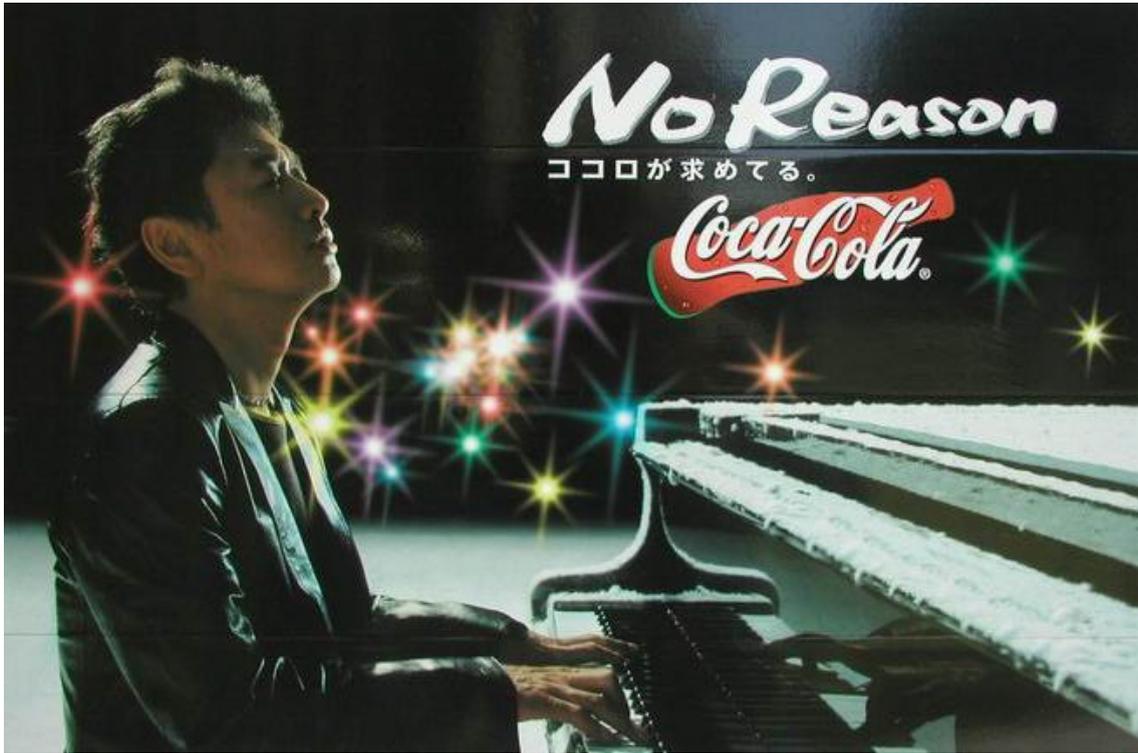


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I took this off of a Coca-Cola delivery truck on my way to work last week. I've been wondering about the slogan they're using here "No Reason". I suppose it's only in Japan... every time I see that I think "No Reason"? "No reason for what? – No reason to drink Coca-Cola I guess!" But maybe that's the logic – certainly no one claims that it's good for your health!



*Big Smiles in the Big City.....*



Walking.....



A too uncommon scene... not far from my office though.



More like the one above – apparently this is part of what was a larger temple before – that has been bisected by a four-lane road.



These old designs – with the wood, ceramics, and set among green... are so much nicer than newer designs. Given space of course, there are some nice new places too, but without space, the city becomes ever more concrete/asphalt and that much less green....



One of the entrances to an office building I sometimes go to... very boring, very sterile – like a hospital corridor. No problem really, it's just that so much of Tokyo has no warmth to it....



A little green... just a little, but what a difference it makes! The streets in Tokyo with no green (and there are a number of them) are chillingly cold to walk down in the winter. It looks warm in this photo taken last week, but as of the weekend, it's suddenly become rather cold.....



Same thing – except taken from the sixth floor as opposed to the photo above which was taken on the second floor. The building on the other side of the street is the other half of the temple in the photos above.



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