

^{Mark} that did ill, no more than I would condemn an acorn. Nor
 would I ^{Speak in derision of} ~~condemn~~ ^{Came} ~~others who would come after him,~~ ^{of whom} ~~Matthew and~~
^{who} Luke and John ~~are the~~ best known, although they had ~~many~~
 errors in recounting my days and many were the ^{Sayings} ~~speeches~~ they
 gave to me which were even, by times, correct in language, but
~~rarely with true sense since they would have me shout when I~~ ^{rarely did} ~~did so,~~
~~or~~ ^{and described me as} ~~whispered, or would state that I was gentle when indeed I~~
 was wroth and loud of voice. Still, I ^{Speak ill of} ~~condemn~~ them no more
 than I ^{of} ~~would condemn~~ the acorn, since they did not know me,
 but ^{only} ~~only~~ told in their words what others had ^{who had been there} ~~related~~ to them
 as my words, which they had heard, and such accounts are ^{Gospel is no more} ~~no~~
~~was~~ ^{leaned} ~~better~~ to be ~~relied~~ upon than a bush that is separated from
 its roots and blows across a field like a dry thing, ~~so that~~
~~one cannot say where the bush first grew to its natural~~
~~fullness.~~ Besides, I am the Son of Man, and can speak for
^{nor have I} myself, and ~~I have not~~ forgotten even one hour of what
 happened to me, no more than ^{would} ~~can~~ a new coin forget the ~~shape~~

~~and the embrace of~~ the die that minted it.

So I will proceed with my true account of the gospel as

it was witnessed by me, and if there are some who would ask
 how the words I speak were ~~first put to the page~~, I would
 answer: That is a mystery ^{but} which need not be revealed and is
 of no great import. ^{inasmuch as the} The Lord often spoke through me ^{and I} so even as I
~~have~~ uttered many words. ^{that} I knew they were not mine but His.

And so I did not lack for scribes in the century after my
 death ^{nor in} and all the centuries ^{following} since who could receive

~~inspiration and the words I chose to offer them.~~ Look upon
 this gospel ^{therefore} ^{small} ~~that~~ as no more than a miracle of the ^{smallest} ~~small~~ dimension. And since
 but then, ^{as is true of} ^{an account} my gospel, like the others, is ~~a work full~~ of miracles, ^{and so} this
^{my words} should give no pause. Look upon them ^{therefore} as my

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An addition

~~In the Temple. . .~~

Inasmuch as I feel a great need when I read the good
tidings of my life, ~~since much of these books is less than~~
~~truth, I will attempt to give here~~ a warrant of my days as they

exist now in the fields of my memory, for it may be that a

time of new harvest is upon us, and we are ready for a new

gospel. ^{May it} It will be set down with the respect for much of what
has already been told; ^{yet still} still, it will explain ^{some what} a few points of

my voyages upon ^{an} inland sea ^{than} that others cannot ^{perceive,} understand.

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But in offering such a list, I have not spoken of the

quality of the wood for each plank that came to me from each

From the splitting of a

would be of ~~the~~ heaviest when it came to the splitting of a log to shape our planks for ~~the~~ starting

upon wedges to split ~~at~~ the length of the trunk, and ~~then~~ split it

again, ~~the same manner~~, and again, until we had eight or ~~twelve~~ sixteen

or sixteen such splits the length of the tree, ~~and from such~~

pieces which were kin to a triangle if you cut them across and

could accept a triangle whose base was curved, so did we shape

our planks. And it was heavy work and if a master carpenter

was there to guide the first placement of the wedges, strength

and determination were your best servants to continue the

work.

Once, however, that we had obtained our planks, then we

obtained a communion with the wood, I never forgot that the first

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and most important tree in our universe was the one which grew
^{endowed with}
 apples but had ^{and was} knowledge of good and evil, and ^{often} sometimes it

seemed to me that much of that good and evil was in the will

and temper of the wood ^{since} ~~for~~ one had to know the spirit of the

material with which you worked ^{inasmuch as} since ^{labored} a fine piece worked upon

for days could ^{betray the tool} ~~split treacherously~~ upon you for the smallest

mistake, ^{would} ~~was~~ ^{split in treachery} And sometimes, ~~in my disappointment,~~ I was ready to

~~swear~~, for no mistake ^{rather} ~~at all~~, but merely out of its knowledge

of good and evil and its ^{much desire} ~~wish~~ to ^{do} exercise the latter.

And I also know

Then there was other wood that was kin to a dear friend

^{who} and served ^{my} your wishes and guided ^{my} your chisel, and ^{there was} wood which

^{that} resisted the drill and that which seemed to accept it without
^{comely grace as if enabled} ~~other planks that would yield with~~
^{great unyielding as in each hole one made in the plank enabled} ~~to accept it without~~

^{and} ~~it~~ better to breathe. There was ^{wisdom in} an art and mastery in each

^{this} ~~step~~ in the treatment of wood and I used to feel wise and

^{doing} honorable in such work and ^{it with honor} ~~did~~ for years. And the smell of a

^{good plank properly} ~~piece of good wood~~ nicely shaped and ^{for its place in a} ~~ready to be added to a~~

~~fine cabinet gave me as much pleasure. I would sometimes~~

~~think although I speak in all innocence of such matters--as a~~

~~king might find in his favorite concubine, since there was a~~

~~concubine between wood and the artisan--~~

~~I know not how else to say it, but then as an Essene there was much not~~

~~that, and yet I can for it must be understood that I grew up~~

~~as an Essene in Joseph's house, and I was devout like my~~

~~father Joseph, and wore white robes whenever I was not at labor,~~

~~work, and washed frequently, and sometimes with difficulty~~

~~for the river could go dry and then the wells were low and to~~

~~wash with little water exposed us to the cruelty of the ashes of~~

~~limestone which we used to cleanse ourselves. And it was~~

~~said of the Essenes that they were a sect which must die out~~

~~for the aim of each Essene was to live without concubine~~

~~and to take no woman for wife, or, if he had a wife, to see~~

~~her only at those times when God had told him to make a child,~~

~~and if God never told him, and often did not, then no children could~~

~~be forthcoming among the Essenes. And so it was said of us~~

~~was~~ ^{was} ~~that they~~ ^{to make} needed new converts ~~all the time~~ ^{and often} or ~~they~~ ^{was} would die out. And I, being raised ^{so} ~~as an Essene~~, was instructed ^{to} ~~in~~

~~the most advanced forms~~ and believed that women, if one did not know their nature, ~~as well as oneself~~, were not to be

~~trusted and not to be entered~~, and ~~so~~ I lived without women

and thought little of it, ^{on such a matter,} although, that given the nature of my ~~own~~

conception, ^{of me, sometimes} which would return to me ^{as a thought, although}

~~most often in dreams~~, it was meet that ~~God should not be~~

~~interested in pursuit of women~~ since He had no need of that,

~~therefore~~ and I, who was in such great part His son, if not indeed

entirely His son--for of such matters I still knew little--
~~would know that God~~

would not wish me to spend my hours on drink and lascivious

inclinations ~~toward women of all sorts~~. And ~~we had many~~

~~harlots in Nazareth~~ ^{with many}

^{So it is that my}

~~So it is~~, I say, ~~that my closest~~ communion with other

spirits ^{was then} ~~was~~ in those years with the wood of God's trees and

much they taught me about good and evil, for it seemed to me

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that an evil man could not pass by a good tree without

saddening its leaves.

~~but then my gospel would speak
about the coming into my understanding
of the array of good and evil about
us and in us, and of that I will speak
in my Sermon, and that has applications
turn into those lessons that we learn
by means of our sufferings, which are
for the benefit of the people, used to~~

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¶ Now in the time of which I write, I was still a carpenter at the age of thirty and had gladdened my apprenticeship under Joseph twice seven years and was now a master but if it be asked whether in my youth, other

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And ~~if~~ it would be asked in ~~the~~ other apprentices had

jealousy of me for my position as favored, inasmuch as Joseph

was my father, ~~or so~~ ^{such} was the understanding of everyone around

^{would} us, I ~~can~~ answer that Joseph was a man of much probity and

complete belief that he served God best by treating his

workers with as much respect as the woods he employed in his

finest cabinets. ^{Never was I} And so I was never his favorite in the years

of my apprenticeship, ^{but on} except on those days which were rare at

first, ^{which} but increased in number over ^{many} years, when I would ^{do well}

do the best work and ^{be among} was the most scrupulous of the young men

of our shop, and Joseph ^{was} then he was training, Then he would nod and say, "You would make a

good carpenter, if that was what had been intended for you."

And ^{who could say} I did not know why he spoke in such odd manner. ^{Inasmuch as his} His head

was turned to the side, ^{when he said this} as if by twisting his neck he ^{to} could press

his lips upon a secret which lived like a wild creature in his

maybe he could not recall that he had related ~~that much to me~~ and thought the secret was story with him. So did ~~it~~ ~~from day to day~~ ~~as we worked~~ I never think ~~even if I did know~~

bosom. ~~No, I would not know the true story of my birth~~ ~~from~~ ~~the time~~ in which ~~my~~ Joseph had told me, ~~although I was~~ ~~By now that I was~~ ~~was the custom of the feast, we journeyed, my parents and I,~~ ~~a man, he was old and his memory had grown weak,~~ ~~with a host of pilgrims from Nazareth, rich and poor,~~

merchants, artisans, and even a host who were looked upon as near to beggars - so poor were they, and we all traveled together, ~~since there were brigands on the road,~~ ~~And it was a journey of~~ ~~three days proceeding on foot from dawn to dark to cover the distance of all the hills and valleys between Nazareth in Galilee and Jerusalem in Judea. And my parents went to this feast in Jerusalem, the Feast of the Passover,~~ ~~every year.~~

But on this year it was different. For when they turned to go back, I was not ready. I could not explain how it was, but I stayed behind and since many of the children walked together, my parents did not notice. And my mother ~~did not~~ ~~my absence~~ ~~half~~ ~~until a day's journey had been made by the assembled from~~

~~Nazareth~~ ~~But~~ And then when they looked for me among kinfolk and

of what he had imparted to me when I was twelve and we were returning from Jerusalem, and maybe I have wished to forget what he said

Yet he had told me all I needed to know if I had known what to do, and that on our return to Nazareth from Jerusalem when I was twelve. In those years it was the custom of my family to journey ~~over~~

for it was without purpose in my life and disturbing on more occasions when I thought of it.

in the days before to Jerusalem

at Passover, in company with a
host of other ^{Egyptians} ~~pilgrims~~ from
Nazareth, to ~~Jerusalem~~

and we were comfortably
in number, ~~it~~ rich and
poor together, ~~but~~ ~~merchants~~
~~and artisans~~ and even a
few beggars but ^{we} ~~travelled~~ in a host
together with our white garb which was
~~since there were~~
as the veritable emblem of our
purity and observances of
the law, and ~~we~~ were comfortable
in our numbers since there were

~~then~~ neighbors and did not find me, Joseph and Mary, ~~my parents,~~
~~were soon applied to return~~ but
~~traveled back again to Jerusalem to look for me~~ and did not

find me until ~~three days had passed.~~ Whereupon they came upon

~~my presence~~ among a midst
 me in the Temple and I was sitting in the midst of priests

and doctors, Pharisees and Saducees ~~both,~~ and I was asking

(which was, perhaps, permitted of me, a boy, because of my ~~garb as an Essene,~~
~~them~~ questions. And to the astonishments of my parents, I was

Offering, yea, ~~giving them~~ answers. ~~to my own questions,~~ such
 There was much discussion in those days

about whether the Word had been with God in the beginning ~~and~~ from commencement

indeed, when John wrote his gospel, ~~his first sentences~~ ~~are no~~
~~less than:~~ "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was

with God, and the Word was God." But in ~~those years~~ ~~when~~ I
 was twelve, there was much concern among the priests of the Temple!

