

There is a university in my neighborhood. The other day, I saw many students, who seemed to be freshmen, gathering merrily in front of a station. They looked like students on the way from a welcoming party held by a club or circle. In a newspaper, it said that the way that students drink alcohol had changed a lot. Students used to discuss over drink, but nowadays, chugging has become common among them and sometimes some even suffer from acute alcoholic intoxication. I remember, in my school days too, one of my friends became blind drunk and I nursed him. Alcohol is said to be the best of all medicines and said to work better than any other medicines if it is consumed moderately, but if you overdrink, it may be a big problem. I do not know if it is fortunate or not, but my family line seems to have been light drinkers (including the late chairman) for generations; as for myself, a glass of beer is enough to make my face all red.

Speaking of alcohol, when I was sending Ki to Mr. A the other day, who said to me “I feel dizzy these days,” one of his ancestors appeared drunk (later Mr. A told me that his family line was all heavy drinkers; his grandfather’s drinking was so heavy that he even had to let go of his land due to the trouble caused by drinking too much). The tone of the spirit sounded exactly like a drunk and it was clear that he had drunk heavily; he even seemed as if he had had not enough. He (the spirit) said a lot of things to me, but I ignored him and focused on sending ki to him. After the light of Shinkiko reached him, he began to look calmer and the last words he said to me were very impressive: “I never really enjoyed drinking. I drank because I had a hard time, but no matter how much I drank, the hardship did not end.” I do not know whether it was his work or family that was bothering him, but he must have had quite a tough time. Drinking heavily does paralyze your thoughts and will allow you to distract from distress for a while. But feeling of bitterness will stay somewhere as negative Ki, so drinking only works temporarily; the feeling will come back again. Mr. A’s grandfather must have died due to the negative ki’s continuous returning which was physically-taxing for him. I have talked about Mr. A in this series in the chapter 20 (2003/1/30), and his ancestors incurred the hatred of many people. The drunk ancestor who appeared this time, must have had a lot of bad luck brought by the many spirits who held a grudge against the A clan and was made addicted to alcohol. If you have anyone in your family who had a drinking problem, the next generation will be affected by it. Mr. A’s family line might have been made to drink for generations.

The pain of Mr. A's ancestor must have healed when the light of Shinkiko had penetrated into the resentful spirits and made them into light.

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