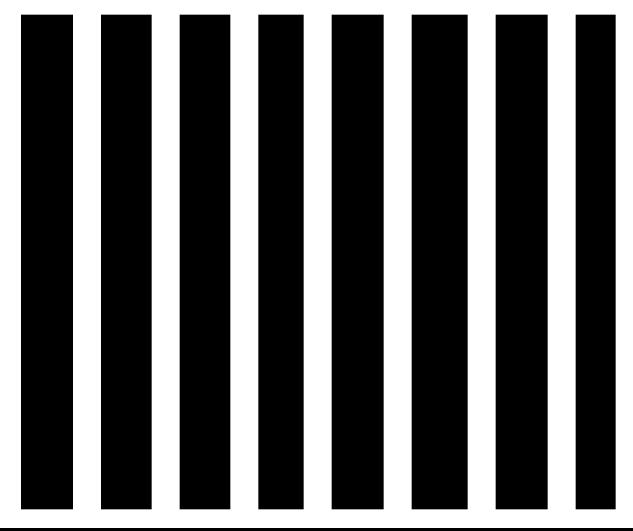
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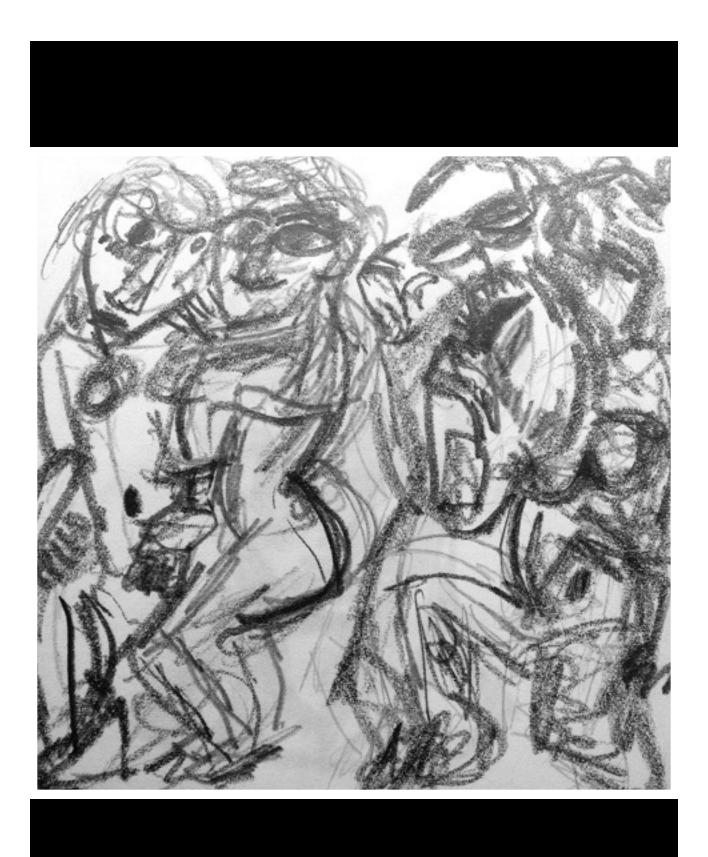
AFTER HESIOD AND HOMER, AND BEFORE SOCRATES, CAME THALES, ANAXIMANDER, ANAXIMENES, PYTHAGORAS, XENOPHANES, ZENO, EMPEDOCLES, ANAXAGORAS, HERACLITUS, PARMENIDES....THEIR WORK SURVIVES IN FRAGMENTS AND THROUGH LATER THINKERS, LIKE ARISTOTLE, WHO HAPPENED TO WRITE ABOUT THEM. NEVERTHELESS THESE RARE PRESOCRATIC PHILOSOPHERS EXPRESS BOUNDLESS THINKING, A CONSCIENCE UPSETTING INDIFFERENT, NORMATIVE OPINIONS WITH ORIGINAL AUTHORITY.

<u>REWRITING & PRESOCRATIC CHORUS / REMIXING VERBAL +</u> <u>VISUAL LINES</u> FOLLOWS UP UNCOMMON PRESOCRATIC WONDER WITH 200 VERBAL FRAGMENTS, INTERWOVEN WITH DRAWINGS, AND PREPARED FOR A PDF IN TWO-PAGE VIEW.

PHILOSOPHY, HISTORY, AND ART AT THE PRESENT MOMENT SEEM TO ME ALIVE WITH BEAUTIFUL SURPRISES.

WITH GREAT THANKS TO GREGORY VINCENT ST. THOMASINO,

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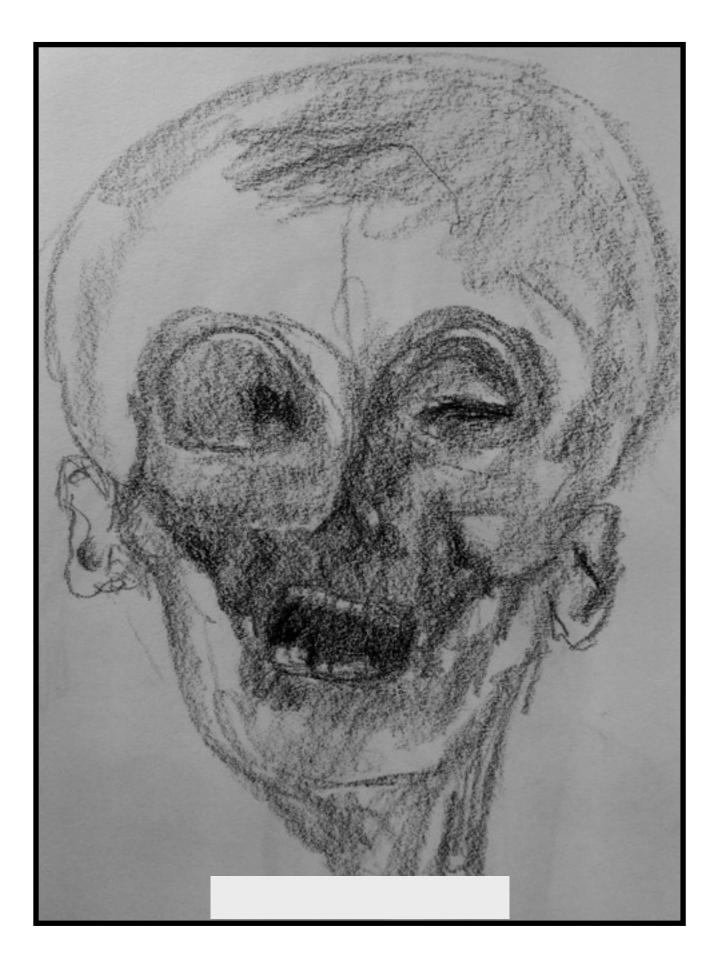
for Joseph and James, my sons, and Zachary, my son-in-law



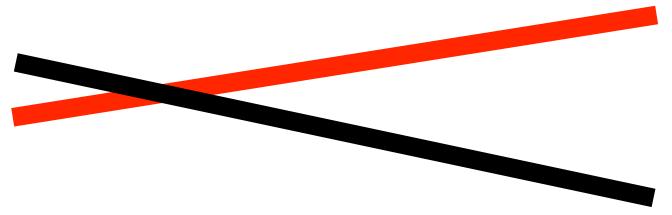
- 1. No one can spend one second twice. Time cannot be contained. Yet time lets light and all be in time.
- 2. Everything earth, air, fire, water, love, strife, bodies, minds, souls is cosmos except perfect God.
- 3. To be born or to be not born is already to be being being.
- 4. Truth makes truth. Lies make liars. Man serves both.
- 5. Eclipse wonder, violence rises.
- 6. Dry aerial currents cloud sky, soak earth, shake sunny and shadowy leaves, enter and leave breathing creatures.
- 7. Hearts hard as magnets attract debris.





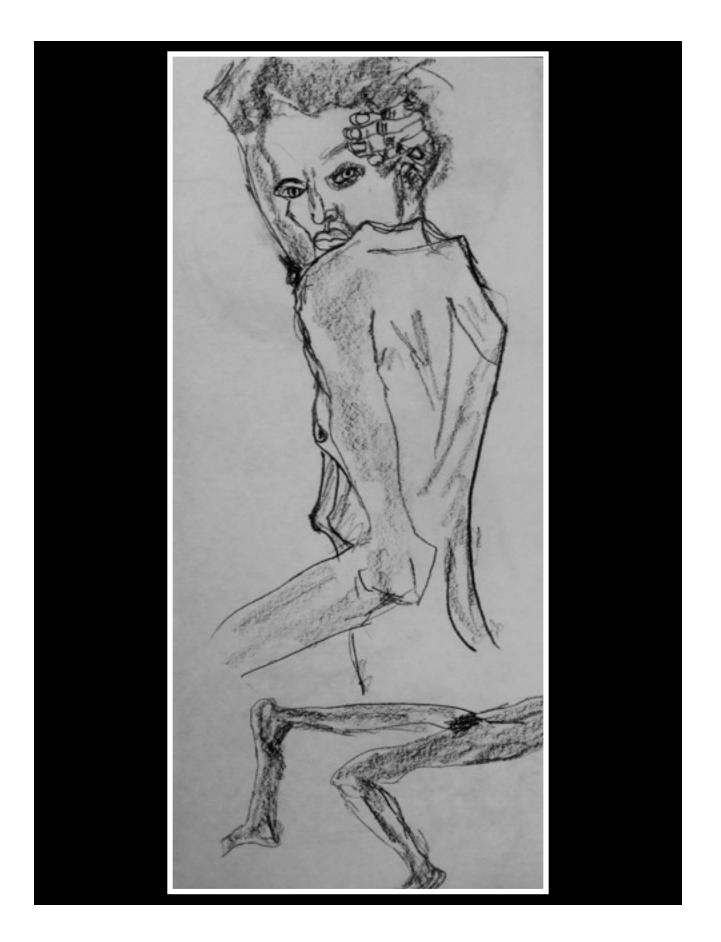


- 10. Faces rise and set all the time.
- 11. God's poetry is loved more than God.
- 12. Ignorance googles.
- 13. Believe unbelievers. Believe believers. Either way one believes oneself.
- 14. Mathematics rules. Language hears.
- 15. Time, sex, number, life and death divide and conquer.
- 16. Apple is not Apple is not Apple.
- 17. Matter matters, matters not, and is matter for law.



- 18. About man much says nothing.
- 19. Immortal answers precede and succeed mortal answers.
- 20. They sing, laugh, cry before words.
- 21. In little bits bodies continually die and resurrect.







