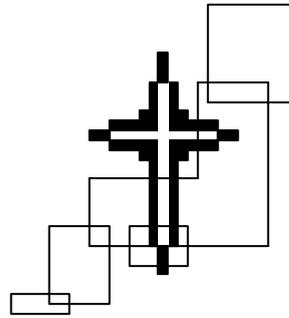


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## Preface to Japanese Missionology (12)

### Part 2: Indigenization of Christianity

#### Chapter 2: Indigenization of Christianity of the Hatas

**Rev. Hisakazu Minagawa**

##### (4) The Snake and the Dragon in the Bible

When one discusses the indigenization of Hata's Christianity and tries to solve a mystery of changes that various shrines built by the Hatas went through, one cannot help but to encounter the puzzle of "the snake and the dragon." It is the influence of "the Devil and Satan." And, in order to understand this, it is necessary to understand the snake and the dragon in the Bible.

Chaldaeae's Ur, where Abraham, the father of the people of Israel, once lived, was in the midst of the world of famous Sumerian and Babylonian mythologies. According to the creation mythology of Babylonia, the primeval abyss was a dragon god called, "Tiamat." Since Tiamat fostered evils, Ea, the Lord of Heavens

gave Marduk the scepter, the throne, and a war hatchet to destroy Tiamat. It is said that Marduk forcibly opened the mouth of the dragon god and breathed a strong wind into it, cut the body into two halves from the mouth, made the dome of heaven with a half, and made the earth with the rest. In spite of the fact that Abraham lived in such world of mythology, it is remarkable that he and his descendants did not incorporate such a story into the creation story of the Bible.

##### (1) The Snake in Genesis

In Genesis, the primeval chaotic abyss of water had nothing to do with a snake or a dragon. It is written when God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters," the chaotic water particles were separated into the waters above the dome and the below.

The author of "The Origin of Dragon (Kinokuniya Shoten)," Hiroshi Arakawa, says, "A dragon lurks in depths of Creation mythology of Genesis (p. 55)," but it does not lurk in the abyss.

I believe that the true character of the

snake in the Garden of Eden was the devil, the archangel who rebelled against God. The Book of Revelation states, "The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world." (12:9) This Satan in a form of snake deceived Eve with false kindness. Adam, too, was deceived. They ate fruit from the tree of knowledge that enables one to know good and evil upon eating it and betrayed God. Since they did not repent, they were cast away from the Garden of Eden. God declared:

"Because you have done this,  
cursed are you among all animals  
and among all wild creatures;  
upon your belly you shall go,  
and dust you shall eat  
all the days of your life.

I will put enmity between you and the  
woman,  
and between your offspring and hers;  
he will strike your head,  
and you will strike his heel."

(Genesis 3:14-15)

The words, "Eve's offspring will strike the head of the snake," were the first prophesy of Christ.

Next in the chapter 4, too, "the snake" crept up as "sin." Since the Lord was pleased by the offering of Abel, the younger brother, while his own offering did not please the Lord, Cain, who is envious of Abel, became very angry. The Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your countenance fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not well, sin is lurking at the door; its desire is for you, but you must master it." (Verses 6-7) The true identity of "sin" was "the snake" and "the Satan." Since Cain could not master his anger, he who was clung by the snake killed Abel. Even this was revealed, yet he did not repent. He was cast away to the east and he became a powerful person and built a town

surrounded by the walls. That is to say that it clear that the snake and the dragon, powerful persons, dictators, murder and war, conquest and slavery are all related.

Next in the chapter 6, it sates, "The sons of God saw they were fair; and they took wives for themselves of all that they chose... The Nephilim were on the earth in those days - and also afterward - when the sons of God went into the daughters of humans, who bore children to them. These were the heroes that were Genesis 6:2-4. It is thought that "the sons of God" were "the fallen angels" and "the daughters of God" were "the children of Cain."

[Remarks] "God and Man" by Yasuo Sakakibara (p. 342) says, "'The children of God, my children, and his children' in the Pentateuch means strictly the believers, the chosen people, and Israelites. In poems outside of the Pentateuch they mean angels," but it appears to be a dogmatic interpretation.

Also, since Nephilim in Hebrew is "Naphal" (those who descended or fell), they might have been "the fallen angels" or reptilian aliens, "Anunnaki" (those who descended from heaven) that appeared in the Hammurabi's Code of Laws of the first Babylonian dynasty.

For this reason, it was recorded that the earth was covered with tyranny and because everything men thought and did was evil the Lord wiped all evil doers on the surface of the earth by the great flood except Noah and his eight family members.