Concerning the ~~Was~~
~~presence of~~ the Word in the beginning? and was it there. For

in man, as they understood it, there was no life to ~~enliven~~ ~~quickly~~

the heart without the inner life that speaks to us and the ~~of the new born babe~~
~~spirit~~ ~~that is holy.~~ So was it the Word of God that made

and ~~could one say~~ ~~therefore that it was~~
 which maketh ~~is own~~ ~~flesh or had~~ the flesh of man ~~been~~ created by God with no more

even as ^{I had listened} life than He had created the flesh of animals? And there were ^{spoke in the Temple that day to show} noted doctors who ^{to be} said that in the beginning that the Word had ^{to have been said} must be ^{and} that the Word was flesh, for otherwise, we should be ^{no better than} all be like the animals and there would be no reason not to ^{wherefore a reason then} raise slaves ^{even} (as flocks) ^{in order to} and eat them afterward, consume them as ^{how else} beasts, unless the Word was flesh. ^{and}

It was then I began to speak and according to my parents, ^{who entered the chamber even as I was speaking,} such words ^{from} of the mouth of a twelve-year-old were equal to a ^{as a} miracle. And I have no recollection of what I said, so ^{it must} have been ^{therefore} perhaps it was a miracle, and the Lord was speaking through me ^{St 4} for the first time, but my mother ^{swears on the life of all} her other children, ^{on their names} my half-^{brothers and sisters} that these are my words, if indeed she ^{can} remember them, and she insists they were so holy that she ^{give issues to them with her own voice} would not dare to say them word for word no more than she ^{alone} would pronounce the name of the Lord alone. But as it was ^{later by Joseph} told to me, I said to the assembled priests and doctors, ^{asked}

~~perhaps I merely asked them~~, whether it was not true that

before we could look upon the Word as flesh, we ~~could~~ ^{must} look ~~at~~ ^{upon}

the Word as living in water, for as we ^{all} know, in the coldest

days of winter, ^{on arising} when we ~~rise~~ in the dawn, ^{the} our breath ~~is a~~ ^{of a man is}

^{like unto a} ~~cloud and the water~~ ^{so is} in our breath ^{causing to} ~~is like~~ a small sea that

bears the vessel of the Word, ^{and therefore} And ~~so~~ the Word, whether ~~it be~~ ^{of}

flesh or spirit, ^{one} must be with God. ^{since all} ~~all~~ the waters are His,

^{are} even as all the rivers going down to the great sea that is His

^{largest} ~~first water, or so I have been told is true of all the great~~

~~seas except the Dead Sea to the east of Jerusalem, which I~~

~~have never seen but who could not hear of it?~~

And when I was older, ^{and no longer a carpenter} ~~for I had no knowledge to speak~~

^{and had left Nazareth to preach the gospel,} ~~like that on this day when I was twelve, nor indeed did I ever~~

~~have the intimate knowledge of a woman to speak in such~~

~~fashion, but in my later travels when I would offer the~~

^{also} ~~so did I know~~ ^{indeed} ~~gospel, I knew by then that the Word was the flesh for to~~

^{For if I} ~~had never~~ ^{obtained} ~~knowledge of a woman yet~~ ^{did I know that to} whisper into the ear of another "I love you" was to awaken desires

for the creation of flesh.

So (as that)
~~That much~~ I did not say when I was twelve, although there
~~was no reason I could not have said as much if~~ *imparted to the priests for*

in the voice of the Lord. But to tell those august ~~priests~~ *elders*

that the Word was in the ~~water~~ *mist that came from our mouths* proved astonishing to them ~~and~~

~~My mother would always say that she not only kept my things in~~

~~her heart on that occasion when I was twelve at Passover, but,~~

~~that the expressions on the faces of the doctors, the priests,~~ *these*

~~the Pharisees, the Saducees and the scribes, was engraved~~

forever upon her heart. And ^{so} it was at this ~~point~~ *junction* on the ~~our land~~

to Nazareth which
~~return home, which for the three of us meant walking much~~

the three of us
~~alone much of the time in fear of brigands, although we~~ *flourish*

~~Joseph, as if to give our safe passage home,~~ *Joseph, as if to give our safe passage home,*

~~returned to Nazareth safely, but the thought of my achievement~~

took me aside and told me the
~~in the Temple, which vast place I would always remember, I~~

true story of my birth

~~would have more to say of it further in my gospel, yet at this~~

~~point, living in much fear, that I lied and with the poor~~

~~excuse before the bloodlust of brigands, my father, that is to~~

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~~say my step father, Joseph took me aside and told me the story~~
~~of my birth. And it was in this wise, even as it was told in~~
~~both Matthew and in Luke told a part of the tale, which is no~~
~~talé but true, at least according to Joseph who never told a~~

~~lie that I recall.~~ Yet *(of how it transpired)* But to understand all that ~~passed~~ is not

Joseph was not only and always bathed
simple, for these were pious people. There was a part of the

even to three and three times a day, and from youth,
but always wore white even at work and the adjourn
me to have no congress with a woman until marriage
and how it was better not to marry but to pray
Constantly for the good of the Lord and be a
devout among other Essenes.
were Joseph and my mother Mary so it could not

~~Baptist, and his mother, Elizabeth, and his father, Zacharias,~~

~~underwent a conception that was not all unlike with that of~~

~~my mother Mary, but that story is for a later telling, and I~~

~~will here explain only what Joseph told me on the return home~~

~~when I was twelve after my three days in the Temple and my~~

~~discourses with the doctors and the priests.~~

of my conception and my birth, yet on our return to
Nazareth in Galilee and a relative house,
He told me that he had been espoused to my mother, Mary,

yet
~~and that unknownst to him, the angel Gabriel would come down~~

had entered
~~to the city of Nazareth in Galilee and enter the bedchamber of~~

^{then}
 Mary who was ~~(a virgin)~~
 Joseph espoused, the virgin Mary, and said to her, and these
^{as Joseph said them to me upon hearing them from Mary}
 words are the same that Luke heard, "Hail, thou that art

highly favored; the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among

^{however}
 women." ~~But~~ my mother was, not only a virgin but most
^{surmounting}
 scrupulous in the difficulties ~~and the meanings~~ of such a

^{concerning}
 state, and had been much fortified by her mother about the

^{chastity}
 dangers of relinquishing one's virginity before the hour of

~~Besides, she was an Essene, and she would later describe him~~
 marriage. ~~The angel Gabriel, and she would later describe him~~

~~to me, but then I took would yet have a glimpse of him in~~

~~So, too, was the angel, Gabriel, ^{there before her}~~
~~years to come, was dressed all in white, was (as handsome as~~

^{his own}
 radiance, ~~itself~~ and the white of his garments was like the

^{stars} ^{moon}
 light of the ~~moon~~ and the stars so she could ^{see clearly that} even believe he

^{Gabriel}
 was an angel, but still, ^{all} she cast about in her mind and she

^{was}
 wondered what manner of salutation this ~~could be~~, since she

^{Gabriel}
 felt weak before the angel as if her virtue ^{were} had begun to find

^{already}
~~itself in flux, and the walls of her determination were in~~

~~danger of falling and crumbling like sand into the sea, and~~ ^{but}

then angel
~~when this man, for if he was not an angel, he was certainly a~~

~~man~~, was standing in her room, which no man had ever done

before, ~~nonetheless~~ the angel said, "Fear not, Mary, for thou

hast found favor with God, and *B* behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus.

He shall be great and shall be called the Son of the Highest,

and the Lord God shall give ~~to~~ him the throne of his father

David, *and he* *of* he shall reign over the house ~~so~~ Jacob forever and of

his kingdom there shall be no end."

given by Those are the words ~~(Luke sees fit to give the angel~~ *be uttered from the mouth of*

Gabriel, and they are of the general truth, although,

according to my mother, the angel ~~actually~~ said less and she

knew more. My mother was *of* *presence* always practical *(even to the saving*

what of all ~~that could be of use that~~ others might *discard, even to*

the drying of as dried flowers from which she *could get* a scent. Or *to the*

collection of scraps of pieces of rawhide that she knew how to *twist and weave* together so that

there *a rope,* they might be longer. And so she did say to Gabriel, "How

shall this ^{come to} be seeing ^{as} I know not of man? ^{nor of} And the angel said ^{(such desires?) 24}
unto her, "The Holy Ghost shall ^{be with} come upon thee and the power
of the Highest shall overshadow thee, therefore that holy
thing born of thee shall be called the Son of God, for with
Him, nothing is impossible."

My mother ^{know then} had a great fear ^{that} she would faint, ^{but she only} but instead
^{in such an instant,} she said, "Be it according to thy word," and at that moment,
^{much had happened and} even as the angel departed, my mother knew that she had
^(and was with child) conceived, for it was not like any other moment before in her
^{that had come} life or even since. And all the passages of a woman who was
^{not whereupon} pregnant came upon her, ^{passage} each by each, ^{until it was given} and six weeks after the

angel had visited, ^{and} she told Joseph to whom she was espoused, ^{of all} that had transpired and how she was pregnant. Joseph
and if he was a narrow man, and there are some who say that

the gate of his mind was ^{even} more strait than his morals, ^{the departure of an angel} he

but he ^{belief} had such faith in the goodness of my mother, ^{virtue} that he was ready ^{having prayed often besides}

^(give respect to) to believe her so sufficiently as to not make her a public
^{of this woman} example and have her hounded by shame from the finger of

^{and so}
 neighbors, ~~so~~ he made plans ~~and inquired with her~~ to put her
 away with relatives in another town ~~whose name I was never~~
~~told~~ ^{but then as it passed}
~~because~~ ^{transpired,} there was never ^{such} a need to put her away. The
^{For the} angel of the Lord appeared again, ^{in a dream and he came} but (this time to Joseph and
^{and the angel}
~~only~~ in a dream, and he ~~said~~ to Joseph, "Joseph, thou son of
 David, take Mary as ^{your} the wife. For she has been conceived by ^{no}
^{man but by} the Holy Ghost and ~~that which is in her is of the Holy Ghost,~~
^{so}
~~and she shall~~ ^{can} bring forth a son who will save your people and
~~his people from their sins."~~ ^{And}

And Joseph recalled the Hebrew prophet who said, "Behold,
 a virgin shall be with child." ^{And he awoke from} But ~~Joseph came out of his~~

^{conviction}
 sleep with the knowledge that they must be wed forthwith and

^{Joseph}
~~he~~ took Mary as his wife and was scrupulous. He knew her not

nor did he dare to know her until she ~~and~~ brought forth ^{her} her

^{who is myself}
 firstborn son. And they called ^{me} him Jesus, ^{which} although in

^{by our rough}
 Nazareth, my name ~~was spoken of as~~ ^{is} Yeshua, and Yeshua ^{as} I was

^{thirty-three}
 called until the age of ³³ when I went to visit John the

Baptist and was blessed by him and ^{would spend forty} then spent 40 days on the

~~summit~~ of a mountain in the wilderness, ^{followed by one} forty days of discourse

~~conversation, indeed,~~ with the Devil, and came down from such

a mountain on which Satan had sat to go forth on my mission.

~~It it was then that~~ ^{began} and then I began to allow others (to speak of me as Jesus.

Now because Joseph was of the house ^{such ancient ancestry as to belong} to David of which he

to the descendants of the house of King David, ^{that} he was very proud, ^{and so it} was necessary before I was born for Joseph

^{Mary would} and my mother ^{heavy} to travel with me ^{all the three days} in her womb from Nazareth in

Galilee down to Judea into the very city of David which is

called Bethlehem, ^{such a} because of a law passed by Ceasar Augustus, ^{and that journey was occasioned by}

^{who lived in} that all the world was obliged to be taxed and each man

^{was to be} counted in his own city, ^{where he had been born, as was Joseph in} And so it was that they were in

^{where he now took me,} Bethlehem, and there I was born and wrapped in the warmest

swaddling clothes, and my mother gave birth to me in a manger

^{which as} inasmuch as there was no room, as all the world knows by now, ^{even} if they know naught else) was because there was no

for either of them in an inn. And indeed they were turned

^{room at any} away because of all that surrounds ^{what will accompany} the birth of an infant when

the empire were

the child)

delivered

(the father)

home of the mother,

if it is not in his own home, and who was to do the cleaning? Or

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the delivery? And I do not know if that is why the ~~smell~~ ^{odor} of

gentle animals and ~~straw~~ ^{the smell of hay} brings me peace and ~~when~~ ^{but} love comes

^{into} up to my hand from the hide of such beasts, ~~so~~ ^{and} do I offer ~~my~~ ^{what is}

warm in me ~~for~~ ^{so that when I obtained the power to bless,} love in return to them, and in later years I would put ~~my~~ ^{into}

such blessing upon barns and mangers, ^{with the consideration that} for the husbandmen needed such to

accompany him as ~~laborer~~ ^{to} peace even if he worked to provide food for multitudes.