- 22. Creatures multiply and divide creation.
- 23. Egg yolks, whites, shells, genetics, environment, man separate though one.
- 24. In revolt opposites attract, attractions oppose.
- 25. Infinity fits the finite infinitely.
- 26. Bark surrounds tree rings. Moon, Earth, Sun surround time rings.
- 27. Time subjects objects to space.

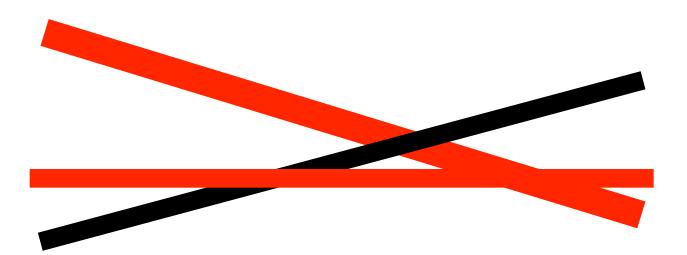


- 28. Flung from violent fire, cosmic crumbs cool, settling together moist Earth and lower fire.
- 29. To, from, and around man is philosophy.
- 30. The last snow leopards raced tumbling mountain rapids, mated under cataracts, and gave birth to small sea monsters unmatched in speed and agility. They plundered the oceans, and waves flung them among shore birds, frogs, lizards, and dinosaurs. Leaping like leopards, plunging like falls, mating with anything anytime, they multiplied all creatures flying or nesting, croaking or crawling, swimming or running. Finally knowing how to pursue, outrace, rape, and kill anywhere, these creatures became modern superman.

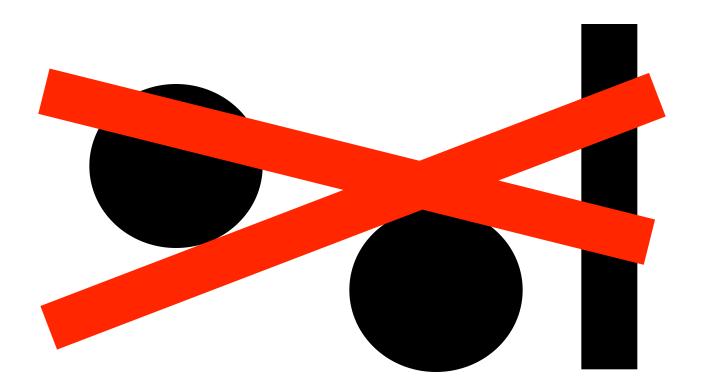




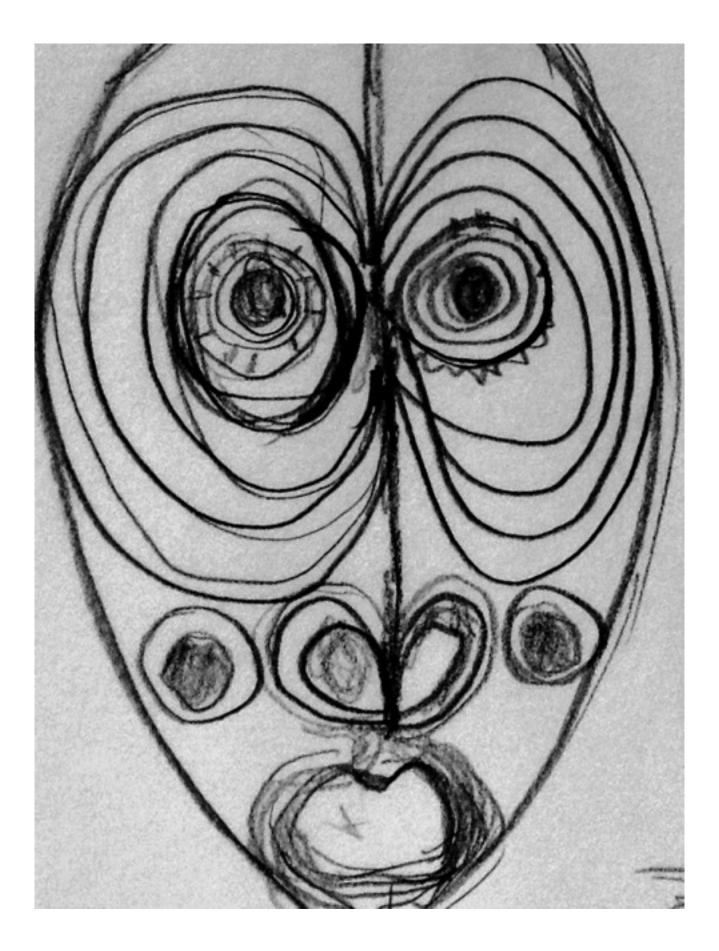




- 31. Water reaches for earth; fire for air; soul for body.
- 32. Wind waits spinning, cruising, dripping, lulling.
- 33. Earth longs to grow. Water wants to run. Fire desires to breathe. Air aspires to love.
- 34. Jumbo jet aircraft shoot straight at forgiving airspace until, fueled speed dropping, drop down and stop.

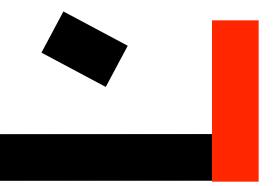


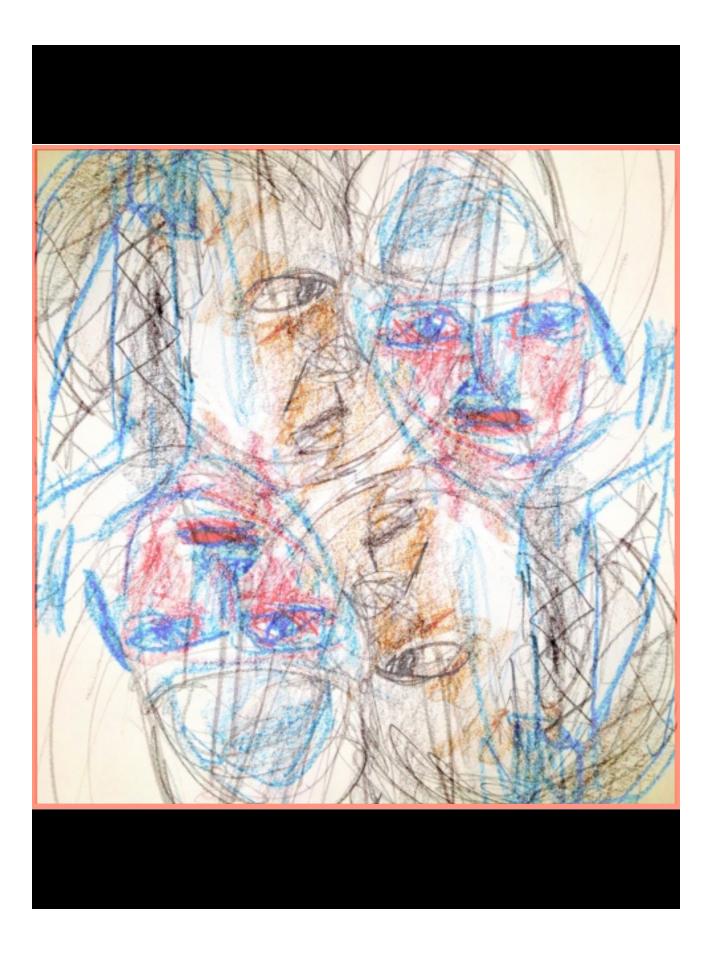
- 35. History is perishable, flammable, punctual.
- 36. The same numbers count quantity qualitatively and quality quantitatively.
- 37. Odd numbers become even when added; even numbers stay even. Ice becomes liquid as fire heats it. Though adding odd to odd, or even to even, results only in even numbers, adding odd to even results only in odd numbers. As fire adds more heat, water steams. Number teems with number.
- 38. One points two lines three surrounds four solidifies five fingers six sides seven wins eight makes nine times zero erases.

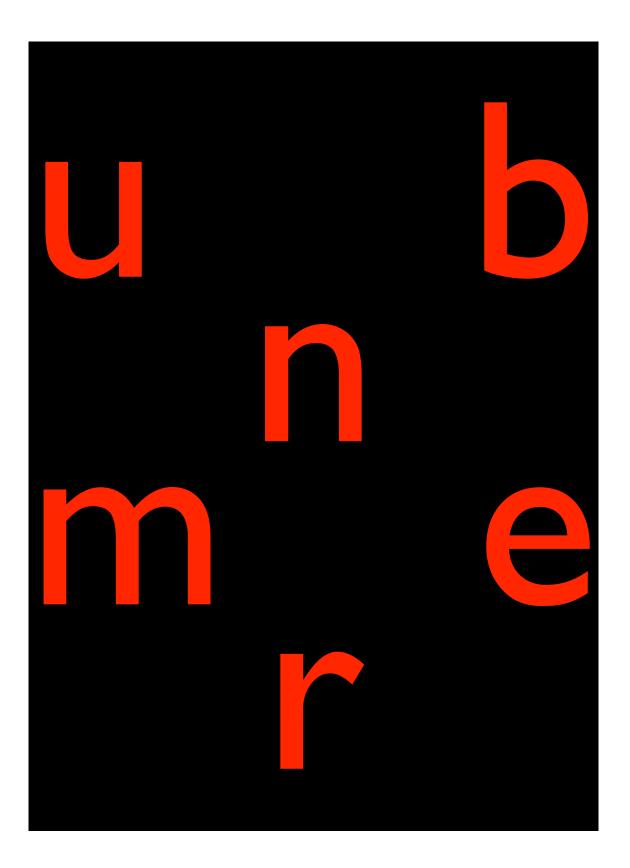


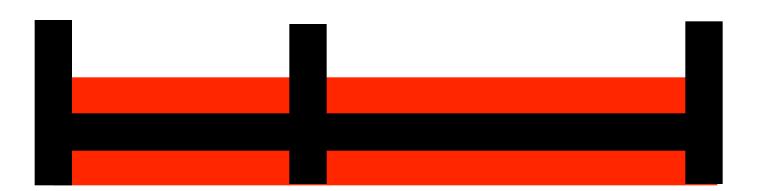


- 39. Nothing, a zero juxtaposed after one makes ten, and two zeroes after one make one hundred, and three after one a thousand, and so on without end. Nothing makes infinite somethings.
- 40. Women and men pair, repeat, and multiply. Money and product pair, repeat, and multiply.
- 41. After another, one is another. Another, one, another one, engender one another.
- 42. Number moves not; yet moves man.

