantly blessed by the Lord Jesus Christ and the blessings will spread over the entire Japanese people. Also, pray that the Emperor's presence among the peoples of the world will be used as the foundation of blessings. And pray that the Japanese people understand and respect the Emperor as the leader and work toward the world peace.

[Editorial]

* From the words of Ms. Aki Izumoi, Director of the Oral Tradition Museum of “the Japanese Mythology” (p. 121-124, Wisdom of the Japanese Mythology).

“January 18, 2003 was the day the Emperor was scheduled to have a surgery. Even at the time of surgery the Emperor was considerate in telling the hospital staff to take care of more urgent patients first.Scientific civilization has advanced and the advent of TV, which has positively contributed to our lives in countless ways, but I believe that we are at a time when we need to consider its sin of throwing the world into disorder. Our nation is ‘the nation that is blessed with the spirit of language.’ We should follow the Emperor’s example in using good words, thoughtful words, and the words that will bring peace with care. If TV and other media were to broadcast with such care, this world would become a peaceful living place. The Bible, too, teaches us the same. ‘In the beginning was the Word; the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things came to be ...’ The people and mankind are preoccupied with selfish desire and self-centeredness. The people’s mind suffers from illness. The world suffers from illness. I came to believe that illness was reflected to the body of the Emperor, who is unselfish and does not think about nobody but his people. I don’t know how to apologize for this. In the evening, at last I heard the announcement that ‘the Emperor’s surgery finished without any complications; there were no visible sign of metastasis,’ which gave me tentative relief.Firstly, I resolutely determined that ‘he will be completely cured’, visualize a healthy figure in my mind, and pray every morning for his recovery at home.”

4. Let’s pray that the Christian Church and the Jews, Catholics, Protestants, Pentecostals, and various denominations and churches that criticize and feud against each other repent and reconcile with one another.

[Editorial]

* When we encounter the individual and the organization that differ in thought and the method of doing things, might we repent and reach conciliation only after we cease to emphasize the difference but emphasize a point of agreement and admit each other’s good points to reach the point of repentance and reconciliation? There is a case in Argentine where they prayed together for salvation of non-believers and finally came to joint cooperation of various denominations of Christianity

5. Let us pray for the development of document mission work.

[Editorial]

* Christian Newspapers:

The Kirisuto Kyo Shimbun, the Christian Shimbun, and the Revival Shimbun

* Christian Publishing Companies

Shinkyō Shuppan-sha, Kyobunkan, Nihon Kirisuto Kyodan Shuppan-kyoku, Markorsh Mission, Ikeru Kwa-no-mizu, Myrtos, Inc., etc.

6. That the journalists who engage in TV, radio, newspaper, and magazine will cease arrogant and prejudiced reporting, and they will stop news gathering practices that ignore human rights. That they will play fairly in fear of God. Let’s pray that those who are aware of such problems will raise their voice in protest and ask for retraction, and for them to play a role of the watchdog of Japan.

[Editorial]

* After NHK’s broadcast of escapees from North Korea, their families were restrained.

Mr. Shunsuke Miyazaki (60), who went to North Korea in the 35th year of Showa (1960),

escaped by himself and returned to Japan in the 8th year of Heisei (1996) after an interval of 36 years. He tried to bring his children, wife and a sister that he left behind in North Korea with help of Japanese supporters and Chinese collaborators and succeeded in recovering his sister. However, NHK filmed and broadcast the scene when he contacted a Japanese consulate at Shengyang (Mukden). It is said that due to this TV broadcast not only his wife, children, sister but the Chinese collaborators were restrained. Mr. Miyazaki wrote in the diary, “NHK’s TV broadcast of October 21 was tantamount to a family murder. NHK pushed my family to the brink of life and death.”

(December 25, 2003 issue of the Kokumin Shimbun)

7. Let’s pray that the tendency to have a smaller number of children, that will destroy the nation to stop and the policy that will encourage having a larger number of children according to the will of God will be practiced with blessings of the entire society.

“God blessed them and said to them, ‘Be fruitful and increase, fill the earth and subdue it.’”

Genesis 1:28

[Editorial]

* Paul Wallace (the author of “When the Population Pyramid is Inverted”), who has been engaged in the research in coping with the tendency to have a smaller number of children, said that all attempts to prevent this trend had failed one after another. In Japan, as a result of democratization education after the war, which taught only rights without obligations, the number of people who pursue their happiness without thinking about their obligations or public spiritedness are increasing. In the Japanese traditional culture, there was the spirit to raise children as a treasure even in poverty. Let us pray that young people will recover such spirit before it’s too late.