However, a bad gene also lived within the descendants of Noah's three children. It produced King Nimrod (Hammurabi) (Genesis 10:8) and numerous kings that were hungry for power, conquest, and fame in Shinar (Sumer), and Babel (Babylonia).

## (2) Fiery Serpent and Nehushtan

In Numbers Chapter 21, when the people of Israel spoke against Moses God sent fiery serpents among the people and bit those who

complained, many people died. Then, the people repented and ask Moses for help, so Moses prayed to the Lord. Then, the Lord answered him, "Make a fiery serpent and put it on a standard. If anyone is bitten and looks at it, he shall live." So, Moses made a bronze serpent which he put on a stick. This object was a standard with the bronze serpent wrapped around it three and a half times with its head raised above the standard. It is written that anyone was bitten by a serpent, he looked at the bronze serpent and lived. They were not spared because they worshipped the serpent. They were spared because they saw that the Lord cursed the serpent and put it on the cursed tree.

[Ref] In the "Mystery of the 'Shin-no-Mihashira'" by Akio Asuka and Takeru Mikami (p. 264-265), it states, "It can be proven that Jesus Christ was a snake god from one more different angle. The standard Moses raised on which a bronze snake was hanged. If the standard was the forerunner of the cross, the bronze snake was the forerunner of Jesus. 'Jesus Christ=bronze snake' Christians are apt to consider automatically the snake as the symbol of a devil or Satan ... So, many people have an aversion for a theory that Jesus was the snake god.

However, there are two kinds of snake: a poisonous snake and a non-poisonous one. The bronze snake lifted up on the standard of Moses was a harmless snake which symbolizes Jesus Christ. On the other hand, those poisonous snake that bit the people symbolizes the devil and Satan." But, this is clearly wrong. The snake which was hanged on the standard was of Moses was a symbol of a fiery serpent = a poisonous snake. The Lord cursed the poison of the poisonous snake which was hanged on the tree. Regarding this, the Bible says, "anyone hung on a tree is under God's curse." (Deutonomy 21:23) Because of this the poison of a man who was bit by a snake became benign. So, it is total misunderstanding of this

to start the faith to worship this snake as non-poisonous snake or to enshrine the snake god that delivers divine favor.

In <<2 King 18:4>> during the reign of King Hezekiah it is written that the people called the idol of a snake hang on the standard "Nehushtan" and worshipped it, so King Hezekiah broke it down and forbid to worship it. So, I must say it is a groundless theory to consider this can be a proof of "Jesus Christ = snake god."

### (3) Isaiah

<<Isaiah 14:29>>

"...from the root of the snake will come forth an adder, and its fruit will be a flying fiery serpent."

<<Isaiah 27:1>>

"On that day the Lord with his cruel and great and strong sword will punish Leviathan the fleeing serpent, Leviathan the twisting serpent, and he will kill the dragon that is in the sea."

### (4) New Testament

<<Matthew 3:7>>

John the Baptist said to Pharisees and Sadducees, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"

<<Matthew 23:29-36>>

Jesus said, "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! ...You snakes, you brood of vipers! How can you escape being sentenced to hell? Therefore I send you prophets, sages, and scribes, some of whom you will kill and crucify, and some you will flog in your synagogues and pursue from town to town, so that upon you may come all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah (father of John the Baptist) son of Barachiah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar. Truly I tell you, all this will come upon this generation."

These words, “You snakes, you brood of vipers!” were not simply uttered as abusive words. He was saying that it is the characteristics of those who inherited the DNA of the snake to tenaciously track those who oppose them and persecute and kill them. Jesus, too, received repeatedly merciless treatments by the cold blooded and cruel people as saw it in the movie, “The Passion of Christ.”

<<Are there any good snake and dragon?>>

Some people say there are good snakes and dragons. For example, Queztlacoatl with white wings that taught the Mexican people the means of living was a good snake, if you ask a dragon for rain it brings a rain and the good harvest, if you hang a dragon’s drawing on the alcove the house will prosper. Why so? The answer is in the Bible.

<<Matthew 4:8-10>>

Satan that tempted Jesus in the wilderness showed the worldly splendor from a high mountain top and said, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! For it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” He firmly rejected the Satan’s offer. That is to say that Satan benefits those who worship him, but still he is Satan. So, there is no good snake or dragon as there is not good Satan.

#### (5) Revelation

<<12:7-18>>

“And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him... Then the dragon was angry with woman, and went off to make war on the rest of her children, those who keep the commandments of God and

hold the testimony of Jesus. Then the dragon took his stand on the sand of the seashore.”