That would be the ^{true} story of my birth if ~~not for all the~~ ^{but for the}

tales told by my disciples of ^{who brought forth many} angels surrounding the event. ^{to} how

And it is true that shepherds ~~who were~~ ^{did come} keeping guard over their flocks that night in the surrounding fields ~~came~~ ^{upon} upon my

mother and father and my presence ^{in the manger} seen after I was born, and

my mother would swear to the certainty of the moonlight which ^{assert in much that} ^{on that ex}

had a ^{more} silver radiance ~~more~~ ^{and before} bright by far than any other

and in later years ^{tell many of who did speak} occasion, and she would say that an angel ~~spoke~~ ^{on a certain date} to the

shepherds and told them, and I quote from Luke, "Fear not: for

⁹ behold, I bring you tidings of great joy which shall be a new

the Messiah of

~~gospel of great joy~~, for unto you this day is born Christ ^{(the} ~~but then~~
~~And Luke in his gospel would have the angel saying~~ ^{more,}
 Lord." ~~Luke was helping Paul to build the community of those~~
^{with} ~~in the building of~~ ^{among}

who would worship my name in many churches throughout the ^{declaring:}
~~world and so he added,~~ ^{Luke would add much language to simple matters as in}
 ("With the angel was a multitude of the

heavenly host praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the

highest and on earth, peace, good will toward men.'" And

~~Luke even would have had it that~~
~~according to Luke the shepherds made my birth known throughout~~

~~at least according to Luke,~~ ~~the~~
 the world, but of this I am ~~not~~ ^{my} ~~so~~ ^{years were quiet} certain. For certainly

~~there would be quiet years when I was a boy, and no one spoke~~

~~as Jesus, only as Yeshua,~~ ~~only~~
 my name. ~~That however, was yet to come, because for one event,~~

~~I can vouch.~~

~~Manhap, the~~

~~hearken to~~

~~The shepherds must have spoken of the radiance of the~~

~~and spoke of it in all the places.~~

~~moon outside the manger enough so that Herod the king heard of~~

~~of such matters,~~ ~~was sore and troubled by that which he heard, and he~~
 these things, and by all accounts he was troubled. He spoke to

~~of how word of my birth~~
 his chief priests and to his scribes) and having heard of the

~~was descending upon his court from~~ ^{so that by the strength}
 birth by now as being in many places, he demanded of them that

~~of these things I was born,~~ ^{they} ~~handy towns around the hills~~
~~of Jerusalem so that they could discover where this new babe might be~~
 They discover where this new babe might be and the priests

* ~~not only in Bethlehem but in twenty~~ ~~and~~ ~~mangers~~ ~~in the hills~~ ~~girding~~ ~~Jerusalem~~ ~~and~~
 so much did this vex Herod to discover where this

~~new bible~~ ^{might have} birth ~~had~~ been that he made study
of the scrolls and saw that the prophets ~~spoke~~

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~~referred to the prophets and spoke~~ ^{did speak} of Bethlehem in the land of

Judah: "For out of thee, Bethlehem, shall come a governor that

shall rule my people, Israel." ^{as}

⁽⁵⁾ In that year ~~was~~ ^{of} my birth was ~~he~~ ^{he} ~~was~~ ^{already}
~~Herod~~ was an old king ~~in this year~~, but when young, he had

been mighty in ^{re}renown, ~~for he was handsome like few~~, and
~~more than others~~, and all agreed ~~he was~~ ^{as}
brave, and considered the greatest warrior in Israel, a man of

^{many} ~~lusts~~ ^{so that he had ten wives, and few were his equal at}
^{no noble}

hunting or sport, indeed, none. ^{Yet the Hebrews loved him not. For}
^{never in his entire life} but only by ~~half~~ ^{clinging} which
south of Judea and not entirely a Jew, although Caesar had

^{albeit} ~~Caesar~~ ^{made him emperor of all the Jews by declaration from Rome, and}

for this reason, Herod was much hated by many including ~~the~~

^{all} most devout among us, for he put graven images of the Roman
eagle on the gates of our Temple ^{and such} when ~~that~~ is forbidden by ~~our~~

^{Herod} commandments. And ~~he~~ had a life that was ~~as~~ full of

uncleanness that I recall even at school, when I was eight and

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shall rule my people, Israel."

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hunting or sport, indeed, none. But he was an Idumean from
south of Judea and not entirely a Jew, although Ceasar had
made him emperor of all the Jews by declaration from Rome, and
for this reason, Herod was much hated by many including the
most devout among us, for he put graven images of the Roman
eagle on the gates of our Temple when that is forbidden by our
commandments. And he had a life that was so full of

^{so}uncleanness ^{when young how}that I recall even at school, when I was eight and

^{know}ten, we would hear of the foul ^{a pray}conduct of his deeds, and ^{even to} ~~how~~

^{the manner of executing}

he had executed his most beloved wife, Mariamne, because he

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was afflicted with suspicion so dark that he could not trust

the ^{Fidelity} emotions of any who ^{thereby} were near to him, and ~~being~~ convinced

they would destroy him by ^{either in} treachery or ^{by} poison, ~~he struck~~ ^{had his beloved}

^{struck down,} first. (But he mourned Mariamne ^{and} so much that he gave ^{large} many

favours to ^{his} the two sons ~~he had had~~ with her, Alexander and

Aristobulus, each of whom ^{now did wish} wished to betray him for good cause ^{inasmuch}

as ^{as he had} he had ^{came to} for having murdered their mother, and so they did plot against

him ^{whereupon} and he discovered that as well and beheaded them. ^{they were} Until

it was ^{then} said by the Emperor Augustus in Rome: "Better to be

Herod's swine than his son." ^{And that was much repeated among the Jews, one also heard in} As for that, ~~I can only say that~~

^{such years that} ~~as he~~ ^{so did he lose} grew older, he lost more and more of his powers and his

reason until he was afflicted by dreams of ^{a depth of} an evil only as

^{could} ~~emperor~~ can measure, and the greatest of his fears was that

the babe who ^{now born in a manger would replace him} should replace him was now born, so that even as

he was sick and dying, ^{so then did he call} he called wise men into council and

inquired ^{at} of them ^{these} what time the shepherds had seen the moon and

the bright lights of the stars, and ^{Herod} he sent three of his wise

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or at least such are
 men to Bethlehem, and told them, ~~the words are in Matthew, and~~
~~I believe them:~~ "Go and search diligently for the young child
 and when you ^{have} ~~have~~ found him, bring me word that I may come and
 worship him as well." Which the wise men heard and told to
 others, and left on their journey from the Temple of
 Jerusalem. And on the first night they saw a star in the east
 which passed ^{above} ~~before~~ them and moved to the south until in a few
 hours they came to Bethlehem and found myself, ~~the young~~
~~child, with Mary my mother,~~ and they fell down before Mary and
 Joseph and worshipped me. So it is told. And they opened
 boxes with gifts, chests of gold and frankincense and myrrh--
 which ~~I know~~ ^{and all should know,} is not true, for if there had been such money ~~and~~
^{Joseph and Mary} of that in the years that followed)
 such gifts, they would have spoken to me. But perhaps they
^{gift of greater value} ~~offered a greater gift,~~ ^{for these wise men gave warning to}
^{go back} ~~since they~~ ^{indeed} ~~warned~~ Joseph that he
 should not ~~return~~ ^{go back} to any land governed by Herod, and indeed,
^{being of wisdom, they, too, did} ~~they would not go back to Jerusalem,~~ but departed ^{onto} far-off
^{in the hour after recognizing} ~~countries so as soon as they discovered my birth.~~ ^{Now} ~~Joseph did~~ Joseph

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away in
~~not~~ wait till morning but took Mary and myself ~~by stealth~~ *from*

Bethlehem and
~~traveled south and then west~~ into Egypt and lived there until

the death of Herod, which would ~~come~~ *engage* before another year was
spent, yet did
~~past~~. But Herod exacted ~~a~~ *a* ~~terrible~~ *most terrible* vengeance, for he was

in that
wroth with ~~the~~ *these* madness only ~~old~~ *so* men ~~can~~ undergo, and he sent

forth his soldiers to slay ~~all the soldiers~~ in Bethlehem *with*

orders to slay all
~~the children who were born in the time he discovered~~ was nigh

upon the time of my own birth. And the words of the prophet

Jeremiah were fulfilled: "Lamentation and weeping and

mourning, and Rachel was weeping for her children and would

not be comforted because they are not."

expired
So it was only when Herod was ~~dead~~ that an angel of the

Lord came again to my mother's husband Joseph in Egypt and

said to him in the midst of his dream: "Arise, Joseph, and

take this young child and his mother and go back into the land

of
~~of~~ Israel, for the king who sought this child's life is now

dead." And so Joseph returned in the direction of Judea, but.

when he heard that Herod had been followed by ^{another} one of his cruel
^{and the cruellest,} sons, ^{Joseph still} named Archelaus, he felt great fear and would say that
 god warned him in a dream to turn aside from Bethlehem ^{or} and
 Jerusalem ^{and} but to go north instead for three days until he
 came back to ^{which is} reached that place in the hills that ^{is} called Nazareth, and
 as such was it written ^{even} before it ensued
 so again the words of the prophets when they spoke of the
 since in the words of the prophets
 governor of Israel and said, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

And I would say when I was told ^{this} all of the story in my
 twelfth year on our return from Jerusalem, that ^{so} I was much
 aware of the deaths of ^{the} those many children and the
 lamentations and mourning that followed upon it, ^{wherefore} and I thought
 I ^{decided} that if my powers before the priests in understanding and

argument had been of no small measure on that early day in my
 twelfth year, ^(had come to me from) it was because ^{these} the deaths of so many children,

^{had} ^{spirits} ^{such they had} created powers for me and I knew that those children died

in my place, and ^{these many} for me because even a joy, considering the generosity of the
 had ^(by their early destruction) had left me with
 powers they had given up for me, but was doubly a heavy burden

a debt. For I knew I must be faithful
 to the great gifts they had relinquished

a debt to

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~~for I knew I must be faithful to the great gifts they had~~
~~relinquished in my stead.~~

Now ^{unto} I must speak a little of my life from the time I was
born to the time I was twelve, for in Nazareth it was ^(for us) a life
like others and ~~not remarkable~~. My father Joseph who was in
all ways but one my father, was, as I said, a good carpenter,
^{such} and a devout man and when he was not working, or adding to his
family, since he and Mary had many children, ^(list them now) he
spent much time in the modest ^{house of prayer} building that was our small
^{synagogue} synagogue in Nazareth and knew the scrolls, those few that
^{he} were available to us, ^{of} and read through them often, for he
^{with us in such a small place,} could read in the language of the ancient Israelites. And

from the time I was four I was sent to school in the ^{house of prayer} synagogue

and there instructed, ^{so many} for I knew much of the ^{ordinances that} Law that were

^{had come to us} developed from Moses' ^{inasmuch as} commandments since each of those ten

^{had given} gave birth to another ten and they in turn another ten, ^{hundred} so the

^{until the} a law of the Jews by the ^{year} time of my birth was of an immense

compendium

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tradition and we knew the five books of the Pentateuch *of which are*

Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and the book of

Deuteronomy. And I also studied the ~~sayings of the prophets,~~

of the sayings of Elijah, and Elisha and Ezechiel and Isaiah and *what had not*

been ~~not written it was spoken by the believers who passed the word~~

even from ~~a~~ great-grandfather to a great-grandchild, and

~~certainly from father to son. And it is true that my first~~

~~twelve years, and so I was not wholly unprepared to talk to the~~

of ~~priests in the Great Temple in Jerusalem, and I had been full~~

of the spirit of the miracles wrought by Elijah and Elisha and

could ~~explained to my father Joseph on our trip back to Nazareth,~~

~~from Jerusalem that as I thought, for he consulted me on my~~

opinion, ~~I thought that the Lord was not pleased with us in~~

since he had granted of late ~~Israel for there were no miracles as large as our needs, and~~

replied! ~~Joseph agreed and said, "Now is the time of the Romans, and we~~

must ~~in Israel live under the yoke, And it is meet. For, thereby,~~

we repay the Lord for our sins. ~~"When the Messiah comes," I said to my father Joseph,~~

"But when"

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"he will bring miracles,"

~~"And when comes the Messiah?"~~ he asked of me.

~~He had always been stern, but he treated me with great~~
~~respect.~~ Still, he had treated me as a child, ^{still I was} worthy of

respect through the circumstances of my birth, ^{bait until I}
~~spoke aloud in the Temple he had not seen me~~
~~realizing now, but not to be seen as other than ordinary in~~
~~many another way.~~ ^{Yet in now recalling that} But now having seen and heard the manner in

~~which I had spoken about the Word and how the Word was God~~

~~before the priests of the Temple and even the High Priest who~~
~~had~~ ^{that} ~~come to hear me by the end, his spirit was full of joy on~~
~~this walk even though at night we were in danger of brigands.~~ ^{each night}

And so he said to me with a light in his eye, ~~which was rare~~

~~for Joseph, as if he were laughing,~~ ^{"Ye who know} "And now that you know

more than any of us, ^{or} ^{we will see} tell me ~~when~~ when comes the Messiah?"

^{"And will he only?"} ~~"Why that,"~~ I said, ^{only} "will he when God believes it is

^{the year in which} possible to change the hearts of men."

^{Powers} "All ~~things~~ are possible for the Almighty," said Joseph.

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To which I replied: "All but one. ~~All but one,~~ and that
is to change the hearts of men."

"So do you speak," he said, "but you do not know," and
there was that in his tone ~~as if I had gone too far and said~~
to tell me I must now be silent,
~~in my spirit and~~
~~too much so that I was silent,~~ but to myself I said, "That is
And I will try to change the hearts of men."
~~And I know.~~ And a great peace full of sweetness came upon me
as if an angel ~~had~~ heard what I did not say aloud.