(2) Timely Prayer Subjects

1. That the Koizumi administration, in fear of God, will not set the wrong course for Japan, they will govern in such a way that will contribute to the world peace while they securely maintain the Japanese independence.

[Editorial]

* Prime Minister Koizumi paid a visit to the Yasukuni Shrine on New Year’s Day. Also, the Japanese government announced on January 6 that they will not start to put the plan to build the national memorial facility for the war dead in effect for the time being. Furthermore, the Liberal Democratic Party and the Koumei Toh steamrollered “the bill of dispatching troops to Iraq” at the House of Representatives, and the Self Defense Forces left for Iraq by air on February 3 “for support of Iraqi reconstruction.”

2. Let us pray that the Gospel of Christ will be accepted deep and wide among the entire Japanese people

[Editorial]

* That the Revival Mission, the Nihon Kirisuto Dendo-kai, the Salvation for Ten Million Movement, the Evangelical Movement for the Japanese People, and the Holy Spirit Renewal Movement will be utilized for mission.

* In order for the Gospel to be passed on to descendants through family and relatives, I believe it is necessary to implement pragmatic methods.

* That the seeds of the Gospel that had been sown from the ancient ages among the Japanese will come into bud.

3. That the abduction of Japanese citizens by North Korea becomes the top priority of diplomacy and the family members of the abductees will come back to Japan. Also, the North Korean nuclear preparation is dismantled.

[Editorial]

* Mr. Hideo Matsuo, who is representing “the Society to Save the Abductees: Ibaragi,” held the third meeting to assist the abductees at the Mito Civil Hall on January 12, where 600 citizens including Mayor Kouichi Kato. Tooru Hasuike, the secretary-general of family association; Mr. An Min Jong, a former North Korean agent; Chikara Nishioka, vice president of the Society to Save; Masaharu Sugino, director of the specified investigating committee of missing-persons, etc. appealed for the release of family members of five former abductees. North Korea told Katsuei Hirasawa at an unofficial meeting toward the end of last year that they would release the family members if five former abductees would go to Pyongyang Airport to receive them. However, Mr. Tooru Hasuike responded that he could not negotiate through a unofficial route, requested the government to negotiate directly and officially with North Korea, and appealed in saying that “There is a limit to our patience. We must quickly recover family members of five former abductees.”

* The Union of Diet Members for Abductees held a general meeting on January 20 and passed a resolution to legislate the three bills regarding economic sanction against North Korea at the current session of the Diet. 1 Bill to reform the foreign exchange law bill, 2 Bill to legislate the law to limit the entry of foreign ships into the port, 3 Bill to reform the immigration control law.

* Up to now, the Ashikaga Bank had a agency agreement with North Korea to handle their foreign exchange business and engaged in sending money to North Korea and related foreign exchange business. The government intervened and decided to nationalize the bank to have the total control over it.

4. That the education in Japan is lead to a wholesome direction.

[Editorial]

*The current situation of the Japanese education world is where the Japan Teachers Union (affiliated with the Socialistic Democratic Party) is gradually wane waning while the All Japan Teachers' Union (affiliated with the Communist Party). Still leftist leaning teachers are distorting healthy education everywhere. Although it is laid down to cultivate “morals” and “religious sentiments,” there are not many teachers who can teach them. Let us pray that we will come up with something to replace “moral training” and “the Imperial Rescript on Education” of pre-war Japan, so that the Japanese traditional beautiful spirit will be clearly nurtured.

5. Let us pray that an ill advised law, “the jury system,” is not to be introduced.

[Editorial]

*The Legal System Reform Promotion Headquarters of the government announced a framework of “the jury system” on January 19. According to it the focus of contention, the number of assembly, was set at “three judges and six juries,” and “the ban on prejudiced reporting” was eliminated. However, I feel someone is behind this bill to make naive civilians that are picked randomly to

participate in a trial. Our nation does not need the jury system that will do more harm than good; instead, our urgent task is to reeducate the judges.

6. We pray that Japan would develop her own independent visions for diplomacy and defense.

[Editorial]

* That Japan to seek a cooperative relationship in Asia that includes the alliance with Taiwan in mind.

7. That Japan's economy to improve.

[Editorial]

* While proclaiming publicly that we need measures to boost economy, there are frequent movements within the government trying to devise raising tax rates. If the tax rate goes up, GDP will go down. They are clearly engaged in a contradictory action.

