巻頭の言葉

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『死生学研究』の継続刊行にあたって

『死生観』という日本語は一定の歴史をもっており、現代日本人の日常生活にある程度、浸透している。『死生観』ではなく『死生観』の方が広く用いられる『死生』の語は『論語』に見られ、『死生』は仏教の根本思想に関わるが、『死生観』では複雑な『死生観』のの方が広く用いられるようになる経緯が、この語の初出し、儒学の素養をもった武家、武家出の文才豊かな人物が、仏教や修養に関する著述や講義・講演で身を立てようになる。その過程で仏教に通じるような形で武士の生を支える思想を明らかにしようと、『死生観』の語を用いるようになった。

『死生学』の方はもっと新しい用語だ。これは英語のthanatologyやdeath studiesに対応する日本語として用いられるようになった。1970年代以降、死にゆく者へ
のケアの学びや近親者を喪った人の集いが起きることをした。死が日常生生活から遠ざかっていくのが、現代人は死から逃げるのです。なぜなら、生活の上で生きる姿勢を確かなものにしていくべきではないか。他方、身近な人の死をどう処理し、記憶にとどめるのか。現在の葬送の仕方や墓のあり方も疑問をもつ人が少ない。さらに、子供の頃から、「死の準備教育」を行うのが望ましいという考えた方も多いです。

死生を考える問いは、人類永遠の問いであるが、二〇世紀も終わりに近づいて、先進国ではこんな学が必要だと感じる人が増えている。まずは病院である。病院では人を死んでいく。だが病院で働く医師も看護師も、人を治療するための知識や技術を習得していっても、死に行く者に向き合うすぺを知らない。そこで従来の病院ではなかった施設を作ろうとする試みが始まった。ホスピスではない。そこで従来の病院ではなかった施設を作ろうとする試みが始まった。ホスピスではない。そこで従来の病院ではなかった施設を作ろうとする試みが始まっている。ホスピスにあたるものを仏教の壊壊からも育てた。ピーラーの運動も広がりつつある。

こんな施設が必要になるのは家庭で死ぬことができないからだ。家族が直接、ケアにあたり、葬の上で死ぬ習慣を回復するようという考えもある。もう一つの理由は、それは現代の家族は死に行く人を看取り、見送るすぺを知っていているだろうか。死に行く人をケアし見送るには、実は文化の力が必要なのだ。かつてはそれが親から子へ、子から孫へと伝えられていった。地
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