

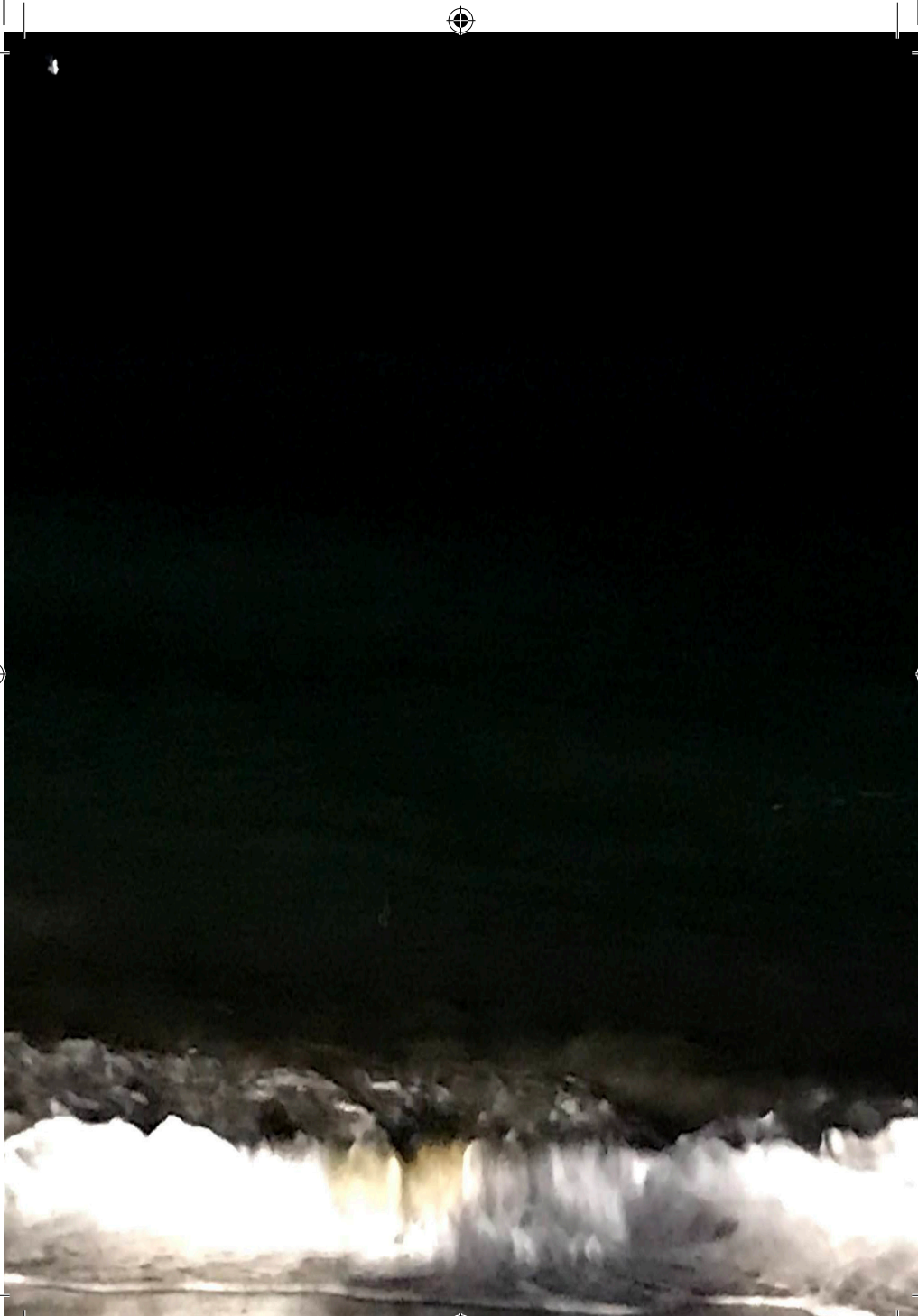
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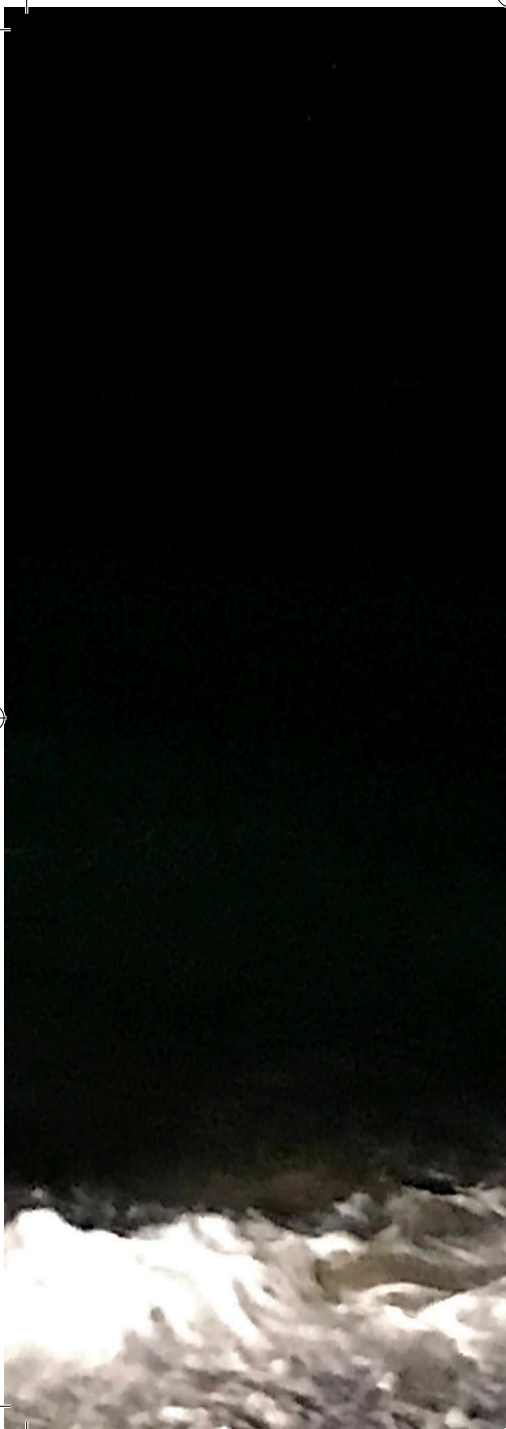
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Write to Remember