<<20:1-3>>

“Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain. He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, and threw him into the pit, and locked and sealed it over him, so that he would deceive the nations no more, until the thousand years ended. After that he must be let out for a little while.

<<20:7-10>>

“When the thousand years are ended, Satan will come out and deceive the nations at the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, in order to gather them for battle; they are as numerous as the sands of the sea. They marched up over the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And the fire came down from heaven and consumed them. And the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

So, the Devil and Satan that is to say the snake revealed its true nature, made its last huge struggle, and was completely destroyed.

<<21:1>>

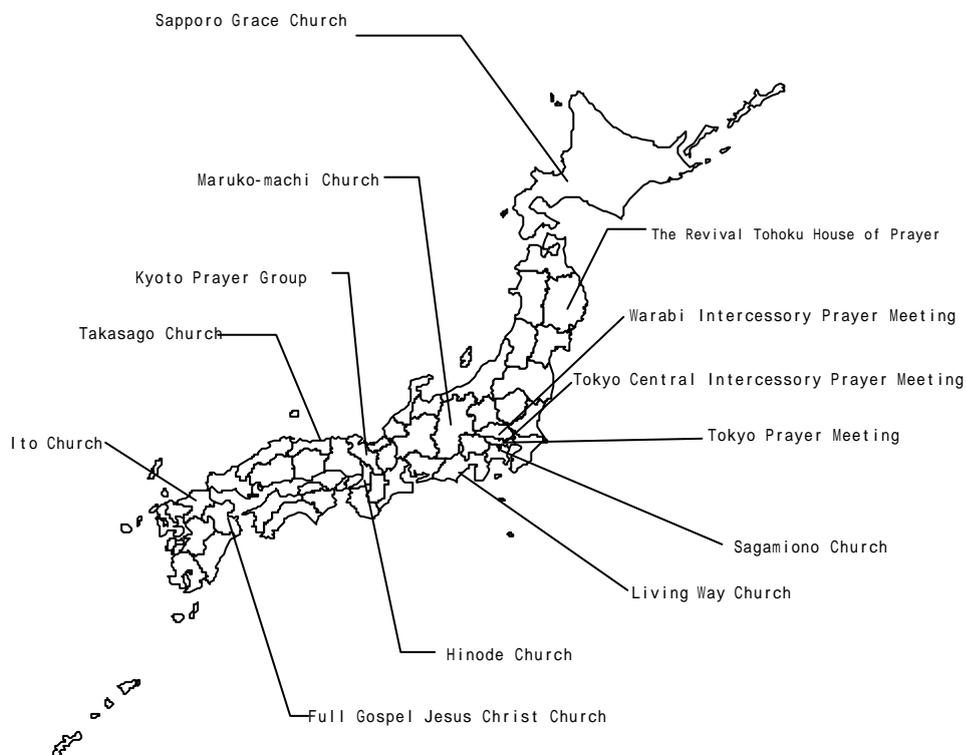
“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.”

That there is “no sea” in a new heaven and a new earth means that there is no place for the snake and the dragon to live. God and men live together, God wipes tears of men; death, sorrow, and pain no more; the cursed will disappear, and the world full of blessings will emerge. The river of the living water flows from the throne of God and the Jesus the Lamb and quench and support all the living things. No longer, there are no temples, churches, and shrines; God and the Lamb are the sacred place

itself; no need for religion, since the knowledge of the Lord will fill the land.

#### (6) Conclusion

Now in this age, Satan that is to say the power of the dragon and snake is spread all over the world and controlling the various people through their respective agents. Japan is in the same situation. And the symbols of the dragon and snake exist worldwide. In Japan they exist at various kinds of shrines and temples, in TV games, children's toys. They are deceiving people with the appearance of harmless and cute figures. Let us pray and seek discerning power of the Holy Spirit.



## 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

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6-1-17 Kamitsuruma, Sagamihara-shi, 228-0802  
Tel 0427-47-5703, Fax 0427-46-2119  
URL <http://www.Christ-ch.or.jp/>  
3rd Wed. 7:15 p.m., 3rd Thu. 10:15 a.m.

### 6. NAGANO-KEN

Chiisagata-gun: Maruko-machi Kirisuto Kyokai, Rev. Rieko Matsuyoshi  
1 7 10-1, Kami Maruko Kawahara, Maruko-machi,  
Chiisagata-gun, Nagano-ken, 386-0404  
3rd Wed. 7:30 p.m., Tel 02684-2-5264

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## 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 Rosemarie Bass  
5th floor, Catholic Kaikan, Kawahara-machi, 3 jo-agaru,  
Nakakyo-ku, Kyoto-shi, 604-8006  
Every Tue. 7:00 p.m. (ENGLISH), Tel 075-241-3867

## 9. 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

## 10.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

## 11.OHITA-KEN

Beppu: Full Gospel Iesu Kirisuto Kyokai, Rev. Seiji Nagano  
10-1 Noguchi Moto-machi, Beppu-shi, 879-0933  
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e-mail:fg-jesus@poppy.ocn.ne.jp  
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## Focus of our Prayer for April 2005

### (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 severely curtailed. Also, that the Liberal Democratic Party will regain its discernment and will not have to rely on the Souka Gakkai.

