



SEEING GOD

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Hawaii had missionaries during World War 2 because Japan and China missionaries were kicked out of Asia. These U.S. missionaries came to Hawaii for the duration of the war because Hawaii was full of Chinese, Japanese, and Koreans who were mainly Buddhists. My family was Koyasan Shingon Buddhists. They called us heathen. Missionaries told us that believing in God was the most important thing. Why didn't we believe in God? We could not go to heaven if we were so ungrateful as not to believe in God. Of course, Buddhists believe in Buddhas, not God. Is God in the East Asia called Buddha? Or Buddha in the West is called God?

But I decided it was all God's fault that we did not believe. Why is God hiding from us? If God showed up in our Hilo Ho'olulu Park every Sunday, we would all believe. If God protected Hilo Bay from the three tidal waves that devastated 1/3 of the town everybody would believe. My Dad's grocery store is right off Hilo Bay. Why would God smash down Dad's grocery store? Decades of blood, sweat, and tears invested in that store. It was destroyed three times by tidal waves. My Uncle Ernest was killed in the Korean War. Why didn't God protect such a good person as Uncle Ernest? It is God's fault that we don't believe.

In my senior years I have changed my mind again. I see God everywhere. Every morning I feed Pavarotti, a yellow Finch song bird, who happily sings for me an hour every day. I feed 5 beautiful goldfish in a huge barrel in my back yard. They are five years old, vigorous and playful. I also water 3 flourishing potted plants in the house and a potted Plumeria in the front lawn. Why is anything alive? Why is the finch, the goldfish, and the plants alive? Why am I alive? Life is a miracle. And that miracle is God. Or whatever you call God in your religion.

Dogs and cats can become our best friends. But human beings are the best windows to see God. Mom and Dad, teachers, coaches, teammates in sports, partners in business, married couples. I see God in every person I meet. Jainism, the oldest religion in India, preaches **Ahimsa**, reverence for life. This has penetrated all religions in India. **Ahimsa** may be the unspoken foundation of all Buddhist ethics. Buddhism was nourished in India. Albert Schweitzer is the famous early missionary of modern medicine to Africa. "Reverence for life" was his main religious concern. "Reverence for life" is perhaps 80% of my religion.

I see God in the whales, the tiger, the elephant, and the lava shooting up in Halemau'au crater on the Big Island. But the best window to see God is the kindness of human beings. In my senior years, I see God everywhere. People searching for God are watching you and me. I see God in you. Can you see God in me?

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Why Water Buffalo Theology?

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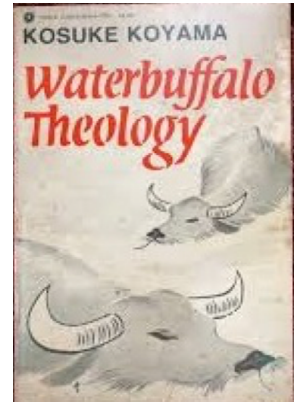
One of the most intriguing books I read in the mid-1970s was ***Waterbuffalo Theology*** by Koyama Kosuke. In 1999 the 25th anniversary edition (revised & expanded) was published as *Water Buffalo Theology*. But what kind of theology is that?!

Who was Koyama?

Koyama Kosuke was a Japanese theologian who was born 90 years ago today, on December 10, 1929. He was less than two months younger than C.S. Song, the Asian theologian I wrote about in October, but unlike Song, who is still living, Koyama (and that is the family name) died in 2009 before his 80th birthday.

Koyama studied in the U.S. from 1952 until he finished his Ph.D. at Princeton Theological Seminary in 1959. During those years he met and married Lois Rozendaal, a Dutch-American woman.

For most of the next decade (1960~68) he served as a pastor and teacher in Thailand, being sent there as a missionary by the United Church of Christ in Japan.



Following several years (1968~74) serving in Singapore and then in New Zealand (1974~79), in 1980 Koyama became a professor at Union Theological Seminary in New York. Upon his retirement in 1996 he became the John D. Rockefeller Jr. Professor Emeritus of World Christianity. [First edition cover]

Why Did Koyama Write about Water Buffalos?

Koyama gained attention in the theological world after his seminal book ***Waterbuffalo Theology*** was published in 1974. But why did he write about water buffalos?

