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The Tale of Two Colours: Blue and Green.

Tipping Point Comes When Devil Turns Green.

二色物語。悪魔が緑色になるとバランスが崩れる。

A disaster. Hot bath water overflowed like larva into my room (103) of Hilton Green Park. I was so heavily concentrated on an idea for today's essay that I was totally absent-minded, unaware of the bath I'd turned on. Turning pale, I mopped up hot water with the bath towel. Too late. A phone rang, followed by a knock on the door. A security officer said, "The water seeped through the floor and came down to the ground floor. You must evacuate." Not again! Embarrassed. Felt like hiding into a hole and disappear. Felt small. I apologized. Silence lasted an hour. "Sorry, it's never happened in Japan. Water's supposed to stop automatically." The young officer said with a golden smile, "I know. You're not the only one." My guilt feeling was dissolved immediately. But this bath water tsunami got everything, soaking wet, including my memos I'd scribbled on the city map.

Now what? Damage done. I'll write about D on the last day of my stay in England. What's not supposed to happen happens, under extreme pressure. The devil creeps in. Murphy's law (what CAN happen WILL)? No. The devil's law. The devil made me do it. Or the demons lurking in the green forest, Hilton Green Park. The Green Men are found in churches and were carved on houses. Medieval churches have survived, because the Green Men, carvers' devices, fought the destructive Reformation for survival.

It reminded me of powerful Ents in The Lord of the Rings by Christian writer J.R.R. Tolkien. Ents, not really devils, are half-way between men and trees, Possessors of wisdom in the deep forest. (The Pitkin Guide)

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I saw lots of those sculptures on the gates of churches and houses at Stratford-upon Avon, Oxford Univ. campuses and Eaton facing Windsor Castle. "They are guardians," said Pauline Lobo, British Tours guide. Even such an experienced (6 years) wasn't aware of the historical background of the Green Men.

The Royal Family has been haunted and protected by the Green Men since 11th Century, even before Oxford Univ. came into being in 12th century. Royal Blue vs Green, or devilish green.

Tony Blair used Royal flight for his private purpose and was accused on the front page of the Times for today. Prime Minister is private (green) not blue-blooded and makes people green with envy. Monarchy is blue. British monarchy is more greenish than Japan's. Constitutional monarchy is greenish blue. If Republic overtakes monarchy, the nation's system goes democratic. Blue turns green. Japan has turned green, democratic. Democracy needs money as an equalizer. Lack of noble thought makes people greedy and grotesque. Greenbacks become a capitalist's religion. Gross.

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Spiritual people argue: Money can't buy love. Material people play the devil's advocate, arguing that money CAN buy love. Devil's evil and flirtatious. (Satan is not flirtatious and satanic to the sage.) Pauline says "Paradise Lost" by Milton tells us that evil often wins over good. The whole day (9 hours) private trip with Pauline tour. I got what I wanted:

Mind: She got me thinking – putting everything I saw into a historical perspective.

Debate and dialogue.

Body: we walked a lot on the country roads and campuses.

Soul: I got to the heart of British soul and in turn Japanese soul. Both nations have constitutional monarchs.

Spirit: The spirit of Yoshida Shoin and Krishnamurti moved me out of physical and geophysical boundaries. It takes spirit to keep mind, body and soul in balance. To lose the balance, one can't concentrate.

Today's essay. The poorest and unfocused piece of argument. How can I write a quality essay with this divided attention? Now, the British monarchy is divided between older people who don't accept Camilla, a commoner, and young people who don't care. The former blue, the latter green. Blue-blooded Charles has been swayed by the green women. Diana, fond of color green, felt closer to her butler boy friend who also loved green. Her jealous royal and dishonourable husband turned green decor in her Palace into brown. Blue came back with a vengeance.