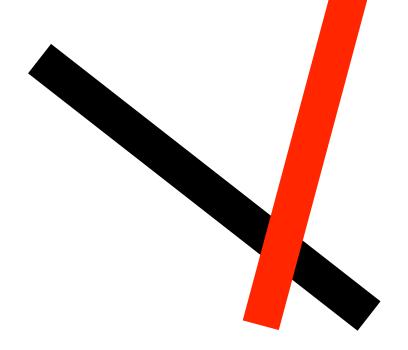








- 43. Indestructible, no war can harm number. Number is one, many, finite, infinite. Decreasing and increasing, number forms a human ideal, nothing real with tea. Number is rational, irrational, adored, glorified, right, and wrong.
- 44. Time numbers. Number times.
- 45. Dawn or midnight, seen or unseen, delight.
- 46. Stars then, now, light, night.



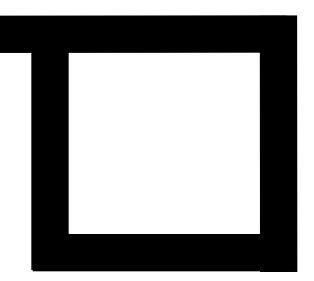




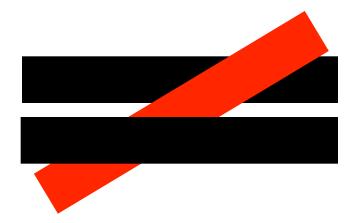
- 47. Points, lines, planes, spheres, man and cosmos circle.
- 48. Triangle is three, one, pointed, linear, flat, real, unreal.
- 49. In different souls doze thought, justice, freedom.
- 50. Lively Earth's clearly rainy, windy, snowy face bald moon, lonely, lovely sky.



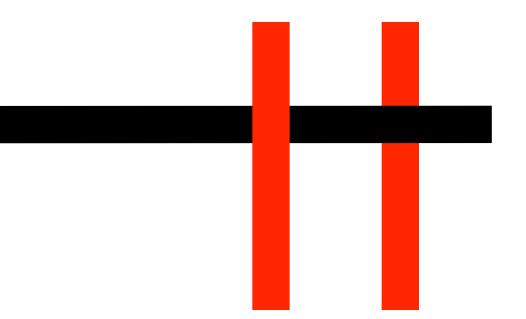
- 51. A sign tells one sign another sign.
- 52. Votes tally no wisdom, virtue, justice.
- 53. Science cures and contaminates.
- 54. Swaying up and down seasons swirl around the Sun around the Earth.
- 55. Omnipotence has not size, strength, life, death. Omniscience has not logic, science, subject, object.
- 56. Timed time will time.

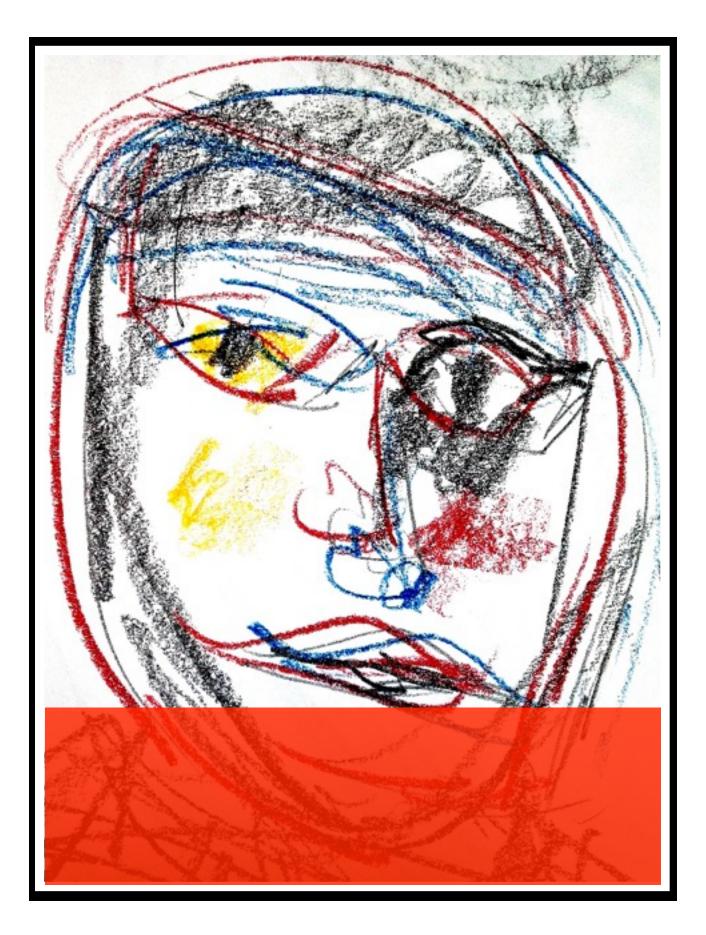


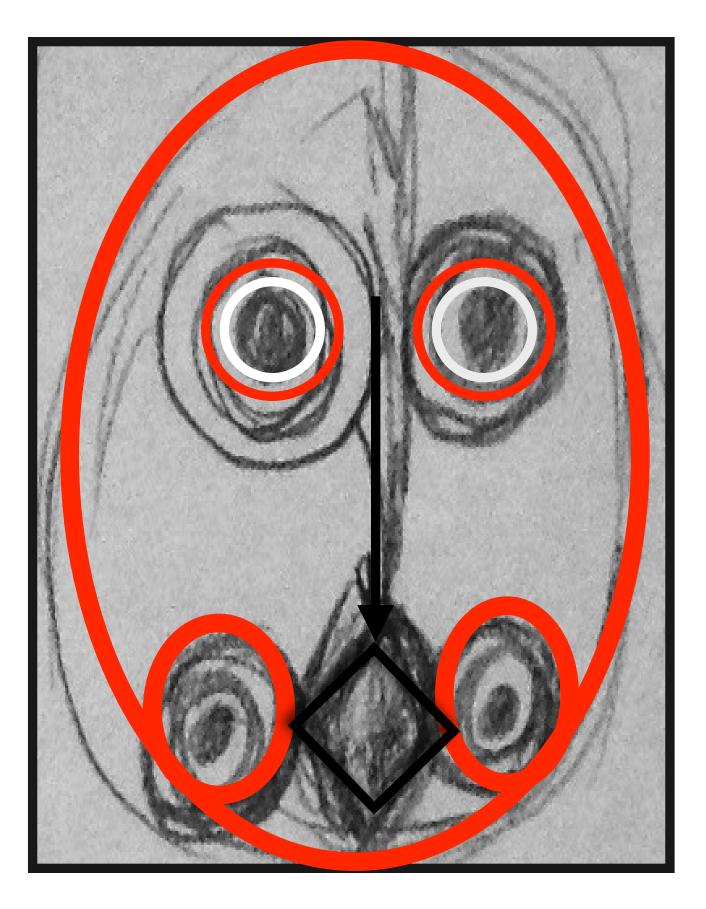




- 57. An heroic Achilles, a forgotten Maria, countless others differ not in death only memory.
- 58. Atomic and conventual, global and personal, art and money, combine and define institutional and individual.
- 59. Tolerant, deliberate insurance swells the intolerable to earn premium business.
- 60. Justice, injustice, swing differently back, indifferently forth.



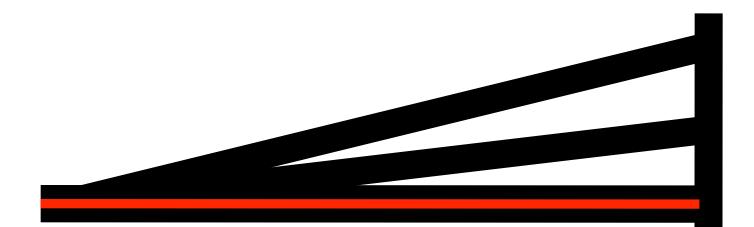




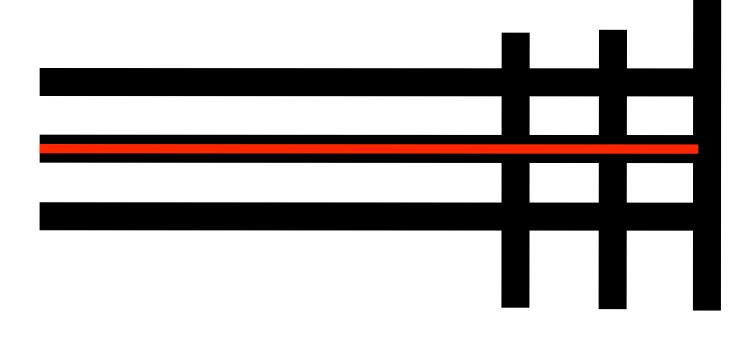


- 61. New to society, children are former fathers, sons, mothers, daughters, children.
- 62. To rule one's life alone by oneself, no soul can do this.
- 63. About, one is one. In bed, one is one another.
- 64. Very, very sick, physical and mental cases treat powerful physicians.
- 65. Obliviously ignorant insolence simmers, struts, and delights setting others aflame.



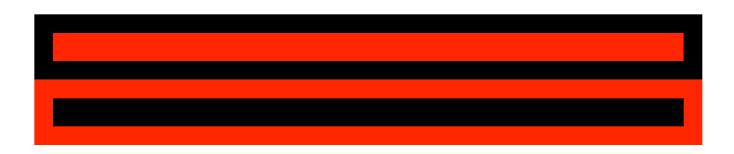


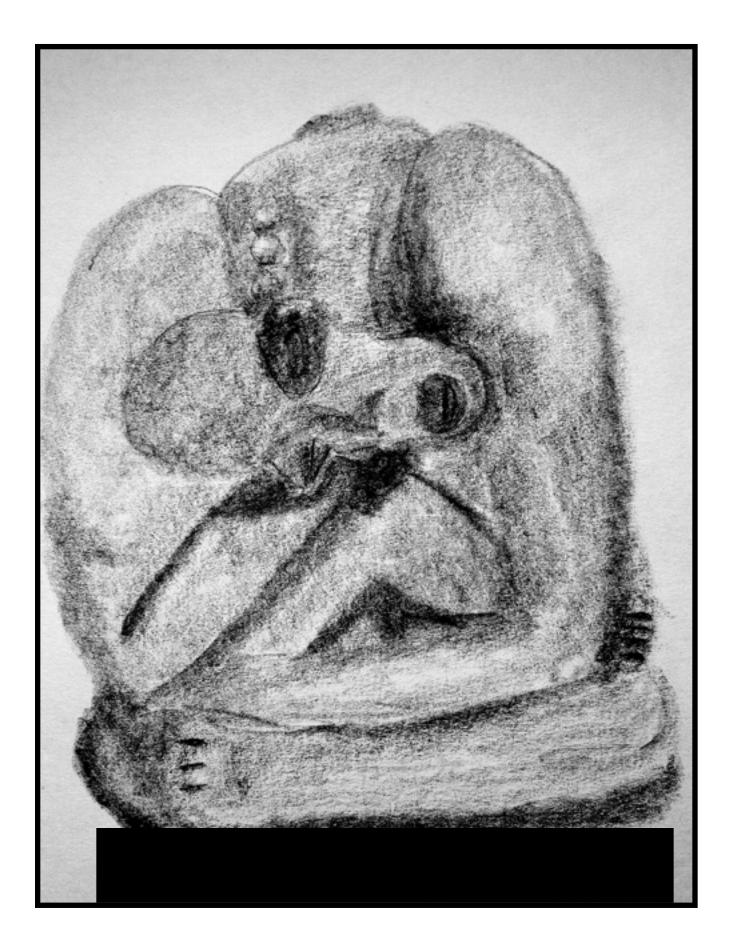
- 66. The productive pig is much overfed.
- 67. Hormones steer insect, animal, human desire.
- 68. Hope travels. Hopeless hangs.
- 69. Snarling demons mightily strain against any leash.
- 70. Though all measure the same, one day never equals another.



