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English cannot contain Akuma-shin. The West seeks answers. Yes. No. Black. White. In Japan, after the war, after Tokyo, after Akuma-shin walked from the sea, answers no longer were enough. To rise, Japan must embrace duality. Harmony within conflict. A demon of destruction, a god of rebirth. Light and dark, victory and shame, all one.

We may see an earthquake as random, even though scientists tell us of tectonic forces within the earth. Pressure builds over a lifetime, or perhaps many lifetimes, and the pressure releases. Cause, effect. It is not random, Mr. Burr. It is physics. Because we lack the means to measure such forces does not mean those forces do not exist. Akuma-shin cannot be measured, but it exists. It is not random. It is our karma, for Japan and for the world; it returns what we give and more. It is the vengeance of the universe. It is the vengeance we create for ourselves. Its fire comes on the wind of the divine. It carries away and scatters our fear and shame. As it destroys, it enables the rebirth that surely will come to Japan. The rebirth, the re-imagining, that will come to you, in time, as well.