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Crossing Shibuya

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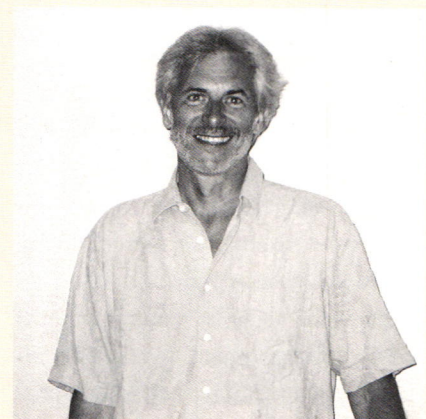
During my time as visiting professor in American Studies at the University of Tokyo, I have been teaching courses on the English-speaking Caribbean. Out of the dialogue with my students and colleagues come many unexpected and welcome insights. One example: in talking about the role of Rastafarians in Jamaican society, I surprised myself by using the expression "illiterate intellectuals" —a notion that had never entered my mind before. Where had it come from? A few days later, while crossing through the Shibuya scramble to the Hachiko exit, it hit me. In Japan I am myself an illiterate intellectual.

It should come as no surprise that my experience of Japan affects how

I understand Caribbean culture. In my classes, we repeatedly employ the concept of creolization, a concept that enables us to trace the processes by which cultures impact upon one another, and also to recognize the results or products of those impacts.

For historical and geographical reasons the Caribbean is a kind of museum of creolization. The whole region shared the experience of a long colonization during which people from Europe dominated people from Africa and Asia on American ground. But there were many different colonizers, and there are many islands, so in a fairly small geographical area we can see now clear examples of how several identifiable variables (such

as religion, economics, demography) affected the outcome of a shared experience of creolization.



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But the usefulness of any powerful analytic instrument depends on