~~relating how it felt~~
In the story of my birth, I have ~~said~~ *offered* nothing of how much
~~it affected me and how often I returned to what Joseph had~~
A Now when we were come back to Nazareth, I
~~told me and dreamt about it and even had dreams where I spoke~~
~~believed I was speaking to the Lord and the Lord was speaking~~ *returned to me*
in his words,
~~to me, although never as my father and I never as His son, but~~
knew not in truth, I did not know what to believe, *and I was not (as His son)*
in my heart in all the years that followed for I
~~question in me of Joseph's sincerity, nor of my mother's,~~
could understand no reason why
~~since I knew them, and they were of a cleanliness it is not~~
~~easy to describe, then it seemed to me there was no reason why~~
the Lord would ~~not~~ choose a woman from a simple family *since it*

ancestors returning to

only) was Joseph not Mary who could speak of ³⁸
 descended from the heights of David the King. ~~I knew~~ ^{yet} from the
 scrolls I had read and from the discussions ^(with much of text) in our school that
 solid I also knew that ~~looked upon~~ ^{as next to her lot,}
 the Lord did not like rich women and their jewels but what
 even as those of us who were Essenes,
 made it difficult for me to believe that I was not
 but still I was not at ease ^{being}
 comfortable with the Lord, not in any way, I was not only in

great awe of His majesty but in ~~considerable~~ fear of His

And His wrath was so vast.
 wrath, And I thought of the days of the flood, when "God saw

that the wickedness of man was great upon the earth and that

every imagination and the thoughts of his heart was evil

continually and the Lord even repented that He had made man

upon the earth for it grieved Him in His heart and the Lord

even said, 'I will destroy man whom I have created from the

face of the earth, both man and beast and the creeping

things.'" And ^{yes} once when I doubted that ^{such a} ~~so cruel and awesome a~~

Deity could be my father, I remember asking of Him in a dream

how it was possible that Sarah had ~~conceived and had borne~~

Abraham a son in his old age and that son was Isaac, ^{when} ~~but~~

Abraham was a hundred years old when ^{even as} Isaac was born unto him.

^{in my dream I thought to ask of}
So I ^{asked} the Lord in my dream ^{whether} Sarah had borne this son by
^{in order that}
way of God ~~or~~ the Holy Spirit as had my mother, and Isaac had

^{in order that}
~~been~~ conceived without the presence of Abraham. And God ^{gave} ~~spoke~~

^{answer} to me in that dream and said, "all ^{4 w/} women who conceive are

aware of My presence ^{and} for none conceive without Me, ^{for} and there

is no woman so bold as to ^{desire} wish to be without favor in My

eyes." ^{it was then} And ~~then~~ I thought of the great cry that arose out of

every house in Egypt on the night when the Lord slew all the
firstborn, from the firstborn of Pharaoh ^{even} to the ^{first-born of the} firstborn of

^{Egyptian in the land, yea, even}
the captive that was in the dungeon. And ~~even~~ the firstborn

^{an Egyptian}
of cattle. There was not ^a house where there was not one

^{this}
dead. And I repeated ~~to myself~~ the words: "I, the Lord, thy
God, am a jealous God visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon
the children and to the third and fourth generation of them
that hate Me, and showing mercy unto thousands of them that
love Me and keep My commandments," and I knew the Lord often

thought of wrecking destruction upon His own people and ~~He~~ ^{he} ~~should~~ ^{show} ~~that day were to come~~ ^{the land} ~~He would know more of cruelty~~ ^{more drastic} ~~even than~~ ^{practices of} ~~the Romans.~~ ^{the Lord} And I remembered how He had said to Moses,

"Behold, these people will rise up and go a-whoring after the Gods of ~~the~~ ^{and} ~~strangers, of the land~~ They will forsake Me and break My covenant and then ^{shall} ~~My anger shall~~ be kindled against them and I will forsake them and hide my face from them, and they shall be devoured and many evils and troubles shall befall them. So they will say in that day, 'Have not these evils come upon us because our God is not among us?' And I will surely hide My face in that day for they had turned unto other Gods." ^{goodie He also speaks of the limitless love that would be} ~~And even so He spoke with a fire kindled from~~

^{until it} ~~His anger that~~ "shall burn unto the lowest hell and shall consume the earth with her increase and shall set afire the foundations of the mountains. They shall be burnt with hunger and devoured with burning heat and with bitter destruction. I shall destroy both the young man and the virgin, the suckling

Indeed, would I

also and the man with gray hair. ~~I would scatter them into~~

all corners were not that I feared the wrath of the enemy." ~~And~~
it ~~occasional me~~

I felt great confusion that in the midst of His wrath, ~~the~~ God's yet would

He ~~would~~ ~~take cognizance of~~ ~~So~~ such an
Lord also felt the wrath of His enemy and I wondered who that
enemy

might be and lived in such fear of the Lord and in such wonder
~~and wondered that he could be my Father,~~

~~(a) yet was I no longer knowing in my confusion~~
at His strength, for was He immense beyond measure or was He a

but a God among other Gods? And therefore jealous, indeed. And
in contest

~~meditating upon~~
~~before these questions and the great bitterness of the Lord~~

~~God who had said "Behold, I will bring evil upon this place~~

~~and upon the habitants thereof because they have forsaken Me~~

~~and burn incense to other Gods; therefore My wrath shall be~~

~~kindled against this place and shall not be quenched."~~ And I

do not know if I felt His wrath in my dream but a favor ~~came~~
at having such thoughts

came upon me and I was ill in my twelfth year and into my

thirteenth after our ~~return~~ ~~from Jerusalem and~~ ~~(forgot much of~~
journey home

all that ~~what~~ Joseph had told me on the three days of walking to our
those travelling back

to Nazareth.
~~home.~~ And when all was done and I recovered from these months

what he had said in the scrolls whether the Lord was

~~as~~ fever, I was again like other children but ^{now} a young man for
I was ^{a day more than} thirteen. And so I ^{began} worked as an apprentice in the shop

~~where~~ and Joseph was master carpenter and learned much from him and
spent ^{these} seven years as ^{a simple} an apprentice and then seven ^{as a full} again before

^{apprentice before} I could say that I was a young master ^{of carpentry} And the first seven years

were spent acquiring the wisdom of how to build chairs and
cabinets and tables and doors and windows for the home and

then when I was ^{become as} strong, ^{as} or stronger than the other young

carpenters, I worked under Joseph to build houses, ~~and worked~~

in wood and stone. And ^{would} to finish my education and ^{as a} become a

young master, ^{by fashioning} I ~~worked again~~ with furniture, but of the finest

kind and Joseph knew many arts. ~~He went to say:~~

Joseph on Carpentry

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Joseph on Carpentry

~~My father used to say, which is to say my father on earth~~
~~who was Joseph and a very good carpenter, yes, Joseph used to~~

Joseph used to say: ~~father~~
 say, "Where wood can be joined to wood by the carpenter who

loves the subtlety of the joint, ~~he would fashion,~~ so will one
 board of wood cleave to another, as in a marriage that is
 blessed, ~~But~~ planks that are joined by nails fall apart even
 as the nail rusts or a marriage is corroded by adultery and
 jealousy.

~~Joseph was a believer in tasks for a carpenter as young as~~
~~myself. And so I never was given tools to work with that were~~

made of iron until after I had served my apprenticeship of
 seven years with tools of bronze, and he spoke to me always
 of the obstacles faced by carpenters in other lands and

ancient earlier times, when Egyptians *would* could fashion boxes of great

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~~My father ~~used to say~~, which ~~indicates~~ my father on earth~~
~~who was Joseph and a very good carpenter, for Joseph used to~~
~~say "Where wood can be joined to wood by the carpenter who~~
~~loves the subtlety of the joint, he would fashion, so will one~~
~~board of wood cleave to another, as in a marriage that is~~
~~blessed, But planks that are joined by nails fall apart even~~
~~as the nail rusts or a marriage is corroded by adultery, and~~
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~~made of iron until after I had served my apprenticeship of~~
~~seven years with tools of bronze, and he spoke to me always~~
~~of the obstacles faced by carpenters in other lands and~~
~~ancient and he would tell of how~~
~~earlier times, when Egyptians would fashion boxes of great~~

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^{in their earliest days}
loveliness, even if ^{was of no more than} their wood ~~of~~ acacia and sycamore, ^{or} of fig

and tamarisk, ^{was} knotty and too fibrous for good working, so that

~~and~~ since they were obliged to finish all surfaces with plaster,

^{it was later that} or paint and gold leaf and only then could they enjoy the trade

after a trade with ~~Syria and Lebanon~~ ^{Lebanon} for with cedar, cypress, juniper, pine and yew that could come

^{had commenced} from Syria and Lebanon, or ^{even} ebony from Punt, and even then they

^{Sashian} Their finest chests, ^{but} ~~but~~ ^{by} than they knew to use ivory for fine inlay and would cut out the knots

in inferior wood to replace it by plugs, and covered what was

^{their works} inferior in the wood with veneers of ^{using} ebony and used many small

chips if they possessed beauty, for a marquetry. So the works ^{leads}

^{in carpentry with} of the Egyptians, even if they had bronze tools, were more

beautiful than our own. ^{even if} So their chisels and their adzes were

soft, and sand and quartz were the only ways they knew to

polish a surface and ^{to make} holes in wood required much thought, ~~but~~

^{now we use} since their bow drills were ~~never~~ the equal of the brace drill

^{Joseph} which were ^{these Egyptians had been} we could employ made of iron. Still, they were masters of

^{and their work knew} joints: ~~having~~ (??) joints, mitres, shoulder mitres, dovetail

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mitres, and the dowels of hard wood and bronze pins, ^{So were the} chairs
and cabinets, ^{the} bed frames and stools and the great caskets of
the Egyptians ~~were~~ built--all this Joseph imparted to me.

^{in our work} Now we had iron and indeed the ^{use of} lead from smelting mills
~~from (cannot get)~~ so indeed one could work the iron ^{to} into steel
~~for weapons~~ was known to us, and we could see the steel that
^{would} ~~the steel that~~ ^{swords that}
came from smelters so far away from Nazareth ^{as} ~~as the island of~~

~~Elba and other swords that came from Abyssinia~~ ^{and Damascus}
~~who could turn their steel~~
~~that could be said of the steel which was turned into cutlery~~
~~and fine weapons, but then~~
~~for the table and weapons in Damascus.~~ But then, steel was

^{Besides,} more costly than gold and Joseph instructed me that in all
that was forbidden against the use of iron in the old scrolls,
^{that could be studied}
~~as for instance,~~ ^{even to see} in the instruction that no tool of iron could
^{in the construction of an altar} ~~ever be employed for construction of the altar.~~

^{the great temples} ~~It was as carpenters we~~
We had many woods with which to work: maple, beech, oak,

yew, fir, ~~alga~~ and lime, and ^{we} used crude cedar for our

buildings and our ships, ^{but on such} ~~upon which I did not work,~~ ^{imagined as} for Joseph

was renowned in his shop for his tables, his chairs, his beds,
~~and it~~ ^{when a cross for that} ~~need be~~ ^{Sashioned} his caskets, which were so well regarded that
^{by Romans} he was even entrusted with the making of ~~carts and~~ chariots.

^{how I learned to} And I recall ~~the first time I looked~~ upon oak, whose wood was
^{upon} hard, and ~~copper~~ ^{which was supple cedar that was sweet-smelling} and maple for beds and ~~cypress~~ for chests.

Sycamore, holly, lime and boxwood did I also use for turning, ^{legs}
^{of chairs, and for} ~~For the tool handles,~~ the wood of the wild olive was

^{in its hardness,} excellent ^{as} as was elm, ^{And} ash, ^{(was, even as} and hard pine. Citron wood like

with steel, ^{as} ^{employed} was also more expensive than gold, and we used it for ^{lime}

veneers, ^{as} ^{employed} And we also used terebinth and palm, the alder root

and the wood from a holly tree.

~~It took me three days to make four legs for a table, but~~
~~then, it was no small matter to carve the four feet and the~~

^{was no small task} hind hooves. And Joseph allowed me the use of his lathe to

^{carving in the shop} turn the legs of tables until I was almost concluded with my

~~apprenticeship.~~ And by then I knew almost all there was to

know about the use of elm for doorframes and thresholds.

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by nature too
were too dry when felled and ready to split were stored away
under of renewed
for a year although covered with fresh manure from time to time.
Also did I learn
I learned how to use fir and make it good for flooring,
and although we said many prayers over such wood for it was liable
to burn and too easily. And there were other prayers for
winter oak, for turkey oak, and beech since they were liable to
decay. And I knew how
But alder was excellent for the foundations of small
houses since the wood did not perish underground being
in nature, was as blessed,
pure to rot. And cypress is considered best, for it resisted
the worm and birch could be
was so heavy and it would not float, and for the fir whose secret
elements attracted fire, we looked to make it proof against
such conflagration by using alum and taking alum into all its
pores. And so the fir could prove itself for its weakness
became its virtue since it was not a strong wood, one never
worried that one would lose a nail by the warping of the wood.
And the fir lay there in peace.