Before I wrote this book, I thought about the reason for writing.



Why do we write?

What can we get from writing?


Now I don't know what to say in this book. This is because, in fact, I have never written such a long essay even in Korean on a topic like this. Although it is difficult right now, I will try to write each one slowly. The question that started with the first two questions will develop into questions about the person and the world, the self and inner self, etc. and lastly meanings.

Reflecting on these questions will be the beginning and the end of this book. In the book, I would like to talk about my thoughts from these various and profound questions.


The reason that I decided to write about my thoughts is that I am a person who is better at writing than speaking. And I am a person who thinks slowly but deeply. I don't like to talk but I like to observe quietly and think deeply for a long time. I think that is my talent, a very special talent. I hope that by writing this article, my thoughts will be more organized and developed.



I like writing. I like to write something. Especially, I like to write poems these days because it felt beautiful to express the meaning I wanted to convey in a short word or sentence. And it seems to be more similar to the way I think and speak. So, for me, writing long about something is more difficult than thinking deeply because although I like to write as much as I like to think. But writing long is not the type that I prefer. That' s why I decided to write my thoughts instead of my long life story. So, in this book, I would like to write my thoughts from light things to deep things, no matter the length. . And it may be quite confusing and complicated.





Back to my questions, 'Why are we writing?' Of course, simply, we can answer, 'To record something.' And yes, that' s right. And we can make a question that is linked to the first question, 'Why are we recording?' And I would answer, 'To remember.'



We write to remember. If you go deep into this answer, you'll see that it's talking about human limitations. Everyone knows that humans have limits. Naturally, human memory has its limits as well. And this fact that 'memory is thinking about something that will someday disappear' made me sad. But, so that, I think that writing is the most sincere way to remember something or someone. This fact turns the rather hopeless fact that limits exist into a fact of hope.




Meaning That Write about Me




I thought about where to start writing about myself. And I was shocked that I realized that I didn't actually know much about myself. Because I've been thinking a lot about myself and I thought I knew something about myself.