Because his first field of service after completing his Ph.D. was as a pastor in northern Thailand, Koyama recognized the need for communicating with the people in his congregation, many of whom were farmers who used water buffalos in their daily work.



In my [1/22/2010 blog article](#) I wrote about the importance of contextual theology. Koyama's development of contextualized theology in Thailand was one of the main examples I used in the theology courses I taught in the late 1970s, and afterward. According to an article written soon after Koyama's death in 2009, Donald Shriver, president emeritus of Union Seminary, said that *Waterbuffalo Theology* was "one of the first books truly to do theology out

of the setting of Asian villages."

In the same article, a historian for the Church of Christ in Thailand called Koyama's book "one of the classic works of contemporary Asian theology." The article concludes with Shriver telling how someone

at Union noticed that **Waterbuffalo Theology** had landed on the discard pile outside the library. Apparently, a librarian had concluded that the prestigious school had no program for teaching theology to water buffalos. But since Koyama was joining the faculty there, his book “was quickly and quietly returned to the shelves.”

What Can We Learn from Water Buffalo Theology?

After locating in New York, Koyama didn't write about water buffalos anymore. He was in a different context, and his writing reflected that new setting.

Koyama's second most important book is probably **Mount Fuji and Mount Sinai: A Critique of Idols**, which was published in 1985. His “context” then was the world threatened by nuclear war. He explained, I have written this book with a keen awareness of the global peril of nuclear war. Wars are waged ‘in the name of God,’ that is, with ‘theological’ justification. Such justification is idolatry” (p. x).

The background “context” was the destruction of warring Japan in 1945. Koyama became a baptized Christian in 1942; three years later he saw Tokyo “become wilderness by the constant bombings.” And then, of course, there were the catastrophic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August 1945.

If Koyama were still writing today, perhaps he would applaud an article that appeared last week on the Rolling Stone website: “False Idol—Why the Christian Right Worships Donald Trump.” That long article, which I recommend you taking the time to read, helps us understand the political context that challenges theologians, and all of us, today. [This essay was first published in Dr. Seat's blog, **The View From This Seat.blogspot.com**]

Dr. Leroy Seat and I studied together under the same professors for some years in graduate school in Louisville. Then we taught together for several decades on the same faculty of Seinan Gakuin University in Fukuoka, Japan. An outstanding professor, pastor, and administrator, he was elevated as Chancellor of the university for many years. You can enjoy the inspiring and insightful writings of this incurable reformer, creative thinker, and follower of Jesus by reading his blog. *D.K. Yagi*

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A THERAVADA BUDDHIST PRAYER

May I be well, happy,
peaceful, and prosperous. May no harm
come to me, may no difficulties come to me.
May I also have patience, understanding, courage,
and determination to meet and overcome inevitable
difficulties, problems and failures in life.
May all beings be well,
happy, peaceful, and prosperous. May no harm
come to them, may no difficulties come to them.
May they have patience, understanding, courage
and determination to meet and overcome inevitable
difficulties, problems, and failures in life.

Bhante Piyananda, Dharma Vijaya Buddhist Vihara, L.A.

ETERNAL LIFE: John 3:16; Romans 8:29

Most Christians learned John 3:16 in Sunday School—"that whoever believes in Jesus will have eternal life." That is, when we die we will be shot out into eternity as is, to pollute the entire universe with our greed, our fears, our guilty conscience, and our anger that demands revenge.

In Handel's Messiah, the phrase is repeated over and over and over—We shall be changed! CHAAAAAANGED, CHAAAAAANGED, WE SHALL BE CHANGED!!! After death, we will not be shot out into eternity, as is, to pollute the entire universe. We shall be changed. We will be purified to become like Jesus. Then we can be shot out into the universe as a blessing, not pollution. That truth that few Christians know is imbedded in Romans 8:29 and 1John 3:2—that we are "predestined to be **conformed to the image of his Son....**"

The Gospel of Jesus is not for good people to kill bad people. Then good people can take over the government, schools, foreign policy, police departments, and the military.

No, Jesus said not to take revenge. Love your enemies, forgive your enemies, pray for your enemies, and Jesus died for his enemies—so that our enemies will become our friends.

Did you want Hitler to be tortured in hell forever and ever? Jesus wants Hitler to be purified, to be transformed into the image of His Son, to be shot out into the universe as a blessing instead of a curse. Can our hearts expand to see as Jesus sees—our enemies turned into friends?