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And if I speak of foundations and floorings, ^{So did we} ~~we~~ also did
much work on roofs, ^{and yet} but in truth, I was not only a carpenter
^{in times of need} but a laborer, often covered with mud ^{when} for we used bricks ^{in the}
^{making of} ordinary houses and ^{did} employed the Greek measure of dimensions,
^{was a brick} five palms square for public buildings and four palms square
^{a man's good} for ~~private~~ houses. And we covered ^{such bricks} them with limestone which,
being porous, would take a moist plaster and ^{I knew how to} ~~it was even made~~
^{upon} by burning fragments of limestone to make a stucco which ^{others} we
could paint. And the choice of such stones came from our
constant exposure. All building blocks that were taken from
quarries were left to the weather for two years and those
porous blocks which cracked or fell apart were only good for
being thrown into the foundation bed but the good blocks whose
limestone had not cracked could now be employed for the
edifice.

(to be inserted somewhere in carpentry)

Of the iron nails we used, the heads were often well-decorated, which was another small skill of my apprenticeship

and much knowledge of my craft was acquired in the art of

steaming ^{this (a wood of)} fine long pieces of wavy grain around a ^{carved template} model and

^{of those grains I used to esteem first} ~~most esteemed~~ in the grains were the tiger-striped, the

panther-spotted, and those we called maculate, ^{very much as} ~~for it looked~~

^{could have been} like a swarm of bees were living in the grain. And I would

1541/2 speak of the beauty of citron wood which had waves and small

^{one were looking upon} spirals as if it were wine mixed with honey and I learned to

polish with oil of juniper and oil of cedar mixed with beeswax ^{well}

^{among some of us} and sometimes the art was to develop one wood and polish one ^{stain}

wood until it began to look like another. And I even learned

the arts of scaffolding with crude timbers for Joseph the

~~carpenter~~ was a complete carpenter and taught me much.

^{So did he also give} ~~And he even gave me~~ instruction on those arts where he

was not a master, but he understood much about stones, about
red basalt and granite and ~~all the colors of~~ ^{white} limestone, ~~white~~
~~or brown and cream~~ ^{limestone} from Tivoli, and travertine marble, which
cracks in fire although ~~it will be~~ ^{is} immune to ice, which ice
came upon us on occasion in Nazareth in the ~~depths~~ of winter,
for we lived ^{among} in the hills. And ~~he~~ ^{Joseph} even told me, although I
never saw it, about ^{a substance called} pozzolana, which was a volcanic earth ^{in the}
~~lands~~ south of Rome, and it ~~was~~ ^{which} pozzolana when mixed with lime,
which became cement, ^{so that} and I thought of the wisdom ~~and the~~
secrets of the Lord who knew the earth so well that the same
earth ~~which~~ ^{this} had been thrown out of its bed ^{highly} by ~~the eruptions~~
^{in the voice} of volcanoes could be treated afterward and take up a new
nature ^{and} for now ^{it} was determined to hold all stones together,
~~And although I did not know whereof~~
~~to be indeed a cement that would withstand water and fire and~~
~~I was meditating, still did I think~~
~~mortar made by the earth thrown up by volcano was strong~~
~~much on the nature of the bond~~
~~beyond measure. And he taught me how to discern those bricks of~~
~~who was my father,~~
~~which were the best made from those which were not, both of~~

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In my ~~thirtieth~~ ^{thirtieth} year I ~~began to think~~ ^{thought often} of the great

Temple in Jerusalem where I had ~~said so much~~ ^{visited among the elders} in my twelfth
year and ~~I wondered if when I was old if it were not too late in~~ ^{years now}

for me to learn ~~the crafts of gold and silver~~ ^{such as shaping in} and become so esteemed

for that to me was of more meaning than all the carpentry I

could complete so I wondered if someday I might be so esteemed

in a new craft that I could work with metals, that the golden

altar in the sanctuary and the candlestick of light and the ^{or} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~bid~~

table for the ~~show bread~~ ^{show-bread} and the popuring vessels and the

centers of gold, and even the veil, the crown and all the ^{other} ~~the~~

golden ornaments ^{within} ~~before~~ ^{that} the Temple would be mine to make for ^{fashion}

the Lord, as if in my understanding of Him, which was not neat

at all in my ~~thirtieth~~ ^{by thirtieth} year, I ~~thought~~ ^{could you wonder whether} He might have less

rage at me if we should ever meet, should I be able to make His

gold vessels and His golden altar. And sometimes when I can ^{in such times I could}

feel the power of greed in me as I ~~could only at rare times,~~ ^{was not often and then only when}

~~yet greed could I sometimes know even~~
~~on studying~~ ^{certain} ~~sacred accounts~~
~~an evil angel~~ ~~with~~ ~~all~~ ~~we~~

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~~for Joseph who was as my father was clean and always wore~~

~~white when he did not work and was a man without greed, but I~~

~~(sacred account)~~ ~~where one could read of the~~
~~had heard tales in the scrolls we read of the courts and the~~

~~and how~~
~~gardens of the King's palace where there were white, green and~~

~~blue hangings and courts of fine purple linen and pillars of~~

~~marble surrounding beds made of gold and silver upon a~~ ^{resting upon a}

~~platform~~
~~pavement of blocks of marble of many colors, black and white~~ ^{and one}

~~and black and blue. One drank royal wine in vessels of gold.~~

~~And so it was that I knew then a greed~~

~~I knew greed that could choke the throat although I lived as~~

~~large enough to understand that with greed was stilling to~~

~~modestly Joseph my father, and indeed, I still lived with~~

~~the throat and so not for those who are modest in life, for~~

~~them, Joseph and Mary, for I had no desire for a woman, nor~~ ^{comprehending}

~~that such desire was not met for an Essene but searched~~

~~for a man, but only great dedication, like Joseph, to my work as~~

~~instead for~~
~~that I was a young master.~~

~~did my years~~ ~~the thirtieth~~ ~~of my life~~
And so it would pass until my thirty-third year when I

would meet John the Baptist.

~~it could be said that~~
Of him, much ~~may~~ ~~and~~ ~~must~~ be said, since I knew him before I knew him

~~but~~ ~~John the Baptist~~
him and thought often of the man for he was my cousin and the

~~and all in Nazareth who spoke of him would~~
~~say that we had a prophet among us~~

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For he was my cousin and, ^{moreover, it was} the word I heard from all in

Nazareth ~~was~~ that we had a prophet among us, but then ^{much had} I heard

^{been spoken} much of my cousin for the last year and the ~~year before~~ and

even in the three years before, ~~that~~, for he was a holy man of

^{fill} much ^{those} ~~repute~~ among the ~~few~~ I knew at the Temple. ^{and} For of him, it

^{were} ~~was~~ whispered many ugly ^{gossips but then} ~~matters~~ and the principals of our

Temple were the merchants ^{of} of Nazareth and their children ^{among} who

^{whom} were priests, and many who ~~were~~ devout, but not of the white ^{devout as pertaining}

^{to the white garb} ~~corps~~ of the Essenes, for they grew fat even as the Essenes

^{these} grew thin, and the merchants had ~~children and~~ large families ^{and}

^{Some wealthy} and in ^{their} ~~their~~ hearing little would be said of my cousin John

the Baptist ~~that was~~ agreeable to hear.

Since he was my cousin, I knew ^{of} his story, but then even

if we had been without a relation of blood I would ^{still} have known

much about him because his birth and mine were ^{with a} not without a

similarity ~~that~~ I had pondered upon often, ^{was much as} since his father,

^{was}
 was a priest named Zacharias, ^{was} also a descendant of the family
 of David and ^{thereby was} related to Joseph, ~~the carpenter who was my father~~
~~for the course of every day.~~ Zacharias's wife, ^{Elizabeth} was of the
 daughters of Aaron, so that her ancestors knew Moses and ~~her~~
~~name was Elizabeth.~~ Both were Essenes, Zacharias and
 Elizabeth, and ~~both were~~ ^{each was} as thin ^{like} as tall blades of grass
^{who} ~~when they~~ dry in the summer drought, and they wore white and
 were good Essenes and ~~obeyed all the commandments and~~
~~ordinances of the Lord and found themselves blameless and were~~
 good Essenes but ~~for a desire they could not expunge which was~~
~~that they wanted a child and Elizabeth mourned that she was~~
^{and then were now not young in}
 barrer, especially since they were now both so far along in
 years as to be stricken.

^{Yes}
 The story I heard ^{inasmuch as} is that on a given day in the sixth
 month before I was conceived, for my cousin John the Baptist
 was six months older than me, it happened that Zacharias was
 performing the priest's office ^{when} and since his lot was to ^{bring}

and thereby disperse incense proper to
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~~incense with a proper knowledge of each prayer and the order~~

~~in which the prayers came,~~ and he was much concentrated upon his

tasks and alone before the altar, ~~of incense~~, ^{there} when it appeared

~~before~~ to him the angel ~~Gabriel~~, ^{that same angel} even as he would appear to my mother

in six months later. And the angel Gabriel stood on the right

side of the altar, ~~of incense and smiled with great~~

~~understanding and~~ Zacharias, seeing him, was ~~so~~ troubled ^{and} that

fear fell upon his lips, and his mouth trembled. Then Gabriel

said, "Do not fear, ^{trembles} Zacharias, for thy wife Elizabeth has been

heard by the Lord and she shall bear thee a son. You are to

call him John and ^{he} shall be great in the sight of the Lord

and filled with ~~the~~ Holy Ghost even from the day he is felt in

^{your wife's} his mother's womb and he, ^{this} your son, John the Baptist, will

^{bring} turn many of the fallen children of Israel back to the Lord

their God."

Now, Zacharias ^{as was most for lived in a} was an Essene and his vision, ~~like so many~~

^{that} of us, took him forward ^{only} between two fences set near to one

another, strait ^{was} ~~was~~ his gate, and he said to the angel
 "How shall I know ^{of} ~~this~~? For I am an old man and my wife is
 without youth." Then it was that ^{the angel} ~~Gabriel~~ ^{unto} said to him, "I am
 Gabtiel, ^{and} ~~I~~ stand in the presence of God, ^{being} ~~I am~~ sent to show
 you ~~these~~ good tidings. But because you do not believe my
 words, behold, I ^{now} ~~am going to~~ strike you dumb and you will be
 unable to speak until the day that Elizabeth bears her fruit, "
~~into the same day.~~" And when Zacharias came out of the
 Temple, everyone on the steps of the Temple marveled that he
 could not speak, ^{since} ~~for~~ when he beckoned to them and ^{sought} ~~tried~~ to
 utter a few words, they ^{heard} ~~could hear~~ nothing and could ^{see but} ~~merely~~
~~see~~ the straining of his throat. ~~But~~ ^{yet} he returned to his house
 all the same, and quickly, and marveled ^{soon after in that day} ~~in his turn~~ that he
 was able to give issue to his wife Elizabeth, who thereupon
 conceived, and was so full of shame ^{yet} ~~(and)~~ so fearful that she
 would lose what God had contrived to give her, that she hid
 herself for five months ^{until} ~~then~~ in the sixth month, ~~the angel~~

^{came down to}
 Gabriel ~~was sent to~~ that virgin who was my mother, Mary, and
 she, knowing ~~that~~ ^{directly,} God had visited her, ^{her home} departed on an impulse

~~she could not say~~ during the days when Joseph was debating
^{how} ~~whether~~ to hide ^{her} among his family, and she went up into the

^{high} hill country to ~~the~~ ^{whereupon} house of Zacharias. And when she saw

Elizabeth, ^{and} she ^{gave} her devotion and salutation, ^{knelt} ~~and knelt~~

before her ^{to say} ~~and said~~ "Blessed art thou." But ~~when~~ Elizabeth

heard these words ^{and} ~~her~~ babe, who would yet be John the

Baptist, leaped in ^{her} womb ^{and} Elizabeth ^{now} ~~knew~~ ^{how} what it was to

^{full of} ~~be filled with~~ the Holy Ghost for she spoke out with a loud

voice, "Blessed art thou, Mary, ^{for you} among women, and blessed is

~~the fruit of thy womb.~~ You have honored me on this day ^{and} for

^{blessed will be} ~~the mother of my Lord~~ ^{who has} ~~is~~ come to me ^{for} and my babe has turned in

^{and} my womb with exaltation and joy. And his legs leap in my

^{stomach} ~~whereby~~ ^{and all generations to come} belly. I am blessed," ~~said Elizabeth,~~ "but all generations

^{shall} ~~will~~ call you blessed." And these words by Elizabeth ^{became} ~~so~~ fixed

~~themselves~~ in my mother's ear that as ^{after} ~~they~~ years ^{passed} and I

became a man, ^{so} ~~there was~~ ⁱⁿ difficulty living with my mother ~~for~~
~~who was so content with having~~
~~she believed that she had been so blessed that no one could~~

~~say aught to her and while it gave her great pride and~~
^{such knowledge}

~~humility, the pride may have been even greater than the latter~~
^{it was} ^{her humility}

~~so that~~
~~and it was not easy to contradict her will, even when one could~~

~~doubt her words.~~ Nonetheless, she was a devoted Essene and ^{thereby}

~~she believed that the lowly were superior to the mighty and~~
^{at though}

^{she} kept saying, "He that is mighty has done to me great things."