* In spite of the low interest rate, financing for smaller businesses remains difficult. This means that banks cannot expect to recover the invested capital. Business activities of Japanese small and medium-sized enterprises, under globalization of economy and severe competitions, need to be conducted so that they are competitive internationally. For this reason, they need to work hard to create new products and services in much shorter time than the product life cycle.

* Ridding the special interest groups, businessmen with political contacts, and politicians that prey on the tax payers' precious money, we need to normalize the public works business. However, deciding upkeep of public facilities like road works based only on profitability is a fundamental mistake, since social work is not profitable in the first place. Also, unless the necessary investment is made for the necessary regional infra structure, the decline of the region is inevitable. For this reason, we need to choose someone who is selfless and able to manage the public works.

* A pair of wheels of the major economic policies: monetary policy and fiscal policy, that government can control has reached the end of a rope. Firstly, in monetary policy, since we already have low interest rate, even we lower the interest rate further down we cannot increase the amount of money in the market in real sense. On the other hand, as far as fiscal policy is concerned, the amount of a cumulative fiscal deficit is too large; deeply in debt, we cannot actively use national budget to public works (road works and dam constructions, etc.) to stimulate the economy. According to the method of traditional economic policies, it appears there is no measures left. That we can overcome this difficulty with God's power that is far above the wisdom of man.

* Mr. Toshio Masuda, economics consultant, in the year beginning "Timely Straight Talks," said, "it is finally going to be a big boom in Japan." Also, Kenichi Takemura declared, "the long Japanese winter has ended at last," and is cheerfully saying, "things will be better from now on!" in TV programs and at various meetings. The reason for this optimism is because, "since the Japanese total private savings is 1,400 trillion yen, it is totally healthy for the Japanese government to borrow up to 1,400 trillion yen. Since the current public debt of 700 trillion yen, which is exactly a half of the Japanese private savings, is still too small. I believe what is important for the Japanese people is not to be too conservative but to be positively consume or invest to activate the money flow and to improve the turnover of money. It is necessary to change the negative thought of "it's getting worse, it's getting worse" to the positive thought of "it's

getting better, it's getting better." Our prayer, too, should be the one based on faith that believe, "we've got it already."

8. That regarding the problems of leaving poisonous gas of former Japanese forces uncared for, the Japanese government to adhere to her just position.

[Editorial]

* According to Mr. Yutaka Takahana, president of Teikei (Inc.), the Chinese government claimed that weapons left by the Japanese forces (the Kanto forces), which was stationed in former Manchuria, as the weapons left behind by the former Japanese forces; and is demanding their disposal and compensation for the damage. However, the weapons in question were passed on to China by the Soviet Union; it is clear from the historical point of view that its management responsibility lies with the Chinese government. The Japanese forces were disarmed by the Soviet forces that invaded former Manchuria unilaterally on August 9, 1945, scrapping the Mutual Nonaggression Treaty. The Japanese forces did not abandon the weapons but they were seized by the Soviet forces. Poisonous gas munitions, too, were included in them. The Soviet forces eventually handed these confiscated weapons to the Chinese People's Liberation Army. So, it is totally unreasonably for the Japanese government to take on the responsibility for them.

However, Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama and Foreign Minister Yohei Kohno promised to dispose all poisonous gas and poisonous gas munitions in China without asking to which country these belonged. This is the result of a folly of incompetent politicians who curried favor with China, not understanding the difference between abandonment and seizure; as a result, the Japanese national interest was seriously damaged. Japan, once again, should correct this mistake and keep strictly her fair position.

9. That the U.S. to cease using the depleted uranium ammunition

[Editorial]

* According to the September 11th 2003 report, "Disappeared? 10,000 US Forces" of Kanae Sakai, analyst of international problems, he wrote as follows:

"According to the US forces stationed in Iraq, the number of US troops is 11,600, which is 10,000~15,000 less than the number previously announced. It is not clear why the number has decreased. According the Washington Post, since the beginning of the Iraq war, 6,000 American soldiers were sent home due to injury, illness, or mental illness. 1,124 out of 6,000 are injuries during combats, 301 were non combat injuries such as traffic accidents, and others were due to mental and other illnesses. They did not specify what 'other illnesses' are, but I feel uneasy about its relationship with depleted uranium munitions probably used by US forces.

10. Let us pray for the peace of Israel.

"The guardian of Israel does not doze or sleep."

Psalm 125:5

[Editorial]

* Although Prime Minister Ahmed Qorei started the new Palestinian Cabinet, it is under Chairman Arafat's power control, so the Israeli-Palestinian Peace Negotiation is stalled by resumption of a series of suicide bombings. While Israel is seeking the peaceful coexistence with the Arabs under the official approval of the Republic of Israel, the Arabs (Palestinians) intend not to approve the existence of Israel but to eliminate it. They consider the tentative peace as a

means to “gain time.”