During the war in Iraq the Chaplain prayed for the safety and wellbeing of our troops. But what enraged the Commander was that the Chaplain also prayed for the safety and wellbeing of the enemy troops. The Commander tolerated the Chaplain who was committed to Jesus who loves all people and all nations, not only Americans. But through his anger, the Commander wished that the Chaplain would pray only for our troops.

We must not mistake Jesus for a military commander out for glory, empire, and revenge. Following Jesus is not the same as following the Commander in Chief of U.S. Forces. Jesus is more than American. Jesus is more than nationalism, (My Country Right or Wrong!) Jesus is internationalism! Beyond Western nations, Jesus is also committed to Africa, Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran, Pakistan, India, Middle East, Southeast Asia, East Asia, Pacific Islands, Latin America, and everybody else. Even our enemies! Jesus loves Jews, and Jesus loves Muslims. That's why Jesus is so special. During WW2 Japanese Americans were called "**Enemy Aliens**". But the Quakers called us **Friends!!!** Like Quakers, Jesus called his enemies "**friends**". Winning enemies into friends is what Jesus people do.

You really want to follow this Jesus? Jesus forgave the Roman soldiers who were in the act of killing him! A love beyond self-defense. So Karl Barth rejected self-defense as the highest ethic for Christians. Isn't that Jesus in death convulsions on the Cross? Doesn't look like self-defense to me.

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Joy and Sorrow—Stroke as Gift

I am not a fan of gospel music or of hymns written in the 18th and 19th century. However, there is one hymn that I like very much, that may or may not have been intended in its theology. The hymn is called, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross". The second verse is this,

"See from his head, his hands, his feet, Sorrow and Love flow mingled down,
did e'er such love and sorrow meet or thorns compose so rich a crown?"

The third verse is: "Were the whole realm of nature mind, that were a present far too small, love so amazing, so divine, commands my life, my soul, my all."

It is true that love commands my life, my soul and my all. This is why I would never consider taking my own life, because Love commands my life and is the most powerful force in my continuing to live. Particularly the love of family and friends.

The idea of combining Joy and Sorrow is an amazing idea. Jesus was a joyful person but he also lived with sorrow because his people, the peasant class, were being exploited by the Roman Government and by the Priestly Class. As he combined joy and sorrow, so can we. We are to be Joyful in the midst of sorrow. Joy doesn't rule out sorrow, Joy and Sorrow can live together.

That is why in the verse it also says that his crown of thorns was a rich crown. His crown of thorns was rich because it combined joy and sorrow. He was a kind of king, but not like other kings. He didn't wear a golden crown, he wore a crown of thorns that hurt and caused him Sorrow.

When I think of the stroke that I had in the early part of this year, I think of the combination of Joy and Sorrow. A stroke brings a lot of sorrow. But it can also bring a lot of joy. For example, it made me aware of my connections with other persons, who experience liabilities. I am a disabled person. I have something in common with all other disabled persons. I share their frustrations and their sorrows. But it is also a Joy to be in connection with people who know life as it is. Who know that they are disabled and not perfect. Nor am I.

Also as an extrovert, I am getting in touch with my introvert side. Extroverts are often a combination of introverts and extroverts. That is certainly true of me. I spend a lot of time reading, thinking and watching television. I am learning to live by myself and with my own inner thoughts. Such an experience brings joy and sorrow, which is what life is about and what Jesus has taught us. *Bill Malcomson*

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COMMUNIST COMPLIMENT

Toshio Sato was a professor at Tokyo Union Seminary in the 1960's. Coming from Hawaii, I was the first American foreign student in a degree program in that seminary. During the war Toshio Sato was captured as a prisoner of war (POW) by U.S. forces in the Philippines. At Christmas time the U. S. troops gave all the POWs Japanese Bibles. Christmas world-wide is a time of celebration, hope, and joy. Some years later at an annual seminary Christmas party for all faculty and students, Sato described what it felt like to be a prisoner of war during Christmas. He was a defeated and humiliated prisoner of the lost cause of World War 2, while the whole world celebrated with Christmas jubilation. Toshio Sato later became President of Tokyo Union Theological Seminary, *Tokyō Shingaku Daigaku*, my alma mater.