^{she had hesitation never to speak well, and often}
~~And she would add, "He hath scattered the proud, in the~~

~~imagination of their hearts: He hath put down the mighty from~~
^{and}

~~their seats, and exalted them of low degree.~~ ^{having} He hath filled

the hungry with good things and the rich He hath sent empty

away." ^{are} And those ~~words are~~ ^{yet} those she said ~~and~~ how Luke

obtained the placement of ^{such} ~~those~~ words, word for word, I do not

know, ^{even if} ^{more} but it is among the ~~most~~ ^{best} honest of his ~~passages~~, and

that is ^{perhaps} ^{related} due to the strength of my mother's sentiment

^{when she was old}
 which she ~~told~~ to many and I who would yet believe that the

poor would be exalted and the mighty removed from their seats,
can owe much of the strength of such sentiments to Mary.

Now, when John the Baptist was born and they came to
circumcize him on the eighth day, it was thought by neighbors
and cousins that they would call him Zacharias after his
father, but his mother said, "No, he shall be called John,"
and the relatives of Zacharias replied, "None of thy kindred
has ~~even~~ ^{ever} been called by this name," and they made signs to
Zacharias who still could not speak, ^{but} and he, having retained
the power to write, asked for a table and upon it, ~~he~~ put down
these words: "His name is John." And then they all marveled
^{inasmuch as} ^{did the mouth of}
because at that moment Zacharias' mouth was opened, his tongue

^{grow} loosed and he spoke, and ~~he~~ gave praise to God for the

deliverance of his voice. But when the neighbors ~~left~~ and the
^{had returned to their homes, fear did come}
relatives, ~~fear~~ came on all of them and in the dark hill
^{and many}
country where they lived, there were many, who said, "What
manner of child shall this be?" ^{Yes} But Zacharias, having regained

the power of speech was ^{mighty} ~~powerful~~ in his voice and blessed his son John and said, "Thou, child, shall be called the prophet of the Highest for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord

~~and~~ ^{and} to give knowledge of salvation to His people by the remission

of their sins through the tender mercy of our God. ^{As has been for me and the remission of my sin of doubting the words of the angels.}

And John grew up, lean as his father and mother, or so I ^{was told,} ~~heard~~, for I never met him until my thirtieth year, but ^{he now} he was

strong in spirit and lived in the desert and preached with

such intensity and bathed so often and ^{did} remonstrated with the

people of Israel against their sins, ^{and in} with such power and such

determination that ~~the~~ Jews sent delegations of priests and

Levites out from Jerusalem to speak to him and asked, "Who art

thou? Art thou the Christ?" For that was our word in those

years for the Messiah.

And John said, "I baptize with water. I am not the Christ."

"Who are you then?" they asked. "Are you Elijah? Are

you that prophet?"

And he said, "I walk in the steps of Elijah but I am not that prophet." Yet, did he not know?

They were ~~practical~~ men, priests and Levites, but their anger grew and they said, "Tell us who you are for we must give an answer to those who sent us. What sayest thou of thyself?"

And he answered, "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' and those are the words of the prophet Isaiah. 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' and behold, for Isaiah's words are now mine."

Now these Pharisees said to him, "You perform baptisms yet you are not Christ nor Elijah nor Isaiah?"

And John replied, "I baptize with water, no more. But there is one coming whom you do not know. He is coming after me and he is preferred above me by the Lord, and his shoes' ~~the laces of~~

~~latchet~~ I am not worthy to unloose." And this was indeed said by John on the day before I went to visit him.

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~~said by John on the day before I went to visit him.~~

And it is true that

~~And that was because great~~ curiosity had grown in me

about the nature of my cousin, John the Baptist, ~~about whom I~~

~~had heard so much.~~ *for* it was said that he would only baptize

in the wilderness, ^{to} ~~in~~ the east of Judea by the river Jordan,

since and he preached the baptism of repentance for the remission of

sins *and that* which ~~was~~ the sum ~~and the depth~~ of his wisdom. ~~And all~~

who came to him had to confess their sins *in order* to be baptized in

~~the river of~~ Jordan. And they said of him, and when I met him

~~it was true,~~ that his clothes were *of* camel's ~~hair,~~ *hide* and ~~that was~~ *he had*

but one girdle of *such* skin to conceal his loins and although he

washed every day and many times, *being* ~~he was~~ so colored *thereby with* by the sun

that he was darker than anyone who came to visit, *and he was* a thin man

with a thin beard, ~~he said,~~ who ate nothing but locusts and

wild honey. And it was said that he had the power given by

such ~~the~~ locusts, to devour all the *fields* ~~power~~ of disbelief that was in *lay*

visitors come to ~~all~~ about him. *Yet* ~~the~~ honey *he ate* gave warmth to ~~this~~

ceremony as

~~act of chasing di-~~ ~~rect~~ And John repeated the words of

Isaiah: "The ~~crooked~~ shall be made straight and the rough

ways shall be made smooth and all flesh shall see the

salvation of God." But I had also heard that his countenance

~~and his words were~~ *was* more severe than those *the face* of anyone in all of

Israel. And there *when* ~~were~~ multitudes that came forth in

delegations to be baptized by him, and he *would* ~~greeted~~ them by

saying, "Oh, generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee

from the wrath to come? Bring forth, therefore, fruits worthy

of repentance and do not *begin* ~~begin~~ to say within yourselves,

'Abraham is our father,' for that is *as* ~~nothing~~. For God to

~~raise up children to the descendants of Abraham is no more~~

than for God to say to these stones beneath your feet, *ye are* ~~you~~

also ~~are~~ the children of Abraham."

The people would ask *him*, "What shall we do?" And John

the Baptist would say *to them*, "Let him who hath two coats

impart one to the man who has none, and he that is with meat

let him share it, " And then he would always speak of the one

mightier than ~~himself~~ ^{himself yet to come} ~~if~~ who would not baptize with water but

with the Holy Ghost and with God's fire. And ~~he~~ ^{this one who was mightier} would burn

the chaff in the ~~heavens~~ ^{south of sinners for he would hold} ~~souls with~~ fire unquenchable. And it was

~~this man I came to visit.~~

And before ~~I even saw him~~ ^{I made my pilgrimage unto him}, I thought upon the book of

Exodus and remembered that Moses "stretched forth his rod over

the land of Egypt ~~and~~ the Lord brought an east wind upon the

land all that day ~~and~~ all that night and when it was morning,

~~all~~ the wind brought ^{who} the locusts and ~~the~~ locusts went up over

all the land of ~~Egypt~~ and rested on all the coasts ^{of Egypt}.

very grievous were they; before them there were no such

locusts as they; neither after them shall be such. For they

covered the face of the whole earth, so the land was darkened;

and ate every herb of the land, and all the fruit of the trees

which the hail had left: so there was not any green thing in

the trees nor in the herbs of the field through all the land

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 of Egypt." And ~~I wondered, thinking always about John the~~
~~my cousin~~
~~Baptist, which is why I had come to visit this cousin I had~~

~~never met before, I wondered did John eat locusts so that they~~

should not devour every herb of the land of Israel? Or was it

that he might consume ⁱⁿ from the fire of the wrath that was

provided to him by the locusts ^{he would thereby consume} all that was unworthy of the

Lord in the spirit of ^{unclean} Israelites? And I was much taken with

^{how John} ~~how he~~ looked when I saw him, for ^{it was then within myself} in the words of the unknown

prophet, "He hath no form nor comeliness. He is despised and

rejected of men, a man of sorrows and a man of grief. Surely

he had borne our griefs and carried our sorrows." And I knew

that the words of ^{this} the unknown prophet were true for I wished

to hide my face from ^{John} him. And I also knew that "the Lord hath

laid on him the iniquities of us all; for the transgression of

My people was he stricken." And it was with pain that I

looked ^{upon} ~~on~~ him for ~~I saw him first and I knew, and again the~~

language of the unknown prophet ^{came to} ~~was on~~ my tongue, "He was

that I reflected

numbered with ~~the~~ transgressors and he bore the sin of many,

and made intercession for the transgressors." And ~~so it was~~ ^{I knew in}

all the misery of not knowing how I knew
 that John would not be long among us, *and this I knew as with*
the beating of wings overhead and such wings were
~~of angels who never see the light~~
~~Now I had come with many and they were baptized together~~

Now I saw John the Baptist before he saw me because
 with him and then departed, but I remained. And he did not

see me at first ⁱⁿ for the loneliness of this place in the

since I now concealed myself
 desert, I had hid ~~behind~~ the rock. And it was only when the

descending late of *as even*
 sun ~~in the late of~~ the afternoon became too hot upon that side

of the rock that I walked about and *it was then* ~~he saw me from the other~~

~~side of the mound~~ and said, "I have waited for you."

And ~~his~~ ^{his} eyes were paler than the sky and had the light of

the moon, ^{and} ~~in them~~. His beard was long, ~~and~~ ^T the hair that grew

from his ears was matted like the hair that grew from his

cheeks. And I saw the wing and the leg of a locust also

matted in his beard and wondered how this man who ~~bathed~~ ^{in bathing}

others bathed himself
 twenty, nay, forty times a day ^{would} ~~could~~ still have such detritus

Yet it was meet
 upon him. But ~~then I knew~~ that his thoughts were ~~so~~ far from

his body ^{until} ~~that~~ his ~~head~~ was like a forest and wild little creatures could live within ~~it~~. And he looked at me again and

said, "Then art ^{you} ~~you are~~ my cousin and I have been waiting for you, and

~~I see that you are the one whose shoes I am not worthy to~~
~~unloose."~~

"How do ^{you see?} ~~you know~~," I asked, "to speak of such matters?"

And he sighed and his breath was like a wind on the desert ^{even} ~~and~~ as lonely as the wind that passes between rocks and empty places. And he said, "I have been told to wait for ^{these} ~~you~~, and I am tired. So it is good that you have come."

Then I also scrupled to confess ^{and spoke of} ~~that if anger and~~ thoughts of disrespect toward my mother and toward Joseph the master carpenter, ^{yet confessed that} ~~that I had not sinned beyond such a place,~~ ^{matters}

^{prayer still?} "Well, ~~then, pray,~~" he said, and I blessed God, and John the Baptist came behind me as I entered the water and with the strength of ^a ~~desert lion~~, ^{did he seize} ~~he seized me~~ by the nose with his fingers and with his other hand ~~that he~~ laid upon my forehead,

did he thrust me back into the water, and it was so sudden, and I

passed so quickly from the air to the water and back to the

air again that it was if heaven had opened and I saw the Holy

Ghost *descending* ~~which descended~~ in the shape of a dove. There was ~~the~~

~~body~~ of a dove upon my shoulder. And I heard a voice from

heaven which John the Baptist *maybe* ~~also heard~~, and the voice said

"Thou art My beloved Son and in thee I am well pleased." Then

came the word of the Lord into my ear and ~~it was in~~ *with* the same

words ~~with which~~ He spoke ~~once~~ *having said once* to Jeremiah, saying to the

prophet, "Before I formed thee in the belly I ~~knew~~ *did I know* thee, and

before thou camest forth out of the womb I ~~sanctified~~ *did* thee and

ordained thee a prophet unto the nations." *It* I tried to speak

so did ~~but~~ fear and ~~exaltation~~ *much* ~~wrestled~~ *contest* within me like ~~two~~ mighty

warriors and I looked again for the eyes of John the Baptist

which ~~for they~~ were as pale as moonlight, and they gleamed with his

and such an illumination was as if sacred to me, and attention, And then I said, "Lord, oh, Lord," as if I were

John ~~speaking to him~~, and then added, *turning my face to the heavens* so ~~he~~ could not misunderstand,

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and ^{and} turned my face toward the heavens, "Oh, Lord God," I said, "behold, I cannot speak for I am like a child."

And again the Lord ^{Came} spoke to me in the words He had used with Jeremiah, and He said, "Say not 'I am a child' for thou shalt go to all ^{places that} I shall send thee and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak, and be not afraid of ^{man's} their faces for I am with thee to the limit ^(to thy limit) of thee," said the Lord.

Then the Lord put forth His hand and touched my mouth and the Lord said to me, "Behold, I put My words in thy mouth. I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms to root out and to pull down, and to destroy and to throw down, to build and to plant." And I knew His word was in my heart

as a burning fire ~~set up~~ in my bones, and John withdrew his hand from my head, but both we knew John and I that it had been the hand of the Lord.