So, I am scared of writing about myself. The biggest reason is that I' m not sure of the value of remembering my life yet. And also I don' t know much about myself. I am just 20 years old. And I know that I am too young to discuss life. I know it seems I exaggerate my worry. However, I also know that this is never a light thing.



I think that writing about myself is one of the ways to realize who I am. And I know that writing has a greater meaning than just making sentences by arranging letters and making paragraphs by arranging those sentences. For me it meant the process of getting to know me truly. So I couldn't stop writing and I'm still writing. And I will continue to write in the future.



I'm writing poems these days and from it I'm thinking about some topics deeply. When I write poetry, the main subject I deal with is human beings. It's natural, but I find it interesting to write about humans and think about them. Human limitations are the subject I think about the most these days. In brief, I thought that because human limits



exist, we may despair and fail, but that's why we can aspire to an infinite existence. So I thought that human limitations are a blessing, not a curse.

It is through these various thoughts that I create my own values. So, I mean that even if I don't write about myself, if I think deeply and think for a long time, it will eventually become my writing and thoughts for myself. I think we should be able to connect with everything we think and write, and everything we express. 'Connecting myself to various things', I think this is the most important for broadening my perspective of thinking.





Changing Thoughts



Human thinking is interesting. Unlike humans themselves, human thoughts sometimes seem to have no limits. However, there are limits to thinking. There is a level that we can't transcend. There are also levels that we do not understand. But humans must constantly think because human thinking changes.

As a child, I didn't know who I was. I didn't know what I wanted to do, what I wanted to be, and I didn't know my personality. I didn't know anything about myself. Even as I write this, I don't know much about myself. Rather, I write because I don't know much about myself.



Although I can't say I know anything about myself now, that doesn't mean I don't know anything about myself. Nor this is not to say that I do not know my future. Because the more I think about myself, the more I will get to know myself. Because I think it's me who changes me.



Sometimes I wondered what I would look like if the thoughts I was thinking were permanently maintained. And then I couldn't help but be grateful that my thinking changed. Because if the thought had been permanent and unchanging, no one would have grown up. Perhaps humans have not grown up. Humans are born, grow, and think. As there is a saying that 'thoughts grow,' human thoughts





develop themselves as they change. So humans can grow.

Another benefit of changing your mind is ‘broadening your perspective’ . Humans sometimes get new feelings about their own thoughts. I think human creativity and imagination will have the greatest impact. In any case, the new thoughts that come to mind are transformed into a new 'view'. ‘A new perspective on the world’ : this is very special. Being able to see the world from a variety of perspectives, not just one's own, leads human thinking to a deeper and more essential place.





We must be grateful that humans can think. And we have to keep thinking. We have to think on a higher level and share it. When thoughts leave our heads and travel into others' heads, when we enter other people's thoughts, we can have a broader perspective and think more deeply. We must step into each other's realms of thought.






Is a Human Able to Know Himself?




To what extent can humans know themselves? How many people in life truly know themselves? How much do I know about myself? How much more can I know?

Humans want to know ‘everything that exists’ . I think that desire may have created the present 'human knowledge'. In order to understand and know what exists, such as mathematics and science, humans think and seek out. But what about humans themselves? Can humans really know themselves? Does anything about man exist as knowledge?



What does it mean to know about a person himself? Before thinking of the meaning, I think we can divide the elements that make up human beings. The outside of the human being already scientifically exists in the form of knowledge. What about the inside of a human being? Of course, psychologically it also exists in the form of knowledge, but it is very complex.



In fact, I personally think that even if you approach it psychologically, you cannot know the inside of a human being. Of course, human beings are finite, but even a human being who thinks about that human being is a finite being. What about human thoughts? Can we know all the so many

thoughts that humans have been, are doing, and are capable of? No matter how much time passes, I think it's impossible.

If human beings think that the moment they die, they will be able to know themselves. It may sound too ruthless, but since humans are beings who will one day die, he has no choice but to live an unstable and undetermined and uncertain life until then. But 'death' makes the end of that life.

I do not want to discuss the afterlife in this essay. But apart from that, man must think of death. I do not completely agree, but on the one hand, I think that, as the saying goes, 'memento-mori', a life that remembers death can be more meaningful.

