

PROJECT OUTLINE DOCUMENT

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#Prophecies of Hopi



It represents “securely maintaining the balance of this round-shaped earth by protecting the two, earth and life, and by putting together all the races: yellow, red, white and black.”

Just before “the time” comes, mystic fog deluding human hearts and minds rises up from the ground.

Knowledge and wisdom can no longer teach anything to us, and the teachings of the Creator are wiped out from the minds of people.

Children start to act violently, not listening to adults.

The shield symbol of Hopi. Greedy struggles and resulting chaos are spreading widely. People are killing each other brutally.

“Gourds of ashes” which shine brighter than the sun, however, bring an end to such an era.

The earth has turned over four times, and then humans are crawling around on their hands and knees for eternity in the abyss of the darkness.

- a prophecy of Hopi -

This prophecy is very well-known.

“Gourds of ashes” implies atomic bombs which dropped in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan. The Hopi did predict this.

The fourth chapter of HIBIKI, “Hopi,” would be a journey to gather the threads of “prophecies” the ancestors have passed on to the descendents.

So what do the Hopi mean by “prophecy” ?

Studying their history and sayings, I have come up with one thing.

This is merely a “prophecy,” but at the same time a “living wisdom” left behind by their ancestors for the prosperity of the descendants?

The prophecy of the Hopi goes like this:

When humans get dissipated and don't listen to the words of wise men, “the time” will come.

- a prophecy of Hopi -

The words of wise men, or the ancestors, are meant to be “wisdom.”

“Knowledge” is totally different from “wisdom.”

Knowledge can be studied with mind. Yet wisdom has been learned through real-life experiences.

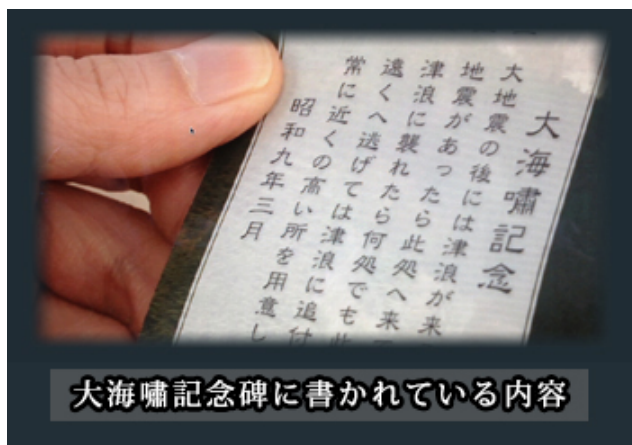
Wisdom is accompanied with “pains.”

Based on the painful lessons, therefore, our ancestors have communicated essential truths on living to their descendants over an excessive amount of time in the hope of the prosperity of the descendants.

“Prophecy” is “Wisdom.”

Perversions in modern societies. Everything starts to be out of rhythm.

This might result from the fact that we have lost “wisdom” come down by our ancestors from generation to generation.



The beginning of “HIBIKI - RHYTHM of DNA” It was March 11, 2011, when the Great East Japan Earthquake hit Japan and many lives were engulfed by Tsunami.

During the period between 100 years ago and then, several big Tsunami hit a large number of districts throughout Japan. Our ancestors who experienced the calamities left messages to us their descendants.

A message carved on the Big Tsunami Monument.

The big Tsunami hit the Taro district of Miyako, Iwate Prefecture in 1933.

Our ancestors built the “Big Tsunami Monument” just above the point that the Tsunami reached, with the message “Tsunami will follow a big earthquake.

After the quake, be sure to come to this high place and stay here for one hour.” It is a warning to their descendents, saying that they should not build their houses below this point.

However, such a lesson about a big Tsunami taught by our ancestors has faded away over time. People gradually started building their houses toward the sea, making a bigger neighborhood near the shore.

Then, the Great East Japan Earthquake occurred...

People in the Taro district came to reaffirm the significance of the “Big Tsunami Monument” as a warning for the future, which had long been disregarded.

We shall never repeat “mistakes” again.

There is something we can do now.

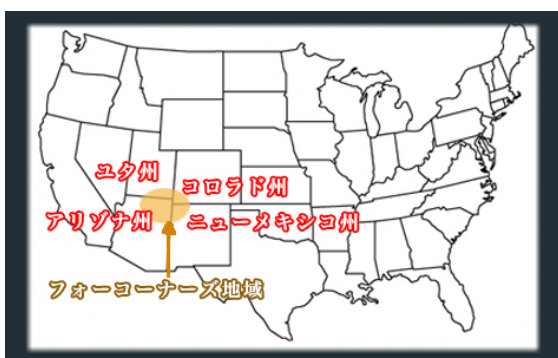
It is that we can change “pains” we have learned in this period into “wisdom” and pass on it to posterity.

“Wisdom” can be developed even by us who are still living. As our ancestors did, we will convey the wisdom in the hope of the prosperity of our descendents.

Documentary film “HIBIKI - RHYTHM of DNA” is a “journey” to search for wisdom left behind by our ancestors, record it right now, and hand it down to the following generations.

The fourth chapter, “Hopi”, will be getting the heart of the HIBIKI Project.

#People of Peace



[Hopi means “peace” or “people filled with peace.”]

The Hopi have repeated settling around Four Corners, where the state lines of Arizona, Utah, Colorado and New Mexico meet, over the course of several thousand years. And they are said to be finally settled in the current area about one thousand years ago.

There are twelve villages on a plateau in a desert called Mesa (meaning “high ground”) 5,900 feet above sea level. Their population is about ten thousand.