[Editorial]

\* Daisaku Ikeda, the honorary chairman of the Souka Gakkai, who was reported to have regained health over the end of last year to the new year, failed to attend an important meeting that was held on March 3 at the Makiguchi Memorial Hall in Hachioji due to a health reason.

Among Gakkai executives they appear to be seriously considering the successor problem.

(Ref. March 24, the Shukan Shincho.)

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

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.

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.

5. Let us pray for the advancement of Christian music mission work.

[Editorial]

\* There are many genres in Christian music.

· Music performance and praise songs in a worship service and a mass. (These are most fundamental.)

· Praise performance at evangelical meetings (Yuri Mori, Gospel singer; Japanese koto band of the Takasago Christ Church, etc.)

· Concert (Tsutomu Niigaki, totally blind tenor singer), ("Ensemble Zion" Orchestra and Asako Inouye, saxophonist), etc.

\* Tachikawa Christian Church of the United Church of Japan is holding a concert by Teruhiko Takada, a jazz drummer. "It is important to hold this type of concert on regular basis," says Rev. Yasuhiko Takada of the church.

6. That the journalists who engage in TV, radio, newspaper, and magazine will cease arrogant and prejudiced reporting and news gathering that ignore rights of individuals. That they will play fairly in fear of God. Let's pray that those who are aware of these problems will raise their voice in protest and for asking for retraction, so that they will play a role of the watchdog of Japan.

[Editorial]

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\* It is said that those who withheld payments of receiving fee in protest against fraudulent accounting practices of NHK reached 700,000, but the problem lies not only in their fraudulent accounting practices but also in their prejudiced reporting. For example, their misunderstanding of the theory of evolution, and their conscious effort to promote Korean boom, etc. can be cited.

7. Let's pray that the tendency to have a smaller number of children, that will destroy the nation to stop, and a 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]

\* About one half of cities, towns, and villages in Japan are engaged in their effort to encourage young people to wed as the government's response to increase the number of children. According to the study of "the Children's Future Foundation," an extra-departmental body of the Ministry of Welfare and Labor, they have been successful in rural areas but not in metropolitan areas. Contents of the marriage assistance program are 1) installation of volunteer marriage counselors, 2) training and education of marriage counselors, 3) giving marriage gift money and presents, and 4) holding parties and other events for young people to meet.

\* Currently the child allowance is provided until 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, but it is desirable to raise this age limit.

8. Let's pray that the number of "intercessors" who will pray for Japan to increase.

\* That at least one person from every city, town, and village from Hokkaido to Okinawa will become "an intercessor."

## (2) Timely Prayer Subjects

1. That the Koizumi administration, in fear of God, will correct their dictatorial policy that ignores the will of the people, and they will govern in such a way to contribute to the world peace while securing the Japanese independence.

[Editorial]

\* Privatization of postal services bill is a bill to open the door to sell the postal services business to the international financial capital (in other words, it is to sell the nation of Japan). So, we need to pray to prevent its legislation at all cost. Conversely, let us pray this will be the end of the Koizumi cabinet.

\* The U.S. is trying to make Japan a quasi-super military power subject to a condition. That condition is "for Japan to keep the Peace Constitution. This way Japan cannot mobilize her Self Defense Forces to defend her own country but to fight as expeditionary forces of the U.S. according to the New General Principles of Defense. The purposes of the article 9 of the Japanese Constitution that US imposed on Japan are "to keep Japan under US military hegemony" and "not let Japan defend her security by exercising her sovereign rights." The reason why Japanese politics appears to be "deceptive" is because she needs to pretend that she has sovereignty while she does not possess one. Unless this fundamental arrangement does not change, it makes no difference who becomes prime minister.

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

[Editorial]

\* That's why it is important for us Christians to raise our spirituality in Christ, become joyful people, praising people, thankful people, and devote ourselves to work of love and service to be loved and respected by family and the people of regional society, isn't it?

3. That the Diet prayer meeting will be led by the Holy Spirit.

4. 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 armament is dismantled.