However, when people think about death, they often misunderstand the value of life. But if you think right, I think you can discover the true value of life through the thought of death. Then humans will be able to go through the process of truly getting to know themselves. I also will die someday. That is why I will not stop thinking until the day I die. In fact, I can't even stop.



Purpose of Life



What does it mean to set a purpose in life? We all know the importance of setting a purpose in life. But why? Why is it important? Let me tell you these two purposes and their meaning. And I hope this part helps you to find the meaning and set your purpose in life. And I hope you will realize the importance of setting a purpose in life.

The first is to live a life worth remembering. It is so precious for a finite human to remember someone's life. Each person has a different meaning, but for me, to remember someone's life is to love that person because that life would have been a life of love.



When we look back on the lives we cherish, there was love in them. Whether it is our own life or the life of others, we value life because there was love in it. So I guess it seems we talk and write more often to remember the life we loved because humans are finite beings. But this fact makes the lives that are remembered more precious. Memories may be considered hopeless because they will all disappear someday, but we can be hopeful because there is love that will last forever.



I want to live even to pass the true love down that I felt. Of course this love that I'm saying is not only just emotional love. The love that I'm saying is the love that is able to



sacrifice me for something that I love. And I think this is a higher level than emotional love. Emotional love is also important and precious. But eventually, as humans, the love that we have to do is sacrificial love. And, I realized it, and that's why I want to love the world.

The second is to leave the right will for my will to continue. My will for life must have been someone else's will. Of course, it's not that I don't have my will, but I want to continue the life of that love that someone left. I think the world can be beautiful because those precious wills have been passed on and are passing and will pass.

You can discover that these two purposes of life were not made for me in a way. And that's right. Because when I looked back on my life, I realized that my life could exist because of someone's dedication. In addition, because I realized that I can't live alone in this world.

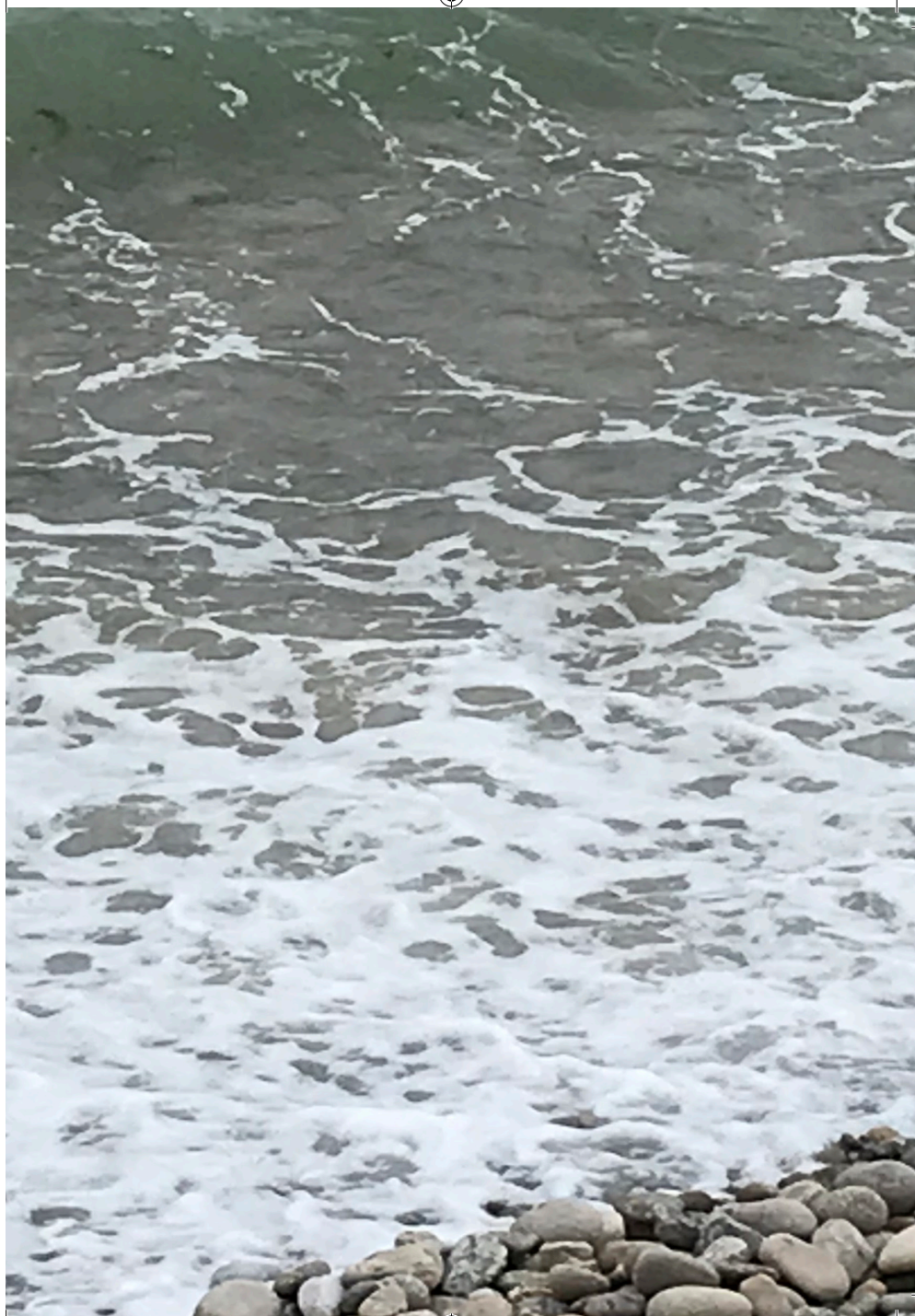
So, I thought, 'Shouldn't I also become a person who can live for others?'