Agricultural people with the staple food of corn.

A prayer of the Hopi goes:

Please give us wisdom so that we can understand what you have told to our people.

I want to be strong. Not strong to beat others, but I want strength to deal with myself, the worst enemy to me.

- Wisdom prayer of the Hopi -

A teaching of the Hopi includes:

- Adequate behaviors are needed to be respected.
- The heart is a “great leverage” to move anything.
- Wisdom of our ancestors is needed to confirm our beliefs.

Many teachings existing today contain wisdom so that we can live a truly rich life as part of wild nature.

Why can the Hopi have continued to be the people of peace?

It may be because they have respected and practiced the wisdom which was passed on by their ancestors.

The Hopi is not just a tribe, but its existence becomes the symbol of world peace.

#Belief in Kachina



Kachina

Kachina is so deeply rooted in the Hopi society that you cannot describe the Hopi without it.

Kachina means spirits that reside in everything: animals, plants, weather phenomena, such as rain and winds, and deities. The number reaches as many as 300 kinds.

They are entities helping to maintain the balance between everything so that people can keep promises with Great Spirit Masau'u and live with good intentions.

Kachina dances with masks and costumes are performed

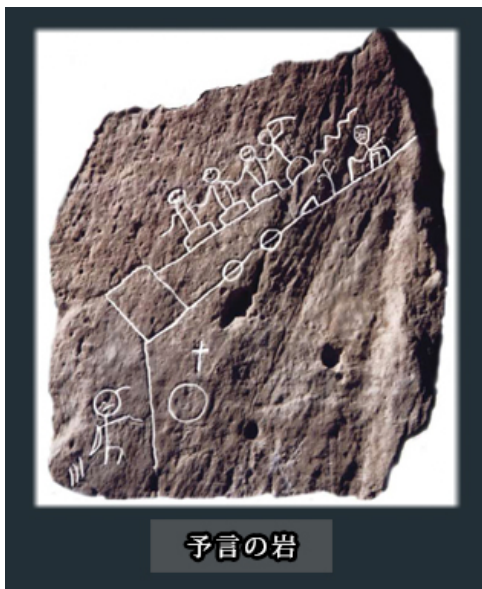
regularly according to seasons.

Masau'u is an avatar of Great Spirit who is said to have endowed the Hopi with prophecies.

The only law and creed for the Hopi are to hold onto “the promise to protect the earth” which was made with Great Spirit.

The Hopi make a pledge of fidelity with the earth to grow agricultural crops, offer prayers in religious ceremonies in order to follow the cycles of the nature and the universe and maintain the balance of the world.

The oral tradition of the Hopi teaches that the world has thus far been purified three times, and if human beings forget the respect and gratitude for the earth and life without following the natural rules, they would see the “Great Purification Day” again.



Prophecy Rock

Now it is called “Prophecy Rock” on which the prophecy was carved.

Above-mentioned “Great Tsunami Monument” which stands in Miyako, Iwate Prefecture, may be one of the “prophecy rocks.”

The Messages of the Hopi are also a warning to the modern humanity.

The Hopi wisdom also teaches that:

- Fences are a symbol of power. Don't draw a line on land. And the concept of land itself will sure drive people into poverty.

- Either peace brought by Great Spirit, or peace established by the police of the government.
- Even if your house shines beautifully and is filled with sumptuous dishes, it would become just a box with family members showing no tenderness of sharing.

Reading these messages, any of us can understand they are so important. It is a kind of teachings at which anyone may not feel discomfort.

How come we modern Japanese can easily accept the Hopi messages which have been passed on since such an ancient time and in such a faraway place?

This is because, I think, they are ancient memories that are inscribed in our DNA, where the universal truth on humanity is contained.

The fate of the future earth depends on restoring the wisdom our ancestors left behind, and what we are viewing it and how we are behaving from now on.

If not us, who can build a better world?

Let' s hand down a gentle and loving earth to our descendents. For we will also be “ancestors” someday.

#Shooting Concept

There is a Hopi saying: “A small one without fear will move a mountain.”

A sequence of miracles made it possible for me to cover all the previous projects: the 1st chapter “Aboriginal,” the 2nd chapter “Celt,” and the 3rd chapter “Alaskan Tlingit.” . Those were prayers and messages I was able to spin through talks with gods.

Yet, this shooting of the Hopi would be the hardest one among the twelve indigenous people coverage in the HIBIKI Project.

Because no shooting is permitted in the Hopi reservations, the main site of the fourth chapter of HIBIKI. No drawings or notes are allowed, either.

Under such situations, can HIBIKI gather the threads of messages of the Hopi?

It is the challenge.

It is HIBIKI that is not attached to any result. This is why some miracles or gifts from gods have occurred.

Even if I know the earth is destroyed tomorrow, HIBIKI will hoist a sail high and embark on the voyage to capture the wind of hope.

Let' s put everything into the hands of fate.

In order to change this perverted world into a better one, we need the wisdom of human beings which has been passed on from our ancient ancestors to the descendents of our age.

We then will establish the wisdom in this era, and hand down it to the next generation. It is the mission of HIBIKI.

HIBIKI is not a film in the genre of documentary, but a message of the wisdom to be handed over to our descendents.

I will give everything to this faith.

Like the Hopi saying “A small one without fear will move a mountain,” can HIBIKI become “a small one” ? Heaven only knows.

I will declare “peace” as the concept of “Hopi,” the fourth chapter of HIBIKI.

I have only determined this.