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Dehiscence: Case of the Historical Fishing Village of Tai O

During natural disasters, phantasmagoria of techno-city capsizes and a dehiscence flashes across the factuality of a mechanistic landscape. In the summer of 2008, repeated typhoons and torrential rain battered the historical fishing village of Tai O, just over the ridge of the world famous Hong Kong International Airport. Roads, communication, drinking water were cut off by land-slide for days, a polluting fact that the government resorts to its soft-power to persecute any out-spoken agitators. Two social workers were relocated, which becomes known as the event of a causal remark calling for communal harmony. This case demonstrates life-based experience, together with Benjamin's critical idea of natural history have been banished from ultramodern history, fiscal power, and what Baudrillard calls the economic order. Benjaminean natural history facilitates a seminal return of eschatology, unity of definitive lived experiences and organic language-meaning, and recovery of nature in culture, not to be missed in this age of globalization.