

In illness the "evil" the negative, the infective  
becomes incarnate in the flesh in the body  
finding its fulfillment in the fever and suppuration.

In aging too  
the decrepit and arthritic  
the gnarled joints and deformities  
reflect the inevitable movement towards decay and death  
atrophy and defilement.

Satanic forces chthonic forces slowly occupy the territory  
once proud of its youthful vigor  
as the singular expression common to myriad diseases and ailments.

As one feels this process going through the body daily  
one must learn to accept the infirmity bit by bit  
accepting the divine decree that man shall live  
that immortal Adam shall be spared immediacy of sentence  
but also die, slowly.

The divine contains both light and dark  
an antinomy of sefirotic incompatibilities  
uncanny and exasperating  
and we are the bearers of this divine dark side  
mostly in our suffering and broken lives  
and in the aging body in illness.

A spiritual opportunity arises then  
in dis-ease  
to come a little closer to this divine incarnation  
sheltered as we are normally  
from satanic mills  
for we are able to manifest the divine's need  
in our bodies  
in our degeneration  
to express itself in the minor key.

In accepting this dark side of spirituality  
and in the deep gnawing pain  
in the refusal to be anesthetized for a moment longer  
we find rest from the pious and the pompous  
theologies and Holier-than-Thou sermons  
from the naive emotional betrayal of wholeness  
for the naive Good God.

Finally God will find a bit of rest  
from the projections of perfection we have hoisted on Him for centuries  
and thank us kindly  
for sharing in this deep secret  
the wounding of His beloved  
the petty hurts He and we share  
as we dig the knife ever so deeper  
into our loved ones  
then awaken to see the damage.

Finally He will share what has been so long on His mind  
about that fateful historical decision  
to let Satan loose  
in a dangerous game  
that cost so many  
so much.

Let the pain linger a little longer  
so that we can all come a little closer  
to this divine opening of the secret chest  
where all will be made understandable  
in fantasy  
and all will be justified  
in humor  
even though both parties will be weeping  
tears that will cause a tsunami  
in the oceans.