Because we see the darkness of the world too much. And because the darker the darkness, the brighter the light.

Of course I know it's difficult. I know I will suffer because


of my purpose in life that I just said. I might want to give up, but I can't because that's my role. And the moment I live a truly memorable life, that is, the moment someone remembers my life, it will be happiness, not pain. Because pain is not just a pain, it is an opportunity to grow. As there is pain, we can realize the value of hope. Therefore, I think pain is a positive thing.

This seemingly obvious purpose of life may one day change. But even so, I will continue to achieve the purpose of my life now. Because I know that it is a meaningful life. Because I know that, these thoughts and actions will make me. Because someone must be thinking the same as me. I can't give up or stop to let him know one day that he's not alone.






living and Loving




What is living and loving? What is the relationship between living and loving? In Korean, 'living' and 'loving' look similar, and actually sound similar when pronounced. What is the relationship between human life and human love? At first, I came up with two thoughts.

‘Humans live to be loved.’



‘Humans live to give love.’



The unchanging fact is that humans absolutely need love. Man cannot live without love. Love is the most basic element of human beings, and it is the element that enables us to become the most humane human beings. Love exists even before humans are born. This is because the result of human's love is the birth of a human being. Love existed before human existence, and love exists even when human beings disappear. Love doesn't go away.



Love is the most difficult and the most beautiful because humans can never do it on their own. In order for love to be possible as love, there must be an ‘object to give love’ and an object to receive love. In fact, it's a natural thing. I believe that love exists for the purpose of a relationship between me and others other than myself. Of course, loving oneself is also true love, but since it is also loving the self within me, there are 'objects of love' and 'objects of



receiving love' in that respect. Why does love exist in order to relate to something other than me and myself?

Because humans cannot live alone. Humans cannot even be born alone. Humans themselves are impossible from the very beginning. And even after birth, because of someone's love, humans grow and live. Sometimes people wonder about the existence of love. To such people, I often say, 'The very existence of a human being is the proof of love.'


The relationship between 'live' and 'love' is, after all, the reason and evidence of human existence. Because there is love, we can live, and because we live, we can love.

So, I wonder if we should live with more love.







The Opposite of Negative Is Not Positive





In the dictionary meaning, 'negative' means 'not correct or wrong'. Meanwhile, the positive' means 'to think so and to admit that it is right' . We tend to think that the opposite of negative is positive, and the opposite of positive is negative.