It was then I took my departure from John the Baptist and knew I would never see him again. And he began to sing even as I left but it was to the river Jordan and not to me. And the ^{mud} taste of that brown river was still in my throat and the dust of the desert was in my nostrils.

~~dust of the desert was now in my nostrils for~~ ^{It} was a long

march back to the valley and across the desert ^{while seeing its} with its rocks

^{turn to} of gold in the light of afternoon ^{even as} like the overthrown walls of

a temple ^{can be} built once of marble and gold and now open to the

vultures. And I could ^{still} hear John the Baptist singing although

he knew no music and ^{his throat} it sounded more like the beasts of the

high hills, ^{even} like the throat of a ram was the sound ~~of the song~~

that issued from him. And I returned to Nazareth walking with

as much strength as I had ever possessed. For all the

mysteries of my life were as one to me now and I understood

why I was not like other men and had no ^{keen} appetite for sin and

yet could ^{not} feel ^{the} no virtue that I was empty of sin. And I

understood the pride of my mother, and my legs took larger

strides than I ^{had} and ever known before, yet I did not know what

was expected of me, ^{nor of what awaited me} only that I had been blessed and ^{the Lord}

^{had} been with me in identity. ~~identified.~~

And a great cloud came over me ^{the sign} as I walked and it formed

with rain even as ^{it} encircled the sun ^{whole} and a rainbow crossed
 from one end of ~~the~~ desert to the other. There was a great
 brightness about ~~me~~ and I knew I was walking through ^{the} ~~an~~
 radiance of the ^{glory} of the Lord. And soon it dazzled ~~me~~
 eyes and I fell ^{upon} my face and I heard the voice of ^{the} One who
^{could speak} ~~spoke~~ (and He said, "Son of Man, stand upon ^{your} ~~the~~ feet and I will
 speak unto thee." ~~And~~ the spirit entered into me as He spoke
 and set me upon ~~my~~ feet and He said, "Once I spoke to the
^{Ezekiel} prophet ~~Ezechiel~~ ~~in~~ these words and they ~~are the same,~~ and
 Ezechiel strove ~~mightily~~ and saved our people in Babylon, and
 now these words ^{given once by me} ~~that I gave once~~ to him are for you: Son of
 Man, I send thee ~~to~~ the children of Israel, to a rebellious
 nation, to a ~~natfon~~ that hath rebelled against Me. They and
 their father hath ~~transgressed~~ against Me, even unto this very
 day for they are ~~impudent~~ children and stiffhearted. I shall
 send you unto ~~them~~ and you shall say unto them, 'Thus saith
 the Lord God.' ~~And~~ they, whether they will hear or whether

they will forbear (for they are a rebellious house) yet shall
 know that there has been a prophet among them. And thou, Son
 of Man, be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their
 words though briars and thorns be with thee and thou ~~must~~ [#] dwell
 among scorpions, be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed
 by their looks though they be a rebellious house. Son of Man,
 go, get thee into the house of Israel, speak My words unto
 them for thou art not sent to a people of a strange speech and
 of a hard language but to the house of Israel, not to people
 of a strange speech and of a hard language whose words thou
 canst not understand. Surely had I sent thee to ~~them~~ ^{strangers} they
 would have harkened to thee. But the house of Israel will not,
 for ~~they will not harken unto thee.~~ ^{the} The house of Israel is
 impudent and hard-hearted. Behold, I ~~made~~ ^{will make} thy face strong
 against their face and ~~they~~ ^{thy} forehead strong against theirs; as
 an adamant harder ~~than~~ ^{than} flint have I made thy forehead. Fear
 them not. Neither be ~~d~~ ^s dismayed at their looks for they be a

rebellious house. ¹ Son of Man, go, get thee to them, ¹ speak ~~unto them and tell them, "Thus saith the Lord God."~~

Then ~~the cloud~~ poured great rain and the voice from the heavens said ~~unto my~~ ear: "Those were My words to the prophet Ezechiel ~~but~~ to you I add that you are My son conceived by Me and mightier even than a prophet."

Notwithstanding I still had many
~~But I had~~ (hours to travel and lands I did not know to traverse and ^{so did I also know} I felt great exaltation ~~I also knew~~ exhaustion of ^{scrolls} the spirit for the books I had studied since childhood were ^{these} not as alive to me as the words in their

~~scrolls and I thought~~ of this high Lord, my God, who was master of Joseph ~~and~~ of John the Baptist and of all the world I knew, and yet ^{but} I did not know Him ~~and~~ could only fear Him.

For ~~I knew of His~~ ^{scourged one more} ~~acts~~ and He was a God whose temper was as

loud as thunder ~~and His anger more scathing than hail or the~~
~~and the sound of His voice in my ear was like unto~~
~~the~~ fall of great rocks from the heights of the hills in the desert
~~reverberate in echoes that are offspring of other~~
~~as they reverberate through the canyon. And I knew I was not~~
~~echoes until, yea, one has memories of~~
~~the first echoes that are the ancestors of~~
~~these in the canyon. And I knew I was not~~

ready to serve a Lord who could ^{leap} ~~serve~~ boils upon ^{the flesh of} every man and
~~beast~~ in the land of Egypt and could give to Moses the power
 to stretch forth his hand to heaven and lo, there was hail in
 all the land of Egypt ^{so} that it blighted every herb of the field
 and fire ran along the ground, and never in the land of Egypt
~~had there been hail and fire in the hail and every tree of the~~
 field was ^{consumed and broken,} ~~broken.~~ And these were the least of His acts. And
 I threw up my hands toward heaven as if to ask whether I were
~~worthy to be His son and was I~~ ^{truly} the one He wished to serve Him?
~~for~~ ^{ever} could I exercise His force and His command and His desire
 when He was vengeful? And it was then that God said to me,
 "You are not yet strong enough for Me. ^{Therefore return ye not} ~~Do not return~~ to your
 home ^{but go} ~~go~~ up into the mountains, into that mountain you see
 before you now, there, far in the wilderness ^{that} in a land of
 crags and broken rocks, and pray to Me alone when you are
 there ^{and} fast. Drink what water you ^{will for there is water} ~~find~~ beneath the rocks and
^{sup on} ~~but~~ no food, not for forty days, and I can promise that you

will have a ^{new} vision before the sun sets on the last of those
 days and will know why I have chosen you for the Christ, ~~the~~
~~and as~~ ^{will you be anointed} ~~ointed~~, My messiah. For," said the Lord, "no mountain is
^{equal to} ~~like~~ ^{such this mountain} ~~this one, even if it is without a name.~~" And of ~~course~~ He

Knew whereof He spoke since I ~~saw~~ as I climbed and darkness
~~came~~ upon me as I walked and I ~~slept~~ ^{must take my rest on ground} among the serpents and
~~the~~ scorpions, ~~in the desert although~~ none came near. And in
 the morning I climbed for much of the day upward upon the
 slopes of ~~that~~ ^{this} mountain ^{and surely it} which was worthy of the lamentations
~~of~~ the prophet Isaiah, ^{until} so one could say that the cormorant and
 the bittern possessed it, the owl and the raven. And I saw
~~many~~ ⁱⁿ all the vultures gathered around the stones of emptiness, ⁱⁿ the
 nettles, brambles and ⁱⁿ the fortress of the rock, and the
 vultures, ^{looked on me,} ~~side-by-side~~, every one with her mate. It was then
 I thought of some ^{how} ~~words~~ of John the Baptist, ^{had said} ~~for~~ as we were
 saying farewell, ~~to each other, he asked,~~ "Have you ever seen
 the Lord?"

And I said, "No. It is death and destruction to see the Lord."

~~answered~~ And he ~~said~~, "For all but the Christ." And then he ~~said~~, ^{said John;}
 "Once the Holy Spirit ^{and so near,} it was so near to me, that I put my hands in front of my eyes ^{and} hid in the corner of a rock, but the Holy Spirit said ^{yet} to ~~me~~, 'You cannot see My face but I will turn away and you can look at My back,' and He allowed me to see ~~His back~~ and that ^{His back} was noble, a noble back." He ^{then John} grasped me by the arms. "I have known since I was a child that my cousin would replace me ^{spoke} for my mother ~~told me~~ the story of your mother ^{then} and ~~said~~ she believed it," and he kissed me on both cheeks. And I thought of this conversation again as I ^{had} ~~tried to sleep in the desert~~, shielded by the spirit of the Lord from the serpents and the scorpions. And it was hard not to remember ^{the} his breath when he kissed me for it was full of all

^{that is the} odor of an exhausted man. And indeed, no matter how often one seeks ^{washed away for such} ~~the~~ bathed, such odors cannot be exhausted. But his skin was fatigued speaks of what has been left behind. Albeit, his skin was

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honest in its scent and full of the dusts and loneliness of the desert and its ^{name} rocks. And ^{so did} he smelled also of the waters of the river Jordan and the heavy wisdom of its mud and its silt.

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The summit of the mountain was like ^{unto a field} a plot of land where ^{was much as} many had been buried for the rocks stood about like tombs and one climbed from tomb to tomb. And treacherous were the steps between ~~some of these rocks~~. It was midday and the ^{with a} sun was ^{of much heat} hot and I sat in the shadow of a rock by the summit and looked out upon the lands of Israel, upon Judea to the south and Galilee to the north and through a golden haze ^{was left to} I wondered if I ^{rising from the hills} could see the gold spires of Jerusalem. I was hungry and did ^{long Jerusalem} not think ~~on that matter~~ for my stomach spoke to me in imperious tones and was eager to eat after having had no food for a day and much blessing, so that my exaltation was equal to my appetite. But then I also knew why the Lord had sent me to the summit of this mountain which had no name, and I knew

it was not enough to be His son and ~~the~~ ^{to} cousin of John the Baptist, but that I must be tested ^{even as} and the first of these tests was that I ^{did} ~~must~~ not eat but ^{know a} fast and ^{was ready to} cleanse my body and bury whatever leavings came out of ^{that} my body and drink what water I could find ~~in the hollow of rocks~~ and bathe myself if there were a sufficiency of water, ~~for such purpose~~, but I must fast. ^{even} But as I said ~~is~~ to myself, I ~~thought~~ "I will fast for two days, even three," ^{and neither} but the Lord said into my ear, but I could ~~not~~ ⁺ see Him nor feel His presence other than that His voice was in my ear, ^{but} and He said, "You may fast until I will give you easement, ^{Only then may you} and you may then return to food."

So I fasted ~~for the remainder of that day~~ ^{without} and there was ^{that day} no easement ~~and the next day~~, and the next, and on the fifth day when the pangs of my stomach were no longer ^{as angry neighbors} present, but ^{with me as} only an emptiness of spirit, for I was weak, and without food, and no longer knew if I ~~even~~ had the strength to climb down the mountain, I said aloud, "How long, oh, Lord?" and He said,

"Do not think ~~in days but in weeks~~.⁴¹ Prepare yourself for a long fast." And ~~I did~~ inasmuch as I was not there to dispute with the ~~lord~~ but to follow His understanding of the path I should ~~take~~, and in truth, the fasting grew easier; I no longer thought ~~of food~~, ^{as if I had no words but food} and I shielded myself from the sun in the middle of ~~the~~ day and even came to love the taste of water and the ~~cool~~ ^{not too} ~~chill~~, forgotten wisdom of the rocks, at least when they ~~were~~ cold at night. And the chill of the air in the middle of ~~the~~ night was cold indeed for me, for no warmth came from ~~the~~ reflection of the rock once the warmth of the sun had departed ^{and it was} in the dark. And no plants grew on the summit of ~~the mountain~~ ^{this mountain} where I stayed.

And in the ~~second~~ week I had visions of King David, ^{who was} my ancestor by ~~half~~ ^{my} if Joseph were my father but he was not ancestor, but I ~~did not dream of him too much for I knew he~~ and I did not dream of David over long had committed a great sin, although I could not recall the offenses, ^{remember} one, but I did ~~not~~ that in earlier days in the land of Gibeon, the Lord ~~did~~ appear to Solomon in a dream by night and

God asked: "What shall I give thee?"

And Solomon replied, "Thou hast shown unto Thy servant David, my father, great mercy and Thou hast kept for him this great kindness that Thou hast given him a son, myself, to sit on his throne, but oh, Lord, my God, I am but a little child. I know not how to go out or come in and Thy servant is in the midst of Thy people whom Thou hast chosen a great people that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude. Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge Thy people that I may discern between good and bad for who is able to judge this, so great a people?"

And I recalled that this speech so pleased the Lord that He said unto him: "Because thou hast not asked for thyself a long life nor for riches nor begged me for the life of thine enemies, but hast asked for understanding and discernment in judgment, then, behold, I have given thee a wise and understanding heart, for there were none like thee before

thee, Solomon, ~~and~~ neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee."