Some years before that, Toshio Sato by chance happened upon a dear high school companion he had not seen in years. They talked over tea about the massive tragedies coming upon them with losing the war. They discussed the foreboding collapse of the economy, the never-ending B-29 bombings, destruction of democracy, the political-military fascism, emperor worship, and the desperate foraging for food. His former high school classmate said as a concluding statement, **"At least you Christians can pray!"** His high school buddy had become a card-carrying Communist. Communists are atheists. That was his parting words: **"At least you Christians can pray."**

Maybe it is only prisoners of war and card carrying Communists who really know what a privilege it is to be able to pray. Do you pray?

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One Eye on the Bible: The Other Eye on the Newspaper

Trump Finalizes Plan to Open Arctic Refuge to Drilling. NYTimes—Brad Plumer and Henry Fountain, Aug.17, 2020. Auction for gas and oil drilling leases by the end of the year. Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska. Underground lies billions of barrels of oil but is also home to polar bears and migrating herds of caribou. The U. S. government has protected it for six decades. It is the largest remaining stretch of wilderness in the U. S. Even if Biden won the Presidency, it would be most difficult to reverse the leases if Congress does not stop the sale of these leases to oil companies.

Policing Compton. LATimes, Oct. 6, 2020, Alene Tchekmedyian; Oct.20,2020, Kailyn Brown.

Compton Mayor Aja Brown was pulled over by police allegedly for "failing to stop at the limit line" at a red light. Deputies swarmed her car and within seconds searched her and her husband for drugs. Obviously they were searching for drugs and showed little interest in the exact position of the car from the red light—their excuse for the pull over. Of course they blundered in not recognizing this black woman as the Mayor of Compton where this all happened.

Two decades ago a city police agency did the policing in Compton, but could not handle the surge in killings. So the sheriff's department took over. The sheriff won praise in sections of Compton as gang violence greatly declined. In the 1980's and 1990's the name Compton to most people meant gang violence. So for several years there was great relief at the sharp drop in killings. Then a series of mass protests rose in several deputy killings of citizens, the bicyclist Dijon Kizzee in Westmont and Andres Guardado in neighboring Gardena. This involved evidence of rogue gangs of police with visible gang tattoos—gangs of police within the Compton police station! Even the name of this police gang was known—Executioners. Sheriff Alex Villanueva has been accused of failing to disband or discipline the police gang. It should be easy enough to check for visible gang tattoos among the police ranks in the Compton station.

Compton youth are more persistent against police brutality, while elders who remember the volume of gang violence of yesteryear are more appreciative. Not all cops are bad cops they say.

Pope Endorses Same Sex Civil Unions.

Pope Francis advocated for same-sex civil unions in the Catholic Church. Marriage, which is a sacrament in the Catholic Church, is not possible for gay couples at the present time, but legal civil unions should be allowed. Homosexual people as children of God have a right to be in a family, the Pope said. He has made such pronouncements before he became Pope. Now he made these pronouncements in the film “Francesco” —his papal name in Italian—which made its debut in the Rome Film Festival. Conservatives within the Catholic Church are expected to push back against this progressive move by the Pope. LATimes, Tracy Wilkinson, Tom Kington, and Faith E. Pinho, October 22, 2020.

Virus Strikes Church Defying Orders.

Grace Community Church in Sun Valley, Los Angeles County, an evangelical megachurch, has been defying L.A. County public health orders for the last several weeks by holding indoor worship services. They have an estimated attendance of 7,000. Three cases of coronavirus has developed within this church. Thousands have attended indoor worship, many without face masks or keeping social distance. County attorneys have asked a judge to hold the church in contempt. A hearing is scheduled for November 13th. LATimes, Jaclyn Cosgrove, October 23, 2020.

California Homeless Students K-12.

California’s homeless pupils could fill Dodger Stadium 5 times over. There were at least 269,000 K-12 homeless students in California in 2018-2019 said a study from UCLA’s Center for the Transformation of Schools. The pandemic will cause a further surge of these numbers. Just within L.A. County alone there were more than 68,000 in the 2018-2019 school year. Erin Simon, assistant superintendent of school support for Long Beach Unified School District, said that it is difficult to even connect with their families. “We don’t know where they are.” One in five community college students, one in 10 California State University students, and one in 20 University of California students are homeless, the report said. LGBTQ students suffer high rates of homelessness due to rejection by their families. LATimes, Laura Newberry, October 21, 2020.

