

Record of the overseas media interview

Q. Who is it to have studied blood type typology first?

In Japan in 1932 a professor of educational psychology named Takeji Furukawa came up with a book called "Blood Types and Personal Traits" based on his research work. It brought on a backlash from other academic fields however, and his research was deterred, leading to its termination. Nevertheless, thanks to his book, talks about there being some kind of correlation between blood types and personal traits began to spread.

After that serious work on collecting and analyzing substantial data was conducted by the founders of the ABO Center, Masahiko Nomi and his son Toshitaka Nomi.

They have authored many books which are available in Japan.

Q. When you knew a blood type and the temperamental relations for the first time, how did you feel it?

I thought it was unique and extremely fascinating. I thought, if this fact were true then it would mean great possibilities in the development of human.

Q. What kind of thing is the reaction of the people about the theory of this study?

Information concerning the human race is vital to anyone, and thus this research has received wide interests in Japan. In fact, if we observe our relationships with those around us, we all sense that there must be some kind of correlation between blood type and personal traits. That is why there had been interests on this topic at an early stage. Having said that though, I think many people still see only the surface of this study. I am also aware that some people have linked blood typology to discrimination issues. But we must understand that discrimination is a problem of human moral values, and if we reject all researches on finding out more about the dispositions and physical characteristics of the human race simply for some likely human behavior, then that would mean a dark age for the future of human science. Naturally care should be taken when treading these waters.

Q. Will this study reach continuously in future?

All scientific researches, especially human science, require continual research work. This is because our environments and societies are constantly changing. Blood types are simply a material of dispositions, and I believe that every human being spends his or her life adjusting that material according to the environment he or she lives in. I think research work on the human race through the study of blood types should be continued as a study on human behaviors that alters according to the way societies are. Our research does not simply divide the human race into 4 categories, and should not become some kind of fixed theoretical system.

Q. I hear that there are many scientists denying a blood type and relations of the personality. Nevertheless why will it be that general people are highly concerned?

At present scientific studies on the human mind is very much behind compared with the progress seen in other scientific fields. You might call it an unknown realm. I think we have now come to point where we are starting to wonder why it is lagging so far behind. We may have to change part of, or greatly, the way we have been seeing and understanding things. In order for us to realize the correlation between blood types and personal traits and behaviors, it is necessary to rid ourselves of fixated concepts and observe those around us with our natural eye. Once we are able to do that I believe we will be able to read the differences with clarity. It is possible that scientists can often be hindered by the knowledge they seek.

While we have already collected enough data to convince people, it is not our intention to pretend some scientific proof with such data. This study is still at its early stage. If we observe a variety of people through understanding of the differences in blood types, we can clearly see the differences in people. To understand why this is so, we are proposing for everyone to find out for themselves.

This is the beginning of science and basic observation, and I hope everyone will make their observations with a flexible stance.

Q. Why is it that I chose the study of this field?

While I am living as a human being, I also have a strong interest in the human race. In simple terms, perhaps it is because I wonder how one can lead a happy and meaningful life, and form and maintain better and friendlier relationships with others. Or, extending that to a wider scope, I feel that when I look with my eyes wide open of the future of human kind, I cannot help wondering how we should grow as human beings every time I see our world full of fighting and killings. This is an issue for which we human beings have searched an answer for the last couple of thousand of years, and have not been successful at all. In order to shine the light of hope onto that desperation we must study ourselves, the human beings, no matter how hard the task may seem. This research, I believe, plays an important role in that.