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Closer to home, even “recycling” is a lie. Waste is counted as “recycled” the moment it is handed over to a recycling company, even if it is never actually recycled. For plastics in particular, recycling consumes more energy than producing new ones from petroleum, so the claim that recycling is eco-friendly is a lie.

“Natural energy” is also a lie. Petroleum and coal are resources created by nature, yet we are told they are not “natural.” Moreover, compared with power generation methods like wind and hydro—which can cause environmental destruction—burning petroleum or coal, which are not used by other animals and plants, actually causes less harm. And yet, wind and hydro are touted as low-impact “natural energies.”

Healthy blood pressure varies from person to person, and naturally rises with age. Yet we are told that anything above a uniform threshold is “high blood pressure,” and people are prescribed antihypertensive drugs. That too is a lie.

The Japanese Constitution was not written by the Japanese, and constitutional revision is not legally possible under occupation. Yet the so-called “Constitution of Japan” was established. This too is a lie—the Constitution of Japan is not legally a constitution.

Neither the Constitution of the Empire of Japan nor the current Constitution states that bureaucrats are “public servants.” And yet, bureaucrats are called civil servants. This is also a lie. The truth is that bureaucrats are officials; “public servants” are those elected through universal suffrage.

If it brings profit, then lying is acceptable.
If saying it makes you feel good, then lying is acceptable.

Aren’t there many such people around you?
And what about yourself?

Can you see through lies?

On the flag of the Shinsengumi, the word “まこと” (makoto, sincerity) is written. Seeing that word stirs something in me. Today’s society feels like a world far removed from that. We live in a society where lies prevail.

With the rise of AI, more fakes will appear, and if you let your guard down, you may increasingly fall victim to lies.

For me, the greatest significance of craftsmanship lies in “sincerity.” A product cannot function if lies or deception are involved. When you devote yourself to making things, you are inevitably compelled to pursue sincerity. Ultimately, you may even reach a state of enlightenment, liberation, or transcendence.

The image above represents lies and sincerity. The world of lies is dark; the world of sincerity is bright.

If we wish to build a brighter society, we should strive to live with sincerity.

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