But I don' t think so. This is because human beings and their lives and situations within them were not determined solely by either positive or negative. In short, it can be said to be more complex. No matter what happens, a human's life is not determined. Every situation just has a 'possibility'. A situation that looks positive has the potential to turn into a situation that looks negative. Naturally, there is a possibility that even a situation that looks negative will turn into a situation that looks positive. Just because a situation looks negative or positive, you shouldn't judge it that way. Circumstances can change at any time. And it depends on how each person perceives it. Judging it only by self standards, humans can't see it from a broader perspective. So people misunderstand.




Usually, people despair when something difficult happens to them. But they shouldn't do that. This is because no matter how hopeless the situation is, it is not a hopeless life. There is no such thing as a 'hopeless situation' in the first place. Only 'some situations' exist, and they make up




the world. And it's just that different people have different meanings for those situations. So we have to find the meaning and possibility of the situation in it. This is a little different than just being optimistic.

We must not judge the situation, but look at it from a broader perspective, and think deeply and fully.
And more importantly, when we look at the world and when we look at people, we have to do it that way.





The closest example is when we see the people next to us. This means that we should not judge only by good or bad. We all know that humans are not so easily distinguishable. Because he is also a 'human' with a complex personality like mine. We have to respect that fact more, we have to think more deeply and fully.



We live in a world where humans and situations exist, and it can be said that we live in a very complex world. Even if it's not straightforward, looking at situations from different perspectives can be one of the ways we can see the world from more different perspectives. And in it we will think and grow.




Why Precious Things Are Beautiful?




In general, we consider precious things to be beautiful. There are many things that we value, from jewelry to beautiful natural scenery to, more profoundly, relationships with friends and family. And we often think of them as beautiful. Here I came up with a number of questions. In this chapter, I will talk about those questions and the answers I came up with.



I'll start with a question about what's precious to you. I hope this topic will help you answer the question I asked you and give you a chance to think about the meaning of 'precious things' to you.





On the subject of this thought, my first question was 'Why do we want to protect what is precious?' If we were to unravel the meaning of 'precious' a little, it could be said that 'a thing valuable enough to protect'.



The value that has to be protected is different per person. Because of Each human has their own standard of value, there exists the difference of what we consider valuable to each other. However, things that are valuable according to different value standards, that is, things that must be protected, have in common that whatever they may be, they are rare and precious.



Natural monuments are considered to be worth protecting because there are not a lot of them, so they have been designated as Millennium Monuments. Someone discovered the rarity of the species, and must have discovered and tried to protect its preciousness. Why? Why is it so important that the species does not disappear from this planet? Of course, the species may need to exist for the sake of balancing the ecosystem and for research. But rather than that, I think it was because we respect the 'the fact that it exists itself'.



What is the reason that 'the fact of existence itself' is so precious that it has a value that we should protect? It can be said that it is because there is only one existence, whoever it is, whatever it is. As of May 13, 2022, there are approximately 7.9 billion humans in the world. Out of those 7.9 billion people, is there anyone who is exactly the same? Is there anyone who can be replaced by another? We naturally know that it can't. Even if there are 7.9 billion human beings, we know that each and every one of them is worth living and breathing.

In the end, what we truly value is that we value the fact that it exists itself. Because we respect and love the fact that it exists. I think that precious things are considered beautiful because such beings themselves and the heart that loves them are beautiful.






Reason for Everything

Why do thoughts exist? Why are humans able to think deeply? Why is it that only humans can think so specially? What does exist? What does it really exist? What is 'what has existed' , what will 'exist' , and what is 'what remains in the end' ?

These thoughts can make a human being emptiness. But those who know the meaning do never despair. What remains for such people is hope. It is a joy that can't be replaced by anything. Because we are human, we can't answer perfectly. So humans despair. Of course, people who have hope are also ultimately humans. They can't answer perfectly either. But they are different in that they know that there exists someone who can answer that question—someone who is the answer itself.




In the end, only the truth will remain, and everything will disappear, but the fact that the truth will remain is the only way to free humans from the suffering of emptiness. Humans who get out of it will live human lives. It's not 'just a life' , it's a 'human life' . 'Life as a human', 'Life like a human', 'literally human life': it is the most humane act that a human being can do, and the greatest humanity that a human being can leave behind.