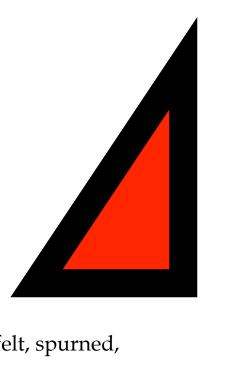


- 71. Man is a busy, noisy, risky casino. God is God.
- 72. To equal, equations balance one into two, two into one.
- 73. Death signifies (a) insignificance, (b) life.
- 74. Private understanding is commonly public opinion.
- 75. God without diminishing God extends God to man in each Eucharist. What a God God is! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

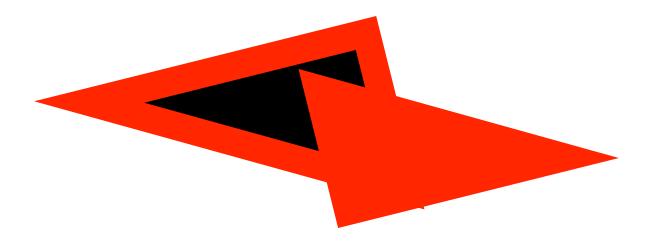






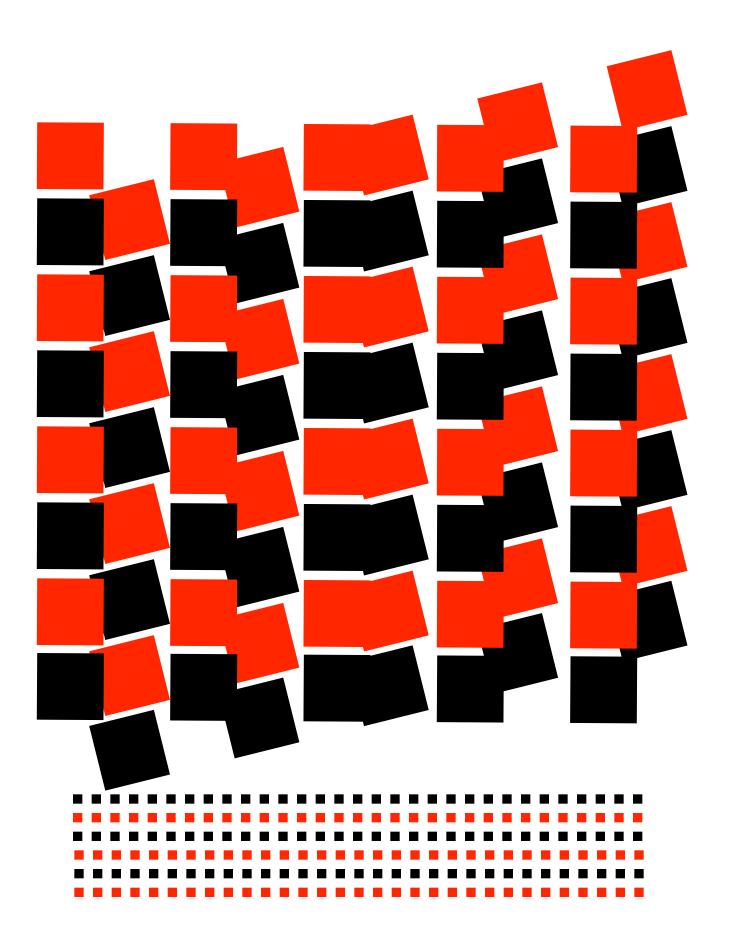


- 76. Divinity deliberately unnoticed, unfelt, spurned, mocked, insulted insults no one.
- 77. Bird is one. Iris is two. Seeing is six.
- 78. Democracy drives citizens into lawyers.
- 79. All washed in dirt before them, judges convict or acquit; and any question they answer in written commandments.
- 80. One conjectures cruelly about oneself and others to claim God does not exist.

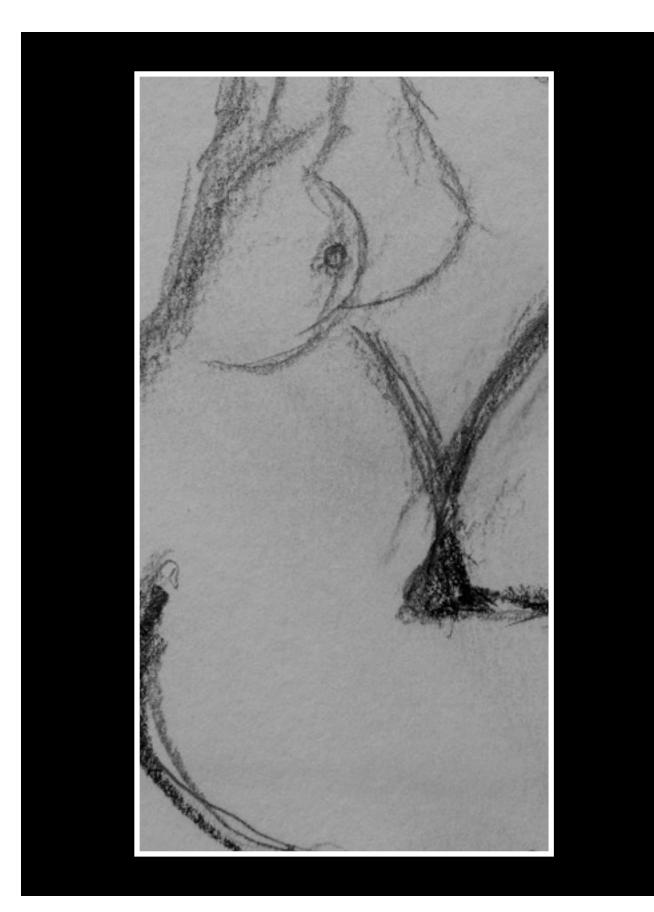




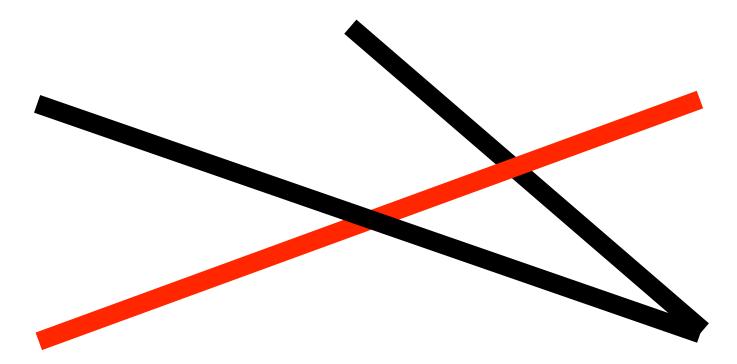
- 81. Logos prays love.
- 82. Child's primal sea, adult's private pool her womb fills.
- 83. Dying to perfect law one perfects killing.
- 84. Aphrodite on birth control, Ares on steroids, Cupid on opioids draft future science fiction.
- 85. The wisest, happiest, most beautiful children, and their opposites, may never be born.
- 86. Poetry brings truth, beauty, and welded steel.
- 87. Poetic lives go up, down, around, straight ahead and nowhere, for poetry.
- 88. To tell the time utter culture. To tell the truth utter being.







- 89. Time begins and ends, over and over, still the same, never rolling away, always rolling away.
- 90. Everyone decays. Stay awake. Decay fertilizes. Fall asleep.
- 91. Day, night, dirt, water, air, fire arise.
- 92. Cosmos comes alive and dead.
- 93. Man substitutes money for anything.
- 94. Coming and going in no time, angels greet with no body.

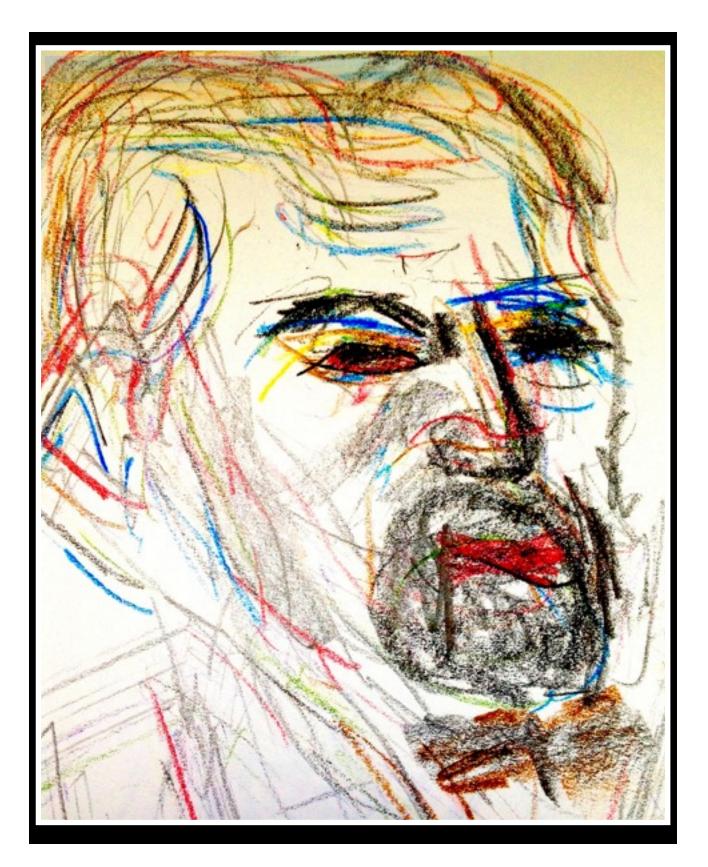


- 95. A spellbound Sun nurses an only child, leaving all else to burn or freeze.
- 96. Soul, body are singular, plural, apart, together.
- 97. Not enough can be envious, unenviable, enough.
- 98. The universe, flat like felt or paper, hosts the round Earth, a blue-ink-drop marble.
- 99. Space is everywhere imaginable. God is beyond spatial. Time perdures: a before before an after, and an after after. God is atemporal.

