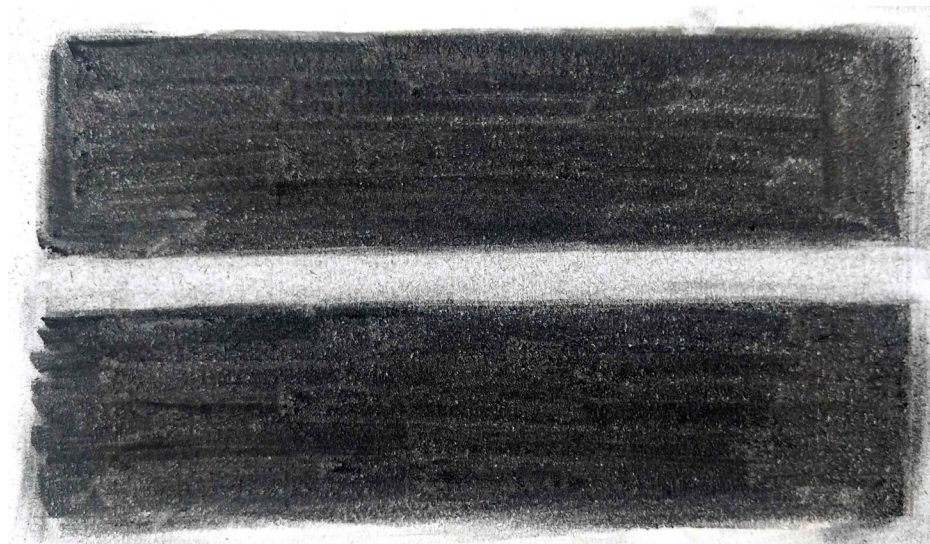


## *Studio Now*



At the studio, I am working on drawing for the Cognition series.

## *The explanation of my works*



<Cognition – 13 The way of seeing, 2021>

This piece, related to 'Cognition – 12', represents that humans cannot pinpoint the true nature of the objects we see with only the visible lights humans can recognize.

The black in the background expresses an unknown object, whereas the bright line in the middle expresses light, which means the straightness of light, and the surrounding bright colors represents objects that reveal reality in response to light. This piece expresses the limitation of human being who can recognize the object only with the information given by light.

*For detailed image, go to webpage on the bottom of next page.*



## Kim's Essay

### Information and Existence (2)

It is commonly believed that once a person dies, that person remains in the after world in the state of which that person died.

Looking at the bible, there is a part where they argue about the following matter. One woman married the eldest son of the family, but the son died without leaving a child behind. So, as the custom goes at the time, the woman married the son's brother. However, that brother also died, childless. The woman eventually married all the sons of the family, but none of them made children and died. And finally, the woman died as well. So if they all reunite, whose wife is she? This tale hypothesizes that there is a flow of time after death and there is a certain place or location to which the dead could meet one another. If the after world does exist, what would they exist as? And how would they recognize one another? And would there be no flow of time in the after world?

Sometimes I have this thought.

If as the religions say, we do have souls, do these souls have the same cognitive abilities as the living? If so, what is the difference between life and death? On the other hand, do memories, reasons, and motions like love all disappear when we encounter death? If there is no soul and all things - memories, reasons, and motions - stop when we face death, what are we humans living for? If we are all living our sole life simply as a living creature, where can we find the value of individual existence? How can we become individual beings?

We humans question our existence. We seek to find the reason behind our existence to differentiate from other beings. However, as far as science goes, humans, being classified as a species *homo sapiens* by our external features, are no different from other species of the planet when looked on the micro scale such as atom structure. Us humans and other creatures are all simply beings of which are made of atoms. Though we cannot know the existence of soul, existence of after life or the purpose of human existence, if there is a fundamental information (= fundamental something before the Big Bang) defining human being, and the time which each person has spent and the memory of events through that information gives individuality, through that individuality, can a human being finally put a meaning behind own existing value.