

## Delusions about People

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I hold no delusions about people. Sometimes, I compare Chinese with Japanese, and I find communication with Japanese more sublime, sophisticated, artistic, and sacred. But, there are delusions. Living in Tōkyō was not all heavenly. Someone stole my bicycle locked in front of my Microsoft office building, there in Tōkyō. Japanese had me sing *Karaoke* in front of people; I thought how embarrassing and anti-Japanese was the experience.

I think that Chinese talk more like Western people. Japanese symbolisms are multivalent, having multiple, often contrasting, meanings. Chinese are not like Japanese, who are more like Native Indians. There is delusion. I know that Chinese do like to talk with confusion as if drunk in a way, with contrasting viewpoints. But in contrast to Japanese, Chinese like *urusai*, or irritating noise, during communication.

I try to hold no delusions about people. As a Filipino, I hold individuality dear, whilst Chinese always look for someone's *group*.