The writing doesn't end up being left behind. The laptop I



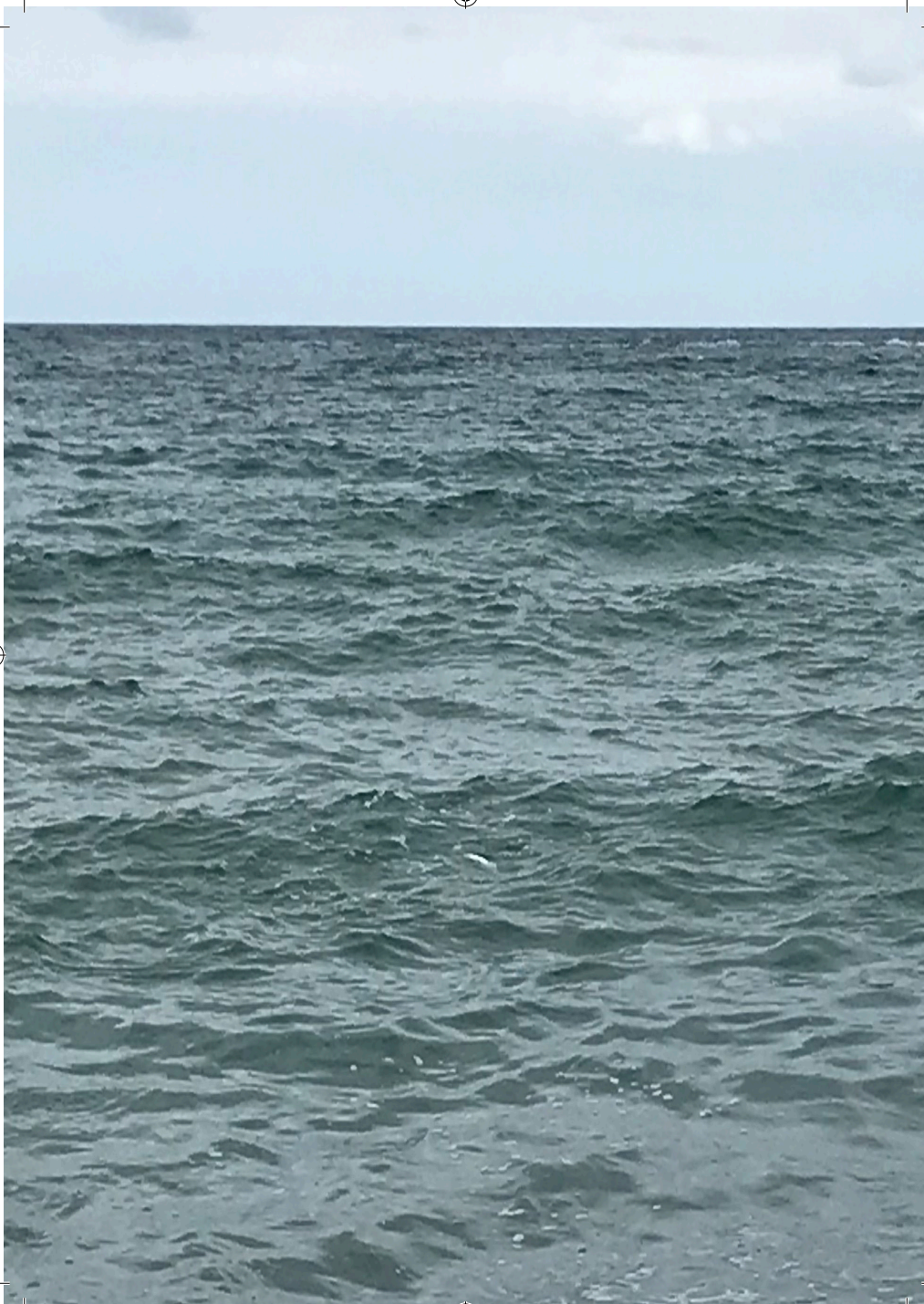
used to write on will also disappear. The fingers that used to type, the eyes that looked at the screen, and the brain that thought about them would all disappear. The mind will also eventually disappear. But what we thought of will remain. What was in our minds will never go away. So we don't despair.

Everything has a reason. And since existence itself is the reason itself, nothing is futile. Even if they are all going to disappear. Even if we die eventually.











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