



## Empty River

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We all laughed when they said, “*Are there any fish in these waters? No. What’s in there? There is only God.*”

But in fact, these words that we laugh at are upsetting.

Really, there is nothing at all in those waters for us.

A long time ago, those who placed their trust in the river said that you could gain everything from its waters. Now there is nothing left in that empty river but water. The empty river is ailing, and the colors of its waters are muted and murky.

Some who still believe in the powers of the river say, “*This is a curse from the river. We must all apologize to it.*”

I cannot be sure of the hearts and minds that these people draw their existence from. How can they not realize that the empty river still exists, flowing with the ashes of all those who have died?

They disagreed when I said that we must all clean the river. What could they possibly expect from the empty river’s murky waters? In no way can I comprehend it. If we were to leave the empty river as it is, it would become bone-dry within years. When someone passes away, it does no good for them to become merely ashes scattered in a river.

Even if the waters of the empty river are devoid of both gods and fish, we still need to clean it. We all hope that the ashes of the deceased will finally be satisfied after the empty river has been cleansed.