[Editorial]

\* "Clams" that are being brought to Japan by dealers and are sold as "Made in Japan" products. We hope they will correctly display "Made in North Korea" labels. Also, the movement not to purchase North Korean clams will be successful.

5. Let us pray that Kim Jong-il's dictatorial regime in North Korea will collapse.

\* According to the Kokumin Shimbun (December 25 th, 16<sup>th</sup> year of Heisei), the Chosen Nippo (December 2<sup>nd</sup> issue) reported that the persons associated with the party and the military are planning to set up a government in exile. In mid-November, a part of them held "the Anti Kim Jong-il International Conference" in Tokyo and entered the planning stage to establish the government next Spring (2005) in Japan. Huang Jong-Job, former Labor Party Secretary who fled to South Korea in 1997, is slated to represent the government in exile.

\* According to the Kokumin Shimbun (February 10<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> year of Heisei), there is an anti-system organization called "Free Youth Comrades" within North Korea, and the secret video taped by them was said to be released in South Korea.

6. That the reform of education free of pressure won't go extreme .

[Editorial]

\* As self examination of lowering of academic scores due to education free of pressure, the Ministry of Education and Science is seeking to reconsider education free of pressure. This in itself maybe good, but we should not go to extreme of reinstating Saturday schooling and shortening the summer vacation.

7. That the youth will have more patience.

[Editorial]

\*The current youth are pronounced with delicacy and lack will to withstand hardship. This is due to overprotection at home, improper diet, and other causes.

8. That Japan's self-sufficiency in agriculture will improve.

[Editorial]

\* According to the February 20<sup>th</sup> issue of the Tokyo Shimbun, Mr. Shinya Nishimaru, Director of Food Ecology Research Institute, says, "Advanced nations from now on are agricultural nations."

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Leave the industry to the developing nations. However, agriculture of the Edo period will not Suffice; it must be organized as corporation.” February 23<sup>rd</sup> issue of the Tokyo Shimbun reports that the big-name diet members (Mr. Fukuda, Horiuchi, Norota, and Kaneko) began the study group called “Association to Consider Agricultural Problems.”

\* February 1<sup>st</sup> issue of the Sankei Shimbun reports that our neighbor China has fallen into a net importer of agricultural goods last year due to the decline in agriculture.

9. That Japanese economy to improve. Also, the ambition of the Koizumi/Takenaka regime to sell Japanese banks and the postal services business to US capital will be crushed.

10. That a bill that grants voting rights to foreigners in local elections will be defeated.

[Editorial]

\* The Koumeito Party is determined to pass the bill which is submitted by them during the current ordinary session of the Diet at all cost. Let us pay special attention to the proceedings and pray that the bill will be defeated.

11. Let us pray for the peace of Israel.

“The guardian of Israel does not doze or sleep.”

Psalm 125:5

[Editorial]

\* According to the March 19<sup>th</sup> issue of the newspaper, “Akahata,” 13 representatives of the Palestinian organization issued the final statement of which the extension of ceasefire with Israel is at the center on 17<sup>th</sup>. And, Prime Minister Sharon welcomed this, and at the same time he expressed his desire for the terrorist organizations to disarm.

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## 《FINANCIAL REPORT》 (DEC. 1, 2004~JAN. 31, 2005)

(Unit = Yen)

INCOME	AMOUNT	EXPENSES	AMOUNT
Offering	78,500	Travel	1,860
		Printing	0
		Materials	13,300
		Postage	30,640
		Office Expenses	2,420
		Bank Charge	330
		Telephone	7,807
		Meeting Room Rental	11,760
SUB TOTAL	78,500	SUB TOTAL	68,117
Brought Forward	81,359	Balance Carried Forward	91,742
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	211,033	TOTAL	211,033

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## [Editorial Post Scripts]

\* We present the April issue of the Newsletter. In this issue, we have chosen “The Snake and the Dragon in the Bible”

\* Please pray that at least one “intercessor” will be raised from every village, town, and city from Hokkaido to Okinawa. The other day (February 14), Sister Y called to subscribe to the newsletter saying, “I saw your home page. Please send the newsletter.” I was very happy to hear that. I hope that a circle of subscribers will spread by word of mouth communication.

\* The world of nature is getting more and more of extraordinary natural phenomena. This time, the Off the Fukuoka Western Coast Earthquake took place during our Sunday worship service. But the Ito Christ Church was all right.

\* “God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear,  
though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart  
of the sea.” (Psalm 46:1-2)

By John H. Minagawa

《Announcement of Next Meeting》  
Date & Time : April 18 (Mon) 12:00  
Place : Sagami Ono Kirisuto Kyokai  
Nihon Kirisuto Kohkai