And then ~~God~~ gave him all that Solomon had not asked for, both riches and ~~honors~~ until there were no kings like him in those days, ~~For that was a dream~~ ^{and from such} Solomon awoke ~~from~~ and went to Jerusalem and ~~had~~ the wisdom when ^{to separate} two mothers disputed ~~it~~ before him over a child, each claiming the babe for her own, Solomon had the wisdom to resolve the issue by saying he would take his sword ~~and~~ sever the babe in two so that each mother could possess ~~her~~ half, whereupon one could ask: where is the Jew who does not know that the true mother's bowels yearned upon her son and ~~she~~ pointed to the other woman and said, "Give her the ~~child~~ and in no wise slay it." Solomon had great wisdom that ~~he~~ showed to God, but now I heard the voice of the Lord in my ear saying, "I will not give thee the riches and honors of Solomon because he did not keep My commandments and ^{such} his failure rests in the riches and honors I gave him," ~~I~~

made him wiser ~~than~~ ^{King} all men." And again I thought of the stroke of the sword of Solomon knowing it would separate truth from untruth, ~~although~~, like Solomon, the spirit would be my sword. ~~so I thought as God said into my ear, and the words~~ ^{those} ~~went right into my spirit which hovered about my empty stomach~~ ^{of the Lord} ~~and permeated my fasting flesh,~~ ^{while permeating my fasting} ~~the Lord whispered into my~~ ^{and} ~~ear:~~ ^{Further} "Solomon spoke three thousand proverbs and his songs were a thousand ~~and~~ five. He knew the cedar tree in Lebanon and the hyssop ~~that~~ springest out of the wall. He could speak of beasts and ~~of fowl~~ and of creeping things and of fishes and all people came ~~to~~ hear the wisdom of Solomon and all the kings of the earth. Indeed, King Solomon exceeded all the kings of the earth for riches and for wisdom. And kings brought him silver, ivory, apes and peacocks. But," said the Lord in my ear, "King Solomon loved many strange women: the daughter of Pharaoh, and the women of the Moabites, the Ammonites, the ~~Edomites~~ ^{Edomites}, the Sedonians and the Hittites.

Women of all the nations concerning which I had said unto the children of Israel, 'Ye shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in to you. For surely they will turn away your heart after their Gods.' But Solomon cleaved unto these women and he had seven hundred wives and princesses and three hundred concubines and so these wives turned away his heart. For it came to pass when Solomon was old that his heart was not perfect with Me. So," said the Lord, "I will not give you riches and you will never tarry with a woman or you shall lose the Lord." And it was then I knew in the midst of my fast that he had given me Solomon's sins on which to meditate and that was an advantage Solomon had not had. And I was so empty and weak without food that indeed I had no desire for a woman, *but then I* ~~I who~~ had lived without the strong light of carnal desire ~~for~~ *receive* ~~women~~ for all of my thirty years. So I was not at odds with the Lord's decision and was content to ~~be given~~ *receive* the wisdom of Solomon without ~~the~~ *his* sins. And my fast continued.

I dreamed ^{next} of Elijah's contests with the prophets of Baal
~~and that~~ ^{such} he was the equal of more than forty prophets ^{and they were of} of Baal
~~and how they had made a sacrifice of a bullock~~ ^{while crying} and ~~cried~~ ^{to show devotion to Baal} aloud
 and lacerated ^{ing} themselves with knives and lances until blood
^{forth from these} gushed out of the prophets of Baal and they prophesied a
~~sacrifice of the bullock in the evening,~~ but no voice answered
~~them~~ and the God Baal did not speak. And then Elijah ^{restored} repaired
^{that and prophets} the altar of the Lord the thugs of Baal had torn down and ^{Elijah} took
 twelve stones for the tribes of the sons of Jacob, saying
 "Israel shall be thy name." And with those stones he built an
 altar in the name of the Lord and made a trench about the
 altar. And put wood in order and cut the bullock into pieces
^{thereupon laying upon} and ~~laid~~ the raw flesh ^{upon} the wood and told his followers to
 fill four barrels with water and pour it on the sacrifice and
 they did, ^{for} and a second time and a third, ^{until} and water ran all
 around ~~the water~~ ^{the} into ^{surrounding} a trench he had dug ^{soaking upon} around the altar.
 And in ^{such} the moment, in the depth of the moisture of the

sacrifice on the altar, before the prophets of Baal and the prophets of Israel, ^{when} evening came, and Elijah said, "Hear me, O Lord, ~~hear me!~~ That this people may know that Thou art the Lord God and Thou hast turned their heart back again." And the fire of the Lord ^{rose} ~~fell~~ and consumed the burned sacrifice, the ^{wet} wood and the ^{wet} stones and ~~the dust~~ and licked up the water that was in the trench. And after such service to the Lord, ^{Elijah} ~~he~~ slew all the prophets of Baal with ^{his} the sword and wandered in the wilderness and ^{until he} saw a little cloud arise out of the sea, no larger than a man's hand, which became a heaven black with clouds and winds followed by a great rain. And Elijah traveled into the wilderness and sat beneath a juniper tree and requested the Lord that he might die. And ^{so} I on the twenty-eighth day of my fast, feeling weak but without hunger, assumed that I must be close to those who ^{are} ~~were~~ ready to go into heaven or to fall below and I remember the prayer of Elijah, for he said, "It is enough now, Lord. Take away my

life; I am not better than my fathers." But then an angel of the Lord gave him food and on the strength of the meat he went into Mount Horeb, the mount of God, and lived on the strength of that meat for forty days and forty nights. And behold the Lord passed by in a great and strong wind and rent the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the Lord but the Lord was not in the wind. And after the wind, and ~~camp~~ earthquake, ~~for~~ ^{but the} Lord was not in the earthquake, and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire, a still small voice, and it was so when Elijah heard it that he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entry room of the cave. And lo, there ~~came~~ ^{came} a voice unto him and said, "What dost thou hear, Elijah?"

And it was ~~here~~ ^{it came to me} that I ~~realized~~ ^{again} that I was dreaming in Aover and I was not Elijah but merely remembering some of the words of the scroll concerning Elijah, and I nodded my head and knew that my fast would also be for forty days and forty

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nights. And I remembered that the Lord had also said unto
 Elijah: "I have seven thousand left me in Israel, all the
 knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which
 hast not kissed him." And so passed the first four weeks of
 my fast.

And I thought upon the wisdom of Isaiah for the prophets
 were much around me in ~~my fast~~ ^{these weeks} (Elijah and Elisha, Isaiah and
 Daniel and Ezechiel, and the meat that left my bones was
 rendered back into the knowledge of all I ~~and~~ ^{had} learned in the
 school of my youth and I recalled ~~their~~ ^{the prophets} words as if they were
 my own and saw the wisdom of their instruction, ~~So~~ ^{even as} the seven
 thousand good Jews who had been left to Elijah ^{now} explained ~~to me~~
 why Isaiah had said, "The Lord of Hosts had left unto us a

very small remnant" and I took a vow that I would not desert

~~such~~ ^{such} ~~for it~~ ^{for it} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~the remnant that lived for the faith in such a remnant would~~ ^{that of good}
~~enable one to withstand all.~~ ^{Jews would yet enable one to recover the nation,}

~~If these~~

But those were the words of the prophets, and I was yet to

learn that I would love sinners more than I would love the

pious, ~~and I did not pay enough attention in that hour to some~~

~~of the strongest words of Isaiah, who said, "I am full of the
burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts and I
delight not in the blood of bullocks or of rams or of he-
goats. Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an
abomination to me; the new moons and sabbaths, the callings of
assemblies I cannot away with; it is iniquity, even the solemn
meeting. Your new moons and your appointed feast my soul
hateth. They are trouble unto Me; I am weary of such fare."~~

~~Later, I would discover I loved sinners more than the~~
~~pious~~ ^{that} and they might be of more worth in their saving,

especially if one would speak of those who sinned with a light

in their eye ~~that was such as one has to forgive even when~~

~~they steal back into sin, for that light in their eye, as I~~ ^{even as they stole back into sin}

~~was yet to understand,~~ belonged to the eye of God. But for

now, full of the wisdom of Isaiah, I thought of the remnant

and I quoted his words to myself:

~~The remnant shall return,~~

~~due to the remnant of Jacob, unto the Mighty God.~~ For though

Thy people Israel ~~be~~ as the sand of the sea, yet a remnant of them shall return. And there in my fast in the fiftyth week and night unto the sixth week, full of the spirit of Isaiah, I would repeat his sayings in preparation for the mission I must undertake when the Lord gave me permission to eat again and I could go down from the mountain.

So I would say aloud and repeat it aloud by the hour, speaking even into the eye of the sun until my eyes burned and I was obliged to return to the shade. I thought and pondered only on the prayers I would use with sinners and knew I would tell them, even as did Isaiah: "Your hands are full of blood. Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before Mine eyes; cease to do evil; learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow. Come now and let us reason together,

~~say~~^Ieth the Lord," would say to them. And ~~then~~ would add,
 and I could see ~~them~~ before me, and hear my own voice as it
 would yet be uttered, "Yes," I would say, ~~to them~~, "though your
 sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though
 they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool, if ye be
 willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: but
 if you refuse ~~and~~ rebel, you shall be devoured with the
 sword." And ~~that~~^{But} ~~was~~^{was} a line I did not know the meaning of,
~~nor~~^{of this last} how to construe the wisdom, since I abhorred the sword.
 Having known it ~~small~~^{the art of cutting in small} with the chisel and the saw and the
 axe, as fine instruments for the flesh of wood, I could not
 comprehend the ~~severity~~^{crudelty} of the sword upon the flesh of men and
 women. But then ~~Isaiah~~^{also} said, "He shall judge among the
 nations, and shall rebuke many people; and they shall beat
 their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning
 hooks. Nations shall not lift up sword against nation,
 neither shall they learn war any more. The loftiness of man

shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be made low; and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day; and the idols He shall utterly abolish. He shall go into the holes of the rock and into the caves of the earth. The wolf also shall ~~shall~~ dwell with the lamb and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. The earth shall be full of the mouth of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."

And it was the fortieth day, and ^Tthe Lord said to me as evening came, "Tomorrow you may step down from the mountain and take food," and I knew a great hunger at his words, as if all I had not eaten in forty days ^{was} ~~was~~ there in the ~~opening of~~ my stomach to remind me of ^{their} ~~their~~ sacrifice, ^{and it} ~~It~~ was a hunger unlike the absence of hunger for the last thirty-five of these forty days, but even as I was living with such new appetite, the Lord also said, "Tonight, ^{are to} ~~however~~, you ~~can~~ remain on the mountain for ~~I am told~~ a visitor will speak to you."

And I do not know what understanding was between Them,

~~but~~ for the visitor soon arrived, and was as handsome as a prince

and as well dressed with ~~on his~~ gold bracelets and a gold ornament on

a gold chain about his neck, and in the gold ornament was the

face of a ram, more bestial yet more handsome than any ram I

had ~~ever~~ seen. And the hair of this prince was as long as my

own and ~~well-combed~~ and lustrous and he was beautiful, ^(indeed) he was

a man of such beauty as many a prince and king would ~~sacrifice~~
a kingdom for, yea, even their own
~~relinquish their kingdom if that were all that was needed to~~

receive such beauty. And I recalled one thought apart from

all others that had come to me in the middle of my fast, and I

believe ^{it was} my own thought and not from the lips of John

the Baptist, or ^{any prophet albeit} ~~it may have been~~ the Lord instructing me in

^{many territories that are} that land, without boundary between his wisdom and my

^{but where some was} understanding ~~that~~ in the middle of the night I ~~heard~~, or said

to myself, "The devil is the most beautiful creature God ever

made." And though the visitor who had come to see me ^{was} dressed

like a prince in robes of velvet, purple as the late evening
~~and wore~~ ^{still he}
 with a crown ~~that~~ ^{as} as golden as the sun, ~~could~~ ^{and} be no other

and indeed he ^{soon} introduced himself, as Satan, also known as

Lucifer and the ^{by his common name, the Devil, and}

~~It knew it was he, for he had climbed the mountain~~
~~yet he did not see him on his robes nor a sweat upon his skin.~~
~~It may be that he saw the light that was in my eye from~~

~~recalling the words of Isaiah, for his first words, as he~~

~~needed and spoke to me with a beautiful smile, were to this~~

effect: "Do you ^{know,}" he asked, "how the prophet Isaiah met
 his death?"

And when I, overcome with silence for I had not seen the
 Devil approach, nor was certain of how he could stand so

easily before me, now heard him say: "He was killed by a

Jewish king, the pagan Manasseh, cohort of Amon. He was a

vassal of Assyria, was Manasseh, and a bad Jew ^{who} ~~for he~~ wished

to destroy the religion of his father ^{a royal} and sent out ~~orders~~ ^{and} that

~~whom was there did you know?~~ ^{and} Isaiah, a fine noble Jew of