* One high official in charge of the British intelligence said, “Among Europeans there are people who believe that it was a mistake to establish the Republic of Israel in 1948. The number of the Jews in Israel is only five million. If the US and NATO offer financial aid for the Jews to emigrate to the region other than the Middle East, the Middle East problems will disappear.” (Dispatched from “The Jerusalem Bible Center,” The Inside Israel News, January 2004)

* According to the February 2004 issue of The Inside Israel News from “The Jerusalem Bible Center,” anti-Semitic sentiments are spreading in European countries. For example, in France the Jews are discouraged from wearing Kippah on head when going out, in Belgium and Sweden the Jews are told not to wear accessories that have the Star of David in them.

Also, there was a special exhibition at a Swedish museum where 400 people were invited in the middle of January. In the courtyard of the museum was a large pool, which contained red water symbolizing blood. A ship named “white snow” was floated, and on the ship a picture of Hanadi Jarat, a jihad suicide bomber, was displayed. The title of the art was “The Truth of White Snow and Insanity.” One of the guests, Zvi Mazel, the Israeli Ambassador to Sweden, requested the sponsor to remove the art work without success. So, he grabbed lightings, electrical cords, and posts, etc. and threw them into the water, cutting the lights out. We later learned that one of the sponsors for this exhibition was the International Congress on Holocaust.

*The February issue of “WORLD REPORT” by Ms. Kaoru Nakamaru reports as follows:

“According to an Egyptian newspaper, Israel offered to a Kurdish group in Iraq, ‘If you cooperate with our country, we will support you to build a Kurdish state in the northern Iraq.’ Also, according to the information obtained there, Israel purchased about 300,000 hectare in the Kurdish region of the northern Iraq. 300,000 hectare is larger than the area of Israel; it is a huge area that is smaller than Kyushu but larger than Shikoku. Israel is beginning to prepare to settle Kurdish Israeli in this land and the US Department of Defense is accepting this, since this land is adjacent to Syrian border and it can be used as a military post against Syria. MOSAD is installing barbed wire in a part of this land and is conducting intelligence activities borrowing US listening devices.

《FINANCIAL REPORT》 (OCT. 1, 2004~NOV. 30, 2003)

(Unit = Yen)

INCOME	AMOUNT	EXPENSES	AMOUNT
Offering	125,328	Travel	30,580
		Printing	5,238
		Materials	26,740
		Postage	32,580
		Office Expenses	1,100
		Bank Charge	590
		Telephone	9,327
		Meeting Room Rental	5,775
		From Tokyo Central Committee	55,771
SUB TOTAL	125,328	SUB TOTAL	167,701
Brought Forward	140,390	Balance Carried Forward	98,017
National Activities Fund, Income	0	National Activities Fund, Expense	0
B.F.	15,700	C.F.	15,700
International Conference Fund	0	International Conference Fund	0
B.F.	35,474	C.F.	35,474
TOTAL	316,892	TOTAL	316,892

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[Editorial Post Scripts]

* We present the May issue of the Newsletter. The feature report is "The World of Adam and the World of Christ" by Rev. Kinya Hayashi. This report is based on his lecture given at the October retreat of the Intercessors last year.

* We will pick up Rev. Hisakazu Minagawa's "Preface to Japan's Missionology" in the next issue. He will discuss the theme of "Indigenization of Christianity" in it.

* Among the members of the Intercessors Executive Committee, four pastors: Arimasa Kubo, Kazuto Yukizawa, Hasegawa, and Masaaki Tezuka, resigned; and Rev. Yasuhiko Takata became a new committee member. Mr. Makoto Machida and Mr. Kohei Nakahara, the associate members, assumed the position of the committee member.

* In addition to the prayer subjects that we took on, there are many important subjects.

? What is the cause and treatments of AIDS, 0157 (E-Coli), epidemics of cattle, pigs, carps, and birds? Some believe that it is retribution of nature against immorality of regarding animals as things and mistreating them and consuming them; others believe that it is the plan to reduce population by anti-Christ. Also, we cannot ignore the vicious cycle of mass production and mass disposal.

? Due to restructuring of industry, increase of suicide, and unstable economy, there are tendencies for youth's to have part time job, not marrying, and having smaller number of children.

? Restoration of correct and beautiful Japanese language

? Re-recognition of Japanese traditional culture, etc.

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