1921 Black Wall Street Massacre of Tulsa.

A forensic team in Tulsa, Oklahoma, unearthed 11 unmarked coffins while searching for victims from the 1921 victims of the Tulsa Black Wall Street Massacre. Records of Tulsa’s Oaklawn Cemetery records suggested that as many as 18 victims would be found. Kay Stackelbeck, the state archaeologist, said that this discovery constitutes a “mass grave.” Ten coffins were buried in the same pit and an 11th nearby.

In 1921 white people tried to lynch a young Black man accused of attacking a young white woman, an elevator operator in a drug store. The man was found to be innocent. But when a group of white men converged on some Black men at a police station shots were fired.

From May 31st to June 1, 1921, white rioters attacked the Greenwood District, an affluent area of Tulsa called “Black Wall Street.” The mob, law enforcement, and the National Guard attacked Black residents, burned their homes and businesses. The unofficial count of victims ranged up to 300 and wounded 800 more. Officials forbade funerals. Victims were hurriedly buried without death certificates.

1919 was the **Red Summer**, when hundreds of Afro-Americans were killed by white mobs around the U.S. depicted in the HBO TV shows Watchmen and Lovecraft County. In 2018 Tulsa Mayor G. T. Bynum said that the present excavation was a matter of conscience and reconciliation. He had proposed looking for the victims and had budgeted \$100,000. NYTimes, Ben Fenwick, Oct. 21, 2020.

Some Core Values of CPAT

Black Lives Matter

Reform Police Brutality. (No choke holds, forbid no knock entries, no quasi police immunity, nat'l data base so convicted police cannot be hired in the next city, no shootings without body cameras, no rubber bullets, no political donations by police unions, no private prisons, social worker specialists replace police dealing with homeless and mentally ill, no bicycle stops escalating to pointless killings.

Protecting Mother Earth, our only Space Ship

Keep the oil in the ground.

Stop the Keystone XL Pipeline.

Protect the Arctic Sanctuary from oil drilling.

Protect National Parks and Monuments (Trump Administration opened Bear Ears and Grand Staircase-Excalante to oil drilling, fracking, and mining, 2/10/20).

Gender Equality

Equality for LGBTQ. (Supreme Court ruled LGBTQ cannot be fired from work for being gay 6/20.)

Equal pay for equal work (US women's soccer?)

Citizenship for DACA.

(Supreme Court temporarily stopped DACA deportation 6/20).

America's Original Sins:

Stealing land from Native Americans by betraying treaties and genocide.

National economy built on 400 years of Black slave labor.

No Separation of Children from Refugee Parents on Southern Border.

Numerous large detention centers are being built to warehouse these children. These replicate WW2 concentration camps for Japanese Americans.

Racial Equality: No White Supremacy

No racial profiling by police stop-and-search (vs. Afro-Americans).

No infiltration of mosques by FBI, CIA, Homeland Security.

No mass incarceration of Afro-Americans through unfair drug laws. (Rehabilitation instead of incarceration, fix drug laws.)

Freedom of Religion

Freedom for Uyghur Muslims in Xinjian Province.

Freedom for Tibetans in religion and politics.

Freedom for Rohingyas in Rakhine Province in Myanmar.

Equality for minority Muslims in oppressive Hindu dominant India.

Religions waging peace, instead of war.

Preemptive strikes as crimes against humanity. (Iraq invasion)

Nuclear Weapons, Biological Weapons, Chemical Weapons, Neutron Bombs as Crimes Against Humanity.

Disarmament of Nuclear Weapons (No More Hiroshima-Nagasaki)

Religions networking for social justice in major cities (Jews, Muslims, Christians. Buddhists, and Hindus Together).

Power to the People, democracy.

Priority of the Poor.

(Safety nets for the poor and vulnerable, Social Security, Medicare, food stamps, food banks, health insurance)

No US Visa Bans against Muslim majority nations.

(Sudan, Tanzania, Eritrea, Myanmar, Kyrgyzstan, and Nigeria were added to the visa ban, in addition to the 7 previous Muslim nations. 2/05/20).

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