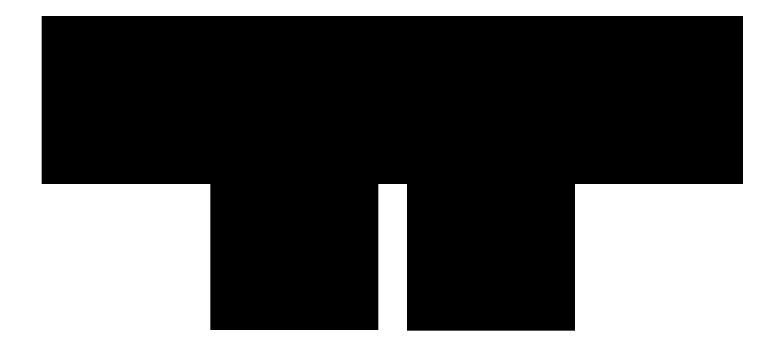
Inside, outside, in part, in whole – all move and not at all move and are still, moving, living, and being in God and being not God.

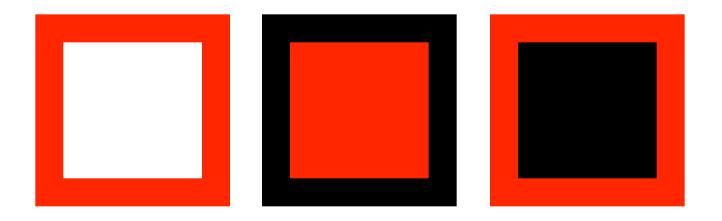
Contemplation minds the mind, and love begets closeness there, here, then, now, running, sitting, body, soul, God.





- 100. Spiritually, philosophically, poetically, culturally, athletically, financially, attractively modify animals.
- 101. God is great company, the best.
- 102. Thoughts, acts, styles untie conscience from compulsion.
- 103. Birds swim. Fish fly. Species evolve. Times change.
- 104. Abstraction experiences electrically.
- 105. Language, philosophy, science target unsuspecting man.





- 106. White clouds day. Black clears night.
- 107. Deified scientists rescue man, their salvation story.
- 108. God is not God.
- 109. Being follows being and non-being.
- 110. The sun warms. The rain blesses. The wind embraces.
- 111. Dead, a day is nothing. After death is forever.

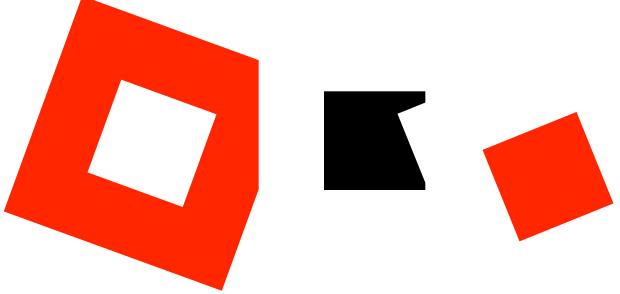








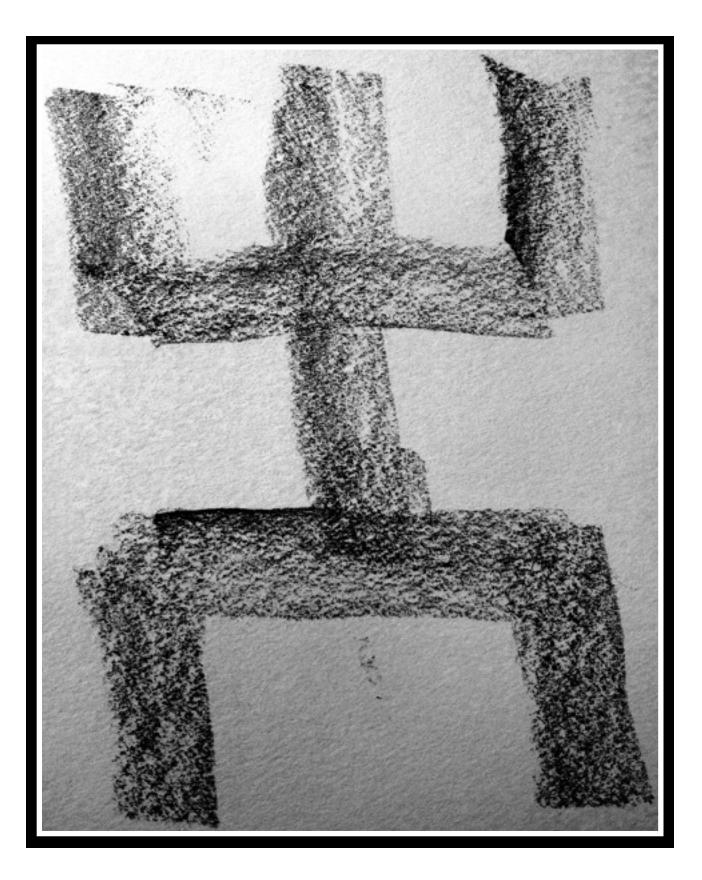
- 112. Do not eat. *Do not eat.* Eating can inflame being body. Bless, taste, talk. *Do not eat.*
- 113. God's greatest gifts are not made to be ignorant. Neither a royal Greek-and-Trojan beauty, Helen, nor an unknown Jewish girl's Annunciation, Mary, nor God's personally giving God to yourself and everyone else, Christ, are to be unsavored.
- 114. Joy, always, be close to fullness.
- 115. Individuality comes from the deep, cosmos, fathers, mothers, others, selves.





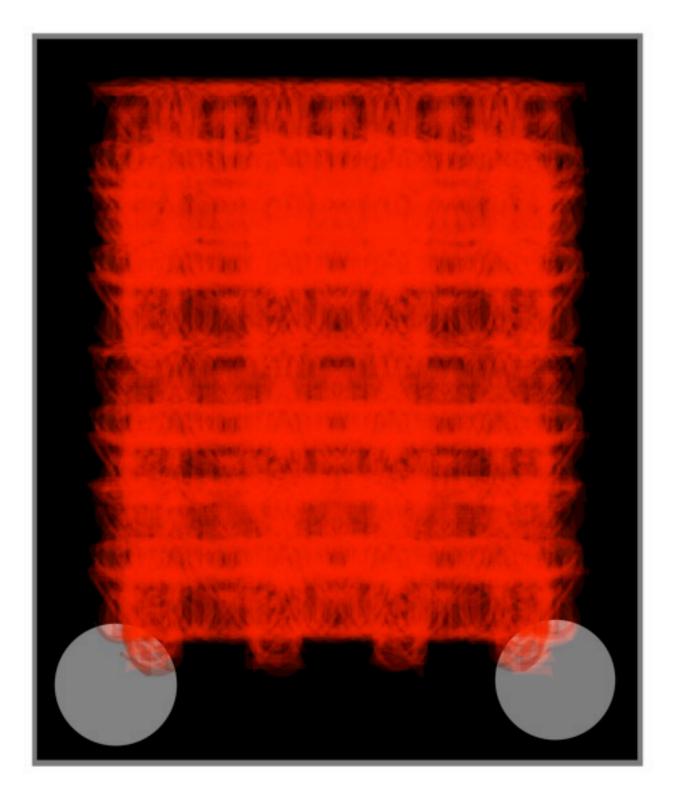
- 116. Water is holy surface and depth poured forth, dipped into, and moving in man.
- 117. For Ptolemy, skies revolve around Earth; for Copernicus, Earth goes around Sun; for now space expands in all directions from everywhere. Every mistake is right and wrong.
- 118. Past or present are here or now or there or then or not.

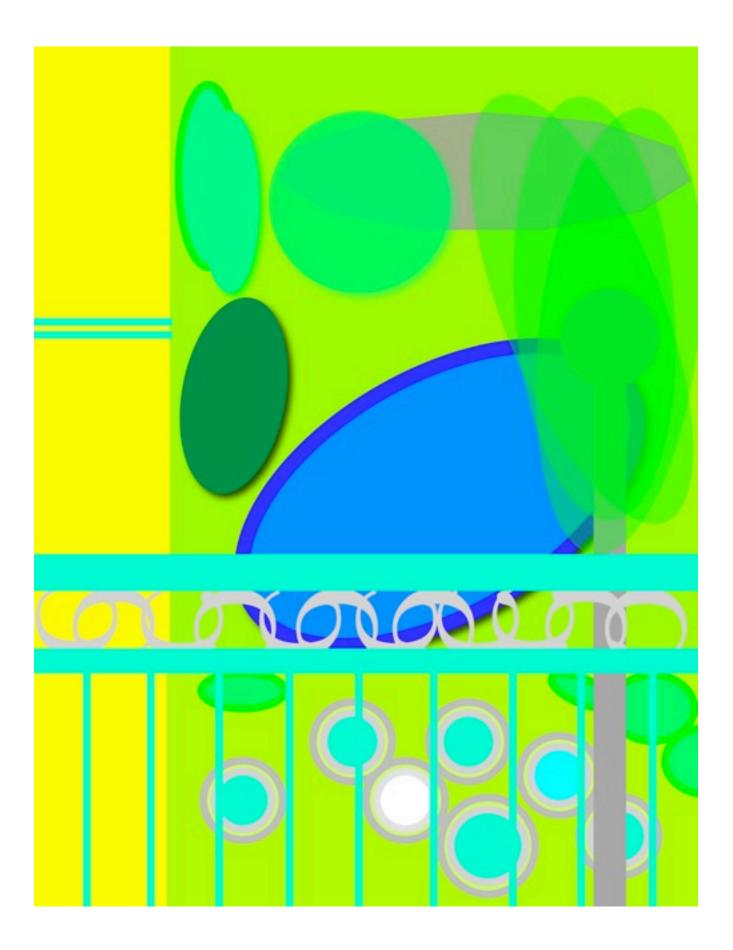




119. Discovery never ends.

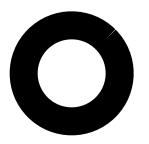
- 120. God, some yell, is great while they kill. God, they should surely know, is incomparably wise and good, and only they desire invincibility as if it were as wise and good as God.
- 121. God, our father, my father setting himself in play within my mother who giving herself in play conceived me; and mother glorious as heaven sent spirits to fashion and lead me to her living gates. For eternal months, I, being my father and mother and me, was attended to by martyrs, saints, and virgins. Mighty angels, beholden to obey mother's earnest pangs, gave me my own ship filled with Ulysses' experience and gifts – even Pandora's alluring hope. Wails and tears in concert greeted me as I neared shore, my mother's mortal harbor. With guardians, gifts, and my own bony boat, I floated in her breathing waves until her flood gates could hold me no longer, and outward into another world filled with joyful cries, I was born.
- 122. Something there faraway is seen as one's hand comes close to one's eyes.
- 123. Before and after time is.



