

Takashi HARADA Artist Statement

I believe that all the natural things include human beings have a sort of common structure form, and each of them exist having with the equal value of a molecule or an atom.

When I look up at surrounding trees in woods, sometimes I feel as if they united each other and some living things were moving. It is a feeling that as if I became one of a cell, or a smaller molecule or atom as a part of the big living thing, or as if I was wrapped in the living thing. I have seized with such feelings several times.

I suppose that these unreal feelings that I receive frequently have been occurred in an amplified situation overlapping with the realistic feelings which I feel in woods at the time and the other feelings in memory which obtained at important periods in the past, or the other memory related to the existence of life.

I do not know from about what time of a growth stage record work called memory of humans has begun. Moreover, I have neither the research result of a researcher, nor the result of an experiment as clear knowledge. However, I have had thoughts on a thing called memory of the human beings based on my uncertain knowledge.

I have heard that the organs of sense which take charge of vision, hearing or others called five senses which humans is endowed with, have already begun their development from the state of the embryo before humans are borne from the mother's body. Although I do not know that the each sense organ develops from which stage of growth, I think that the feeling obtained through those sense organs would be recorded on the inside of the body as their memory of the dawn of the human beings when they exist as embryos in the mother's body.

Furthermore, it is says that a living thing has records of the information for existing as the living thing and the information for being an individual in its DNA. It seems that the information is controlling existence of living things in various scenes. I have heard that while human repeated divisions from one cell and continued growth, as if it followed the process of general living thing evolution. If this is a fact, the record of the process of which has evolved as a living thing will be left into humans' gene certainly. And in the record, the common information as a natural thing is included, and I think that the information should have big influence on humans' existence as one steadfast living thing in nature.

It is my opinion that when humans place its body among all natural things, such as rocks, air, water and the life which is different kind from human beings, such as various plants and animals, the information for existing as a living thing which are recorded on the inside of the body forces humans themselves to dissolve into the nature as a part of it, and the memory as a natural thing which remains in the inside of the body as the gene revives the feeling that human beings is existence equal to other natural things, on a level of one small atom. I want to create artworks that can evoke such a feeling.