

Protection of Animals (3)

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The hosts of Heaven feel great sorrow in the ill fate of the two tiger pups in Chiba. As if to give witness to the decadent world nearing its end, in the same time as the world's inhuman treatment of Indo-Chinese refugees who are victims of a communist regime, the Japanese government exercised its authority to establish policies which condone the torture of animals and ignore their right to life.

For example, the domestic pigeon is made a bird of prey to hunters, and the ban on hunting the Japanese serow is lifted without regard to their ecology, simply because they have increased in number. Policies of animal extermination are unwittingly carried out by placing practically no ranger in wildlife protection areas and allowing animals to fall victim to poachers. The leaders in society as well as intellectuals seem to go along with this policy. Oh, the inhumanity of the heartless citizens who only assert their right to live in comfort and convenience. They are unaware that they are being moved to and fro like puppets by their own delusion, and by hysterical mass psychology.

Once upon a time Japan was a country where people were exceptionally humane and even valued the life of a single flower, small animal, or bird. They were a people with a healthy attitude. They were a very peaceful people who respected noble and benevolent Buddhist monks like Issa and Ryokan. These same Japanese have now turned into a mob of arrogant individuals proclaiming themselves to be the supreme species, and trampling and killing every conceivable living except for humans, and the decline in the numbers of natural predators, will eventually lead to repeated pollution and the downfall of mankind according to the principles of humanity, and also by the laws of nature. Losing touch with

the beauty of nature which is wonderous to behold and gives one peace of mind (similar to animals that are like little children and know nothing of evil or deceit) will eventually trigger war between the people on earth who only pride themselves in the power to bring the end of the world.

In one recent incident people who questioned the responsibility of the owner of some wild animals became carried away. They killed without even knowing the nature of the poor tiger pups that wandered out in the dark, which would never have harmed people even though it was feared as a wild beast. The hunters were warned, but they did not listen. Furthermore, this incident took place not in a city with a high population density, but in the deep mountains which could almost be mistaken for virgin forest. The tiger pups were hunted down by an inordinately large number of hunters who secretly took pleasure in the excitement of the hunt. They even said "hurrah" at the sight of the tiger lying dead, and congratulated each other that all went well.

The people in Kano Zan of Chiba Prefecture, in their foolishness and inhumanity and egoism, are owners of fiendish minds. How right can the police and hunters have been to turn their backs on the requests from innocent little children and those with humanity who were awake to reason, to pull the trigger on helpless animals?

What kind of nation is it that has laws which decide that animals have no heart, and that the life of a human being is worth its weight in gold even though one may be a most despicable and cruel person? What kind of citizens obey laws such as this? Do these people really know what it means to have a heart?

Oh, the host in Heaven are gravely disheartened by this. We are sorely disappointed in the souls of hell residing in Japan. Their self-conceit which causes them to be inhumane and think of themselves as being some sort of God has developed in days

of peace with not a hint of war. Whether their country is totalitarian or democratic, they still possess the same inferior national character. Which is to say, a pathological psychology. And decisions based on emotions largely determine the laws of their country. Do these people know what kind of heart God has? They have no idea that not one of us who reign in Heaven and are called God have attitudes like theirs. They do not realize that they are forms of life which no longer have any ties with Heaven.