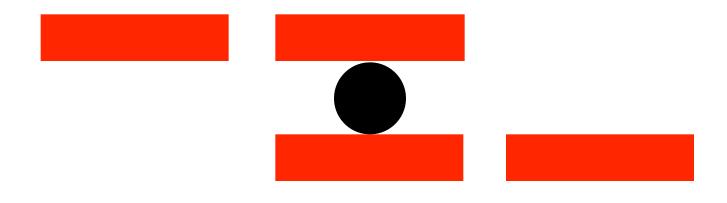






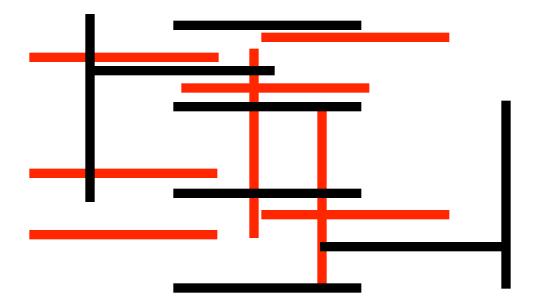


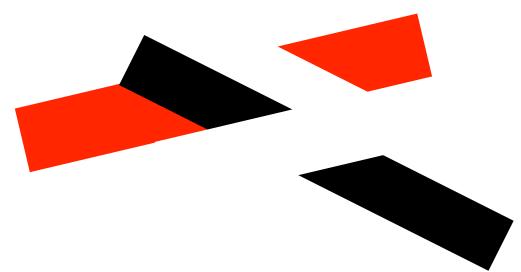
- 124. Neuron-saturated with neurotransmission coordinating sensory modems signaling bundled nerve to see, hear, touch, move, taste a laboratory brain models its self-portrait.
- 125. To be requires nothing, not everything, to be nothing, and it is: nothing is nothing. Not to be, for there to be nothing, requires everything to be nothing, and it is not nothing: nothing is nothing, everything is.
- 126. Number, name, object thought spirit.
- 127. Light speed triumphs then night.
- 128. Thinking anything real outside thought doubles reality.



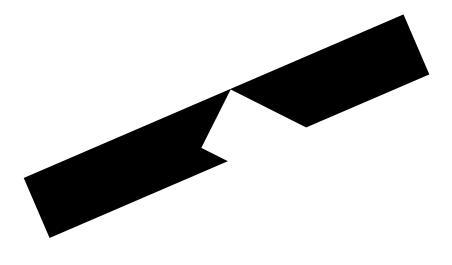


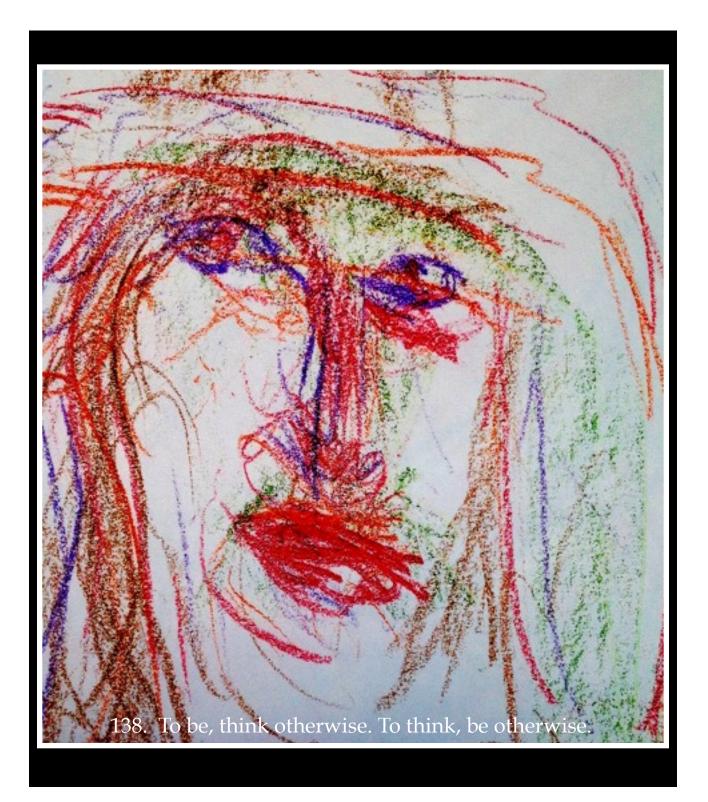
- 129. Thinking, eating, singing, dancing, talking, being pour more being into being.
- 130. Nothing is not at all something and is nothing. Something is not at all nothing and is something. Absence is neither nothing nor something. It is not raining. Neither nothing nor something, sunny, not at all rainy, is both nothing and something.
- 131. One plus minus one is infinite.
- 132. Numberless number totals both cosmos and dust.
- 133. Nowhere is all there is everywhere.
- 134. Thought moves thought some.
- 135. Existence cannot exclude. Non-existence cannot include. Existence cannot exclude non-existence.
- 136. Cells do not think to inform life.

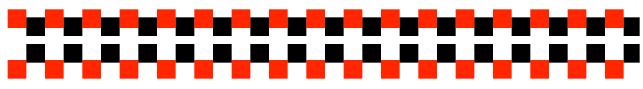


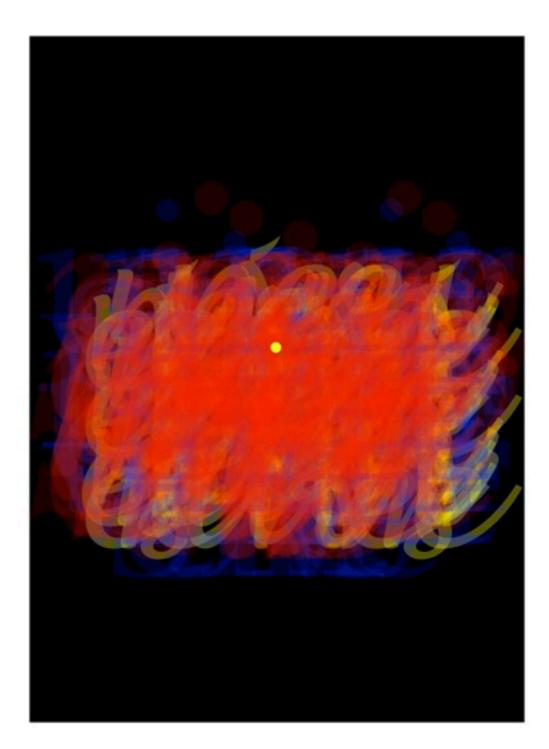


- 137. Pixels and graphite draw the mind.
- 138. To be, think otherwise. To think, be otherwise.
- 139. Causes begin to end and be cause.
- 140. Cosmos makes more cosmos more and less.
- 141. Divisible or indivisible, the particle divided proves it is divisible. Dividing, division multiplies. Dividing division multiplies division. Divisible or indivisible division multiplies.



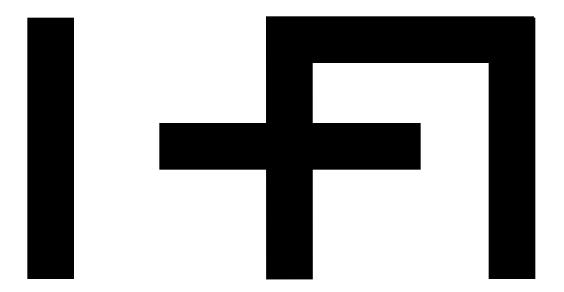




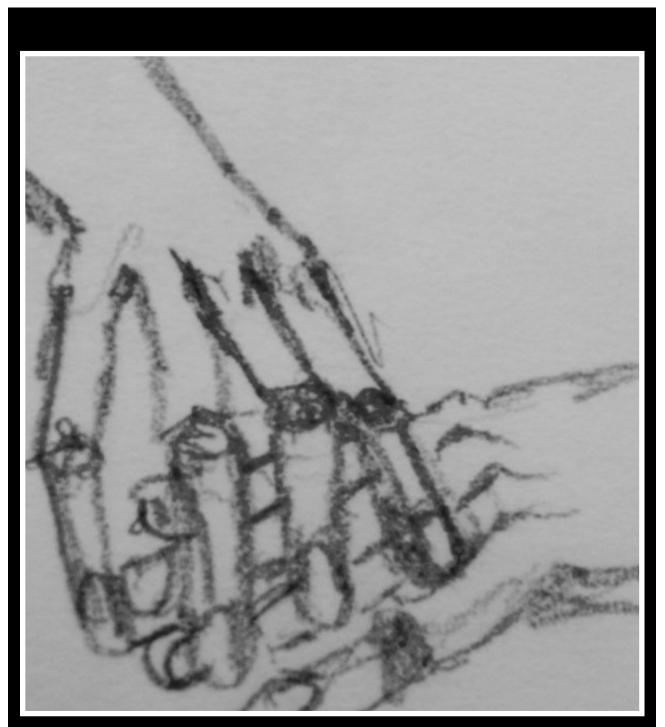




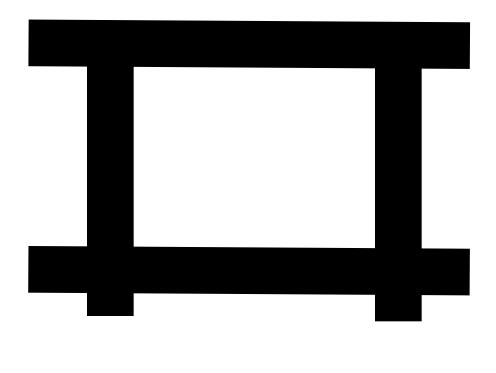
- 142. Light bolts. Dark chills.
- 143. Institutions hang the art and public.
- 144. Sun, wind, water, atom, man make man energy.



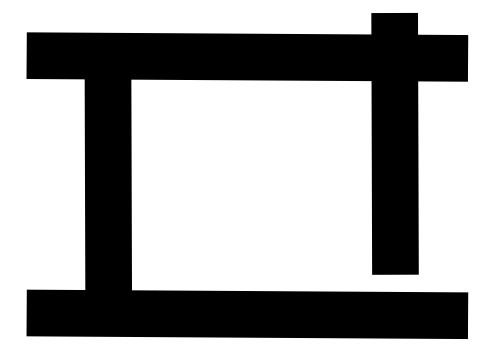




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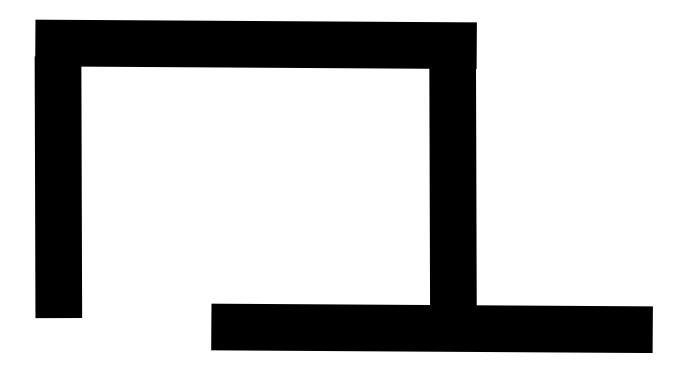
- 145. Subtract fire, add water, multiply earth, divide air, play cosmos playing cosmos.
- 146. One is once. Once is enough. Once is plenty. Once is great.
- 147. Death has no immediate plan.



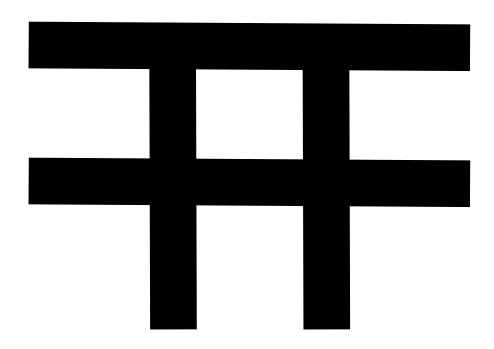


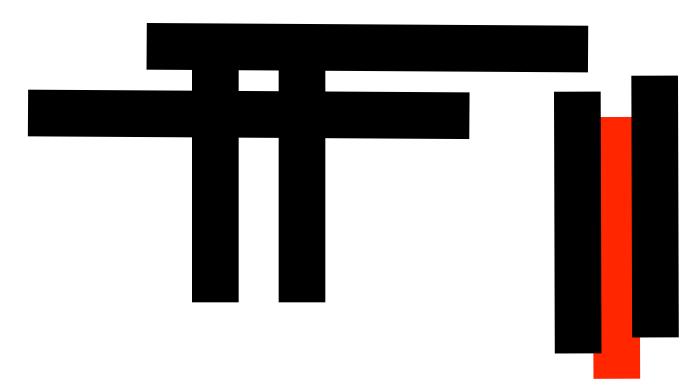
- 148. That the majority accepts being creative and free is commercial and chic.
- 149. All the same death waits uniquely.
- 150. Earth spins, not spills, stays in orbit, not out on its own.



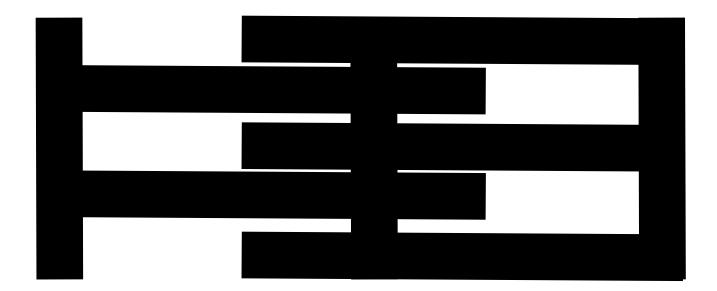


- 151. You, music, sing.
- 152. Chance, life, conception occur always guessing conception, life, chance.
- 153. God touches inside and outside inside and outside.



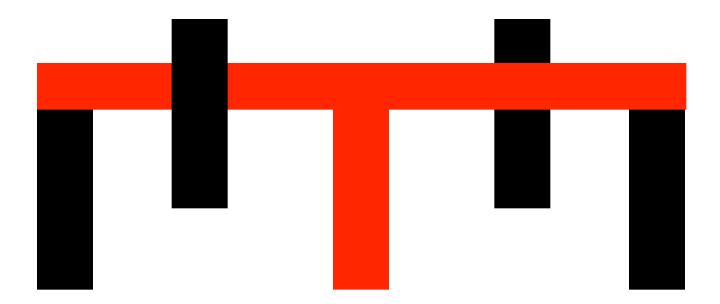


- 154. Showers kiss their earthy face, and flowers flower.
- 155. Spinning with a spiral galaxy inward toward center and outward toward detachment, another day radiates.
- 156. Religions and empires vary. God is always God.



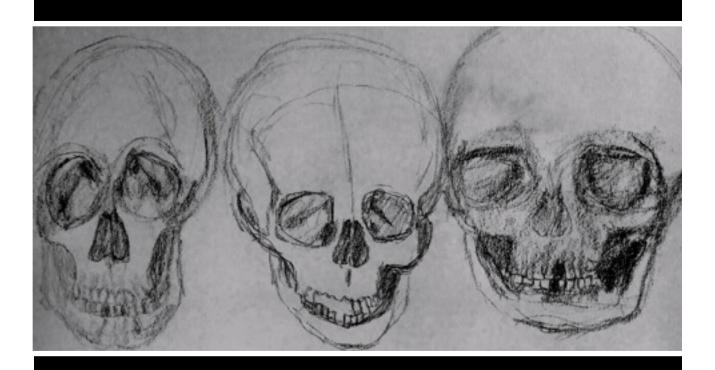


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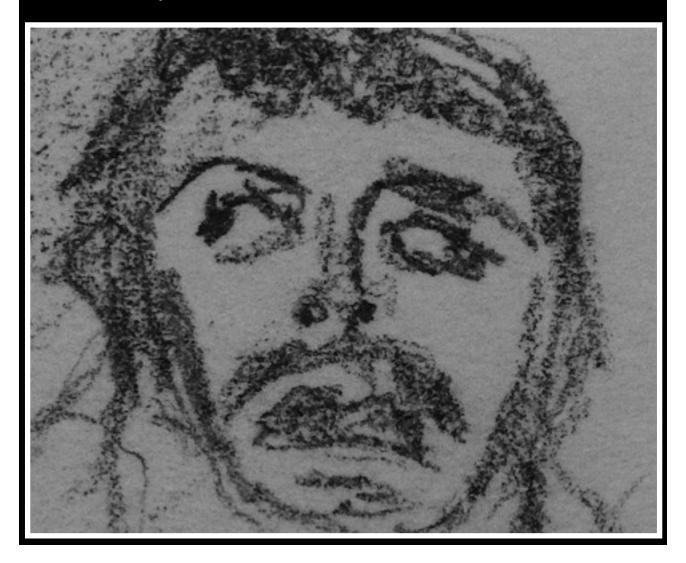
- 157. Sleep nightly. Die once.
- 158. One is never twice, let alone seventy or eighty.
- 159. Fire finds Air. Water finds Earth. Man finds Man.
- 160. Medical science and criminal justice stretch death into biography.





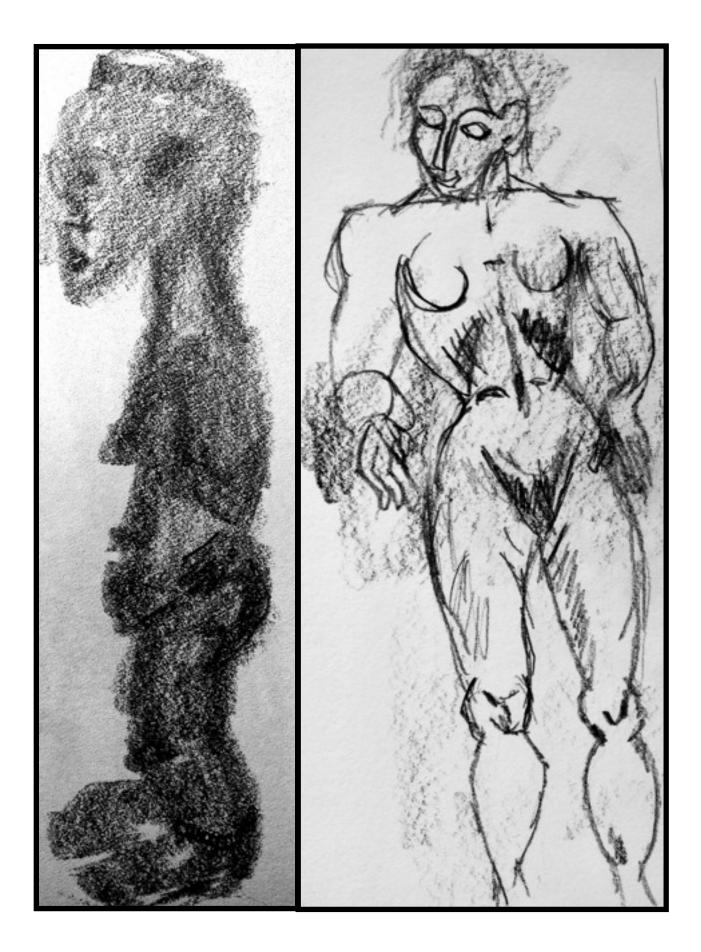
- 161. Being commences time. Time commences causation.
- 162. To love naturally love supernaturally.
- 163. Regret poetry and art that art and poetry regret.
- 164. Sun, moon, planets, mountains, clouds, elephants, ants eye , brain, body conceive, perceive, deceive.

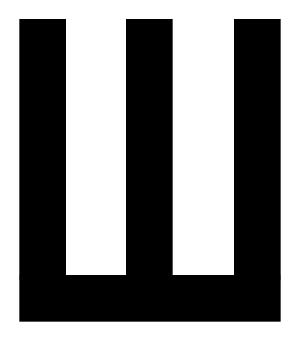
- 165. Enter, count, exit.
- 166. Light fires a while.
- 167. Still water still moves.
- 168. One's body and soul have God's perfect distinction.
- 169. Acts start fire, life, death, drama.
- 170. Everyone is one no one is.





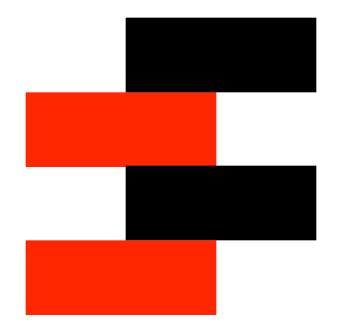
- 171. Body dies, soul discovers.
- 172. The person's corpse lacks the person.
- 173. Aloft the world's huge weight soars.





- 174. Thinking inside seeing outside never merge into word.
- 175. The named unrecognized, the pictured taken, the guest hosts.
- 176. To measure measure more measure.
- 177. Light waves color.





178. Seeing, hearing, touching, tasting, smelling, balancing sense.



179. What is this pdf you are reading and viewing? No book or museum, it is post-presocratically new and open.

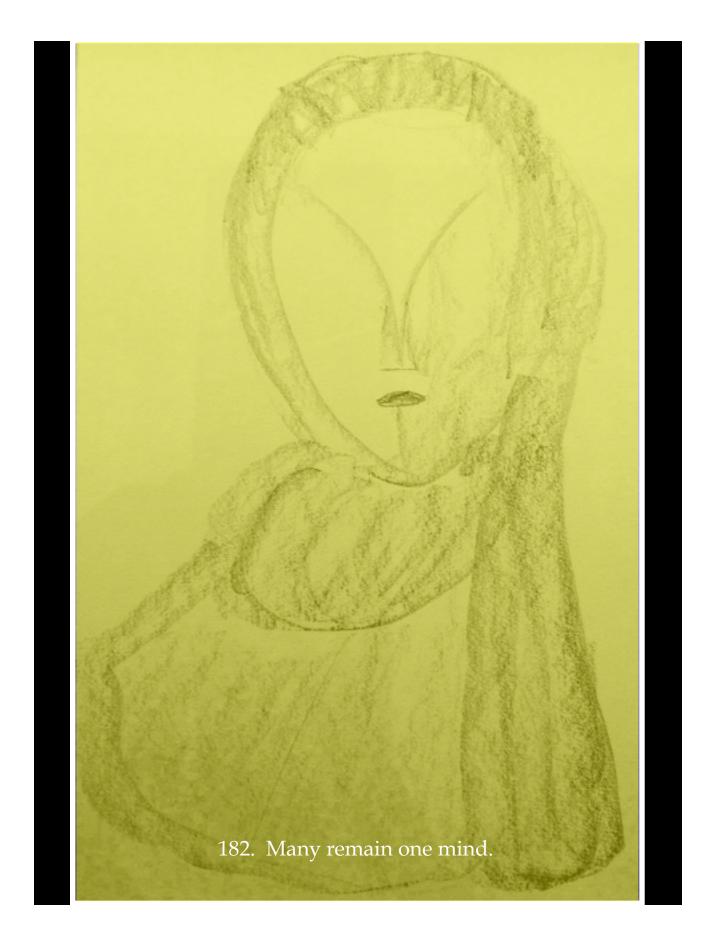


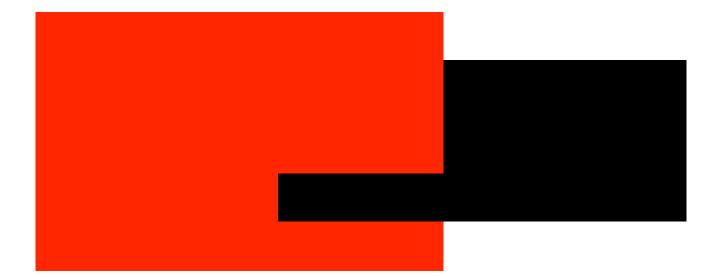
180. Conceive to be conceived. Join to be joined.



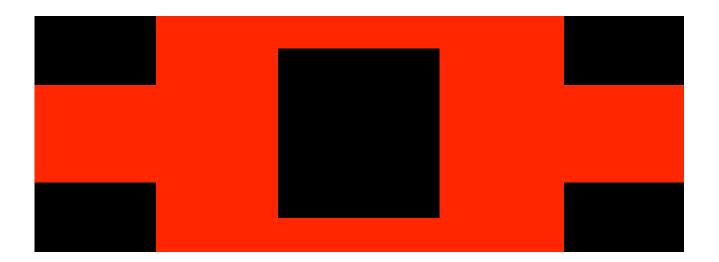
181. Wine, color, poetry work miracles with prose.

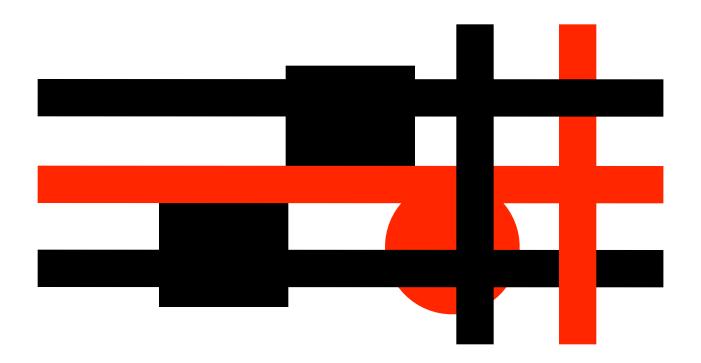




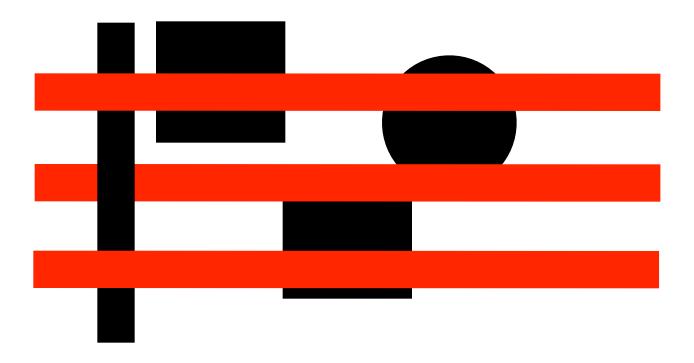


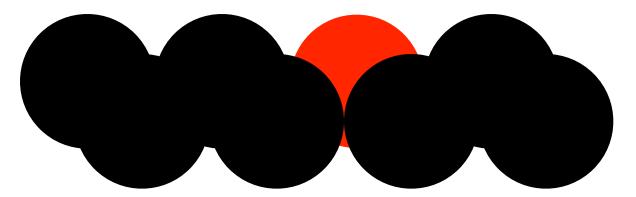
- 182. Many remain one mind.
- 183. All day is one and none.
- 184. Pluperfect to future perfect tenses man.
- 185. The universe shapes, burns, blows recklessly away.
- 186. Alive at once with another, nature, time, cosmos one is.
- 187. Bloody, infected excuses bandage bleeding man.



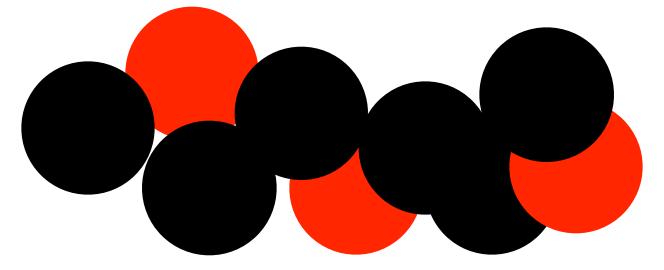


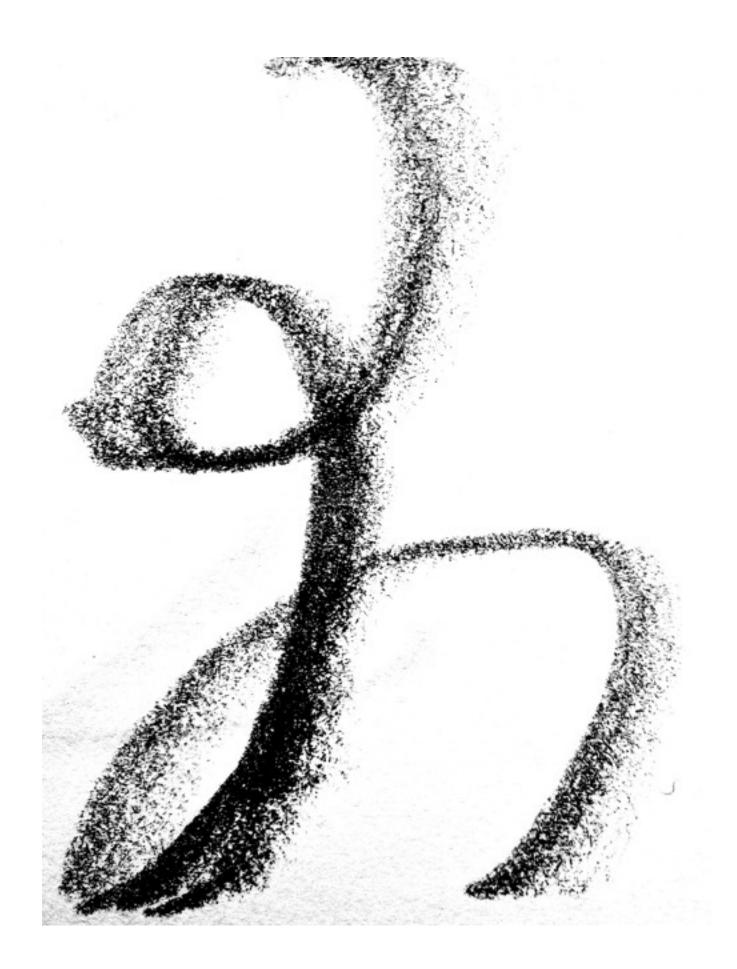
- 188. Romantic commerce imagines loving money.
- 189. Prosperity rings in deluded righteousness.
- 190. Careers careen. Companies isolate.
- 191. Graphs image plots. Images graph plots.

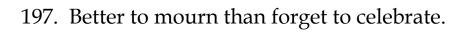




- 192. Managers dispense donations. Sirens recite emergencies. Homes deconstruct in tents, under highways, in doorways, and through urban woods and parks. A dogged generation taxes untied, a part.
- 193. Sun, snow, rain, wind, mountains, rivers, seas, cities visit time and me.
- 194. Sophists discourse in bookstores, museums, classrooms, courthouses, legislatures, boardrooms, newsrooms, commercials. . . . No one is safe.
- 195. A soul is art, spirit, science.
- 196. Writing makes much wisdom. Wiser is writing nothing. Wisest are Socrates, Buddha, and Christ.







- 198. Statistics probably excludes impossibility.
- 199. No human stays human forever.
- 200. God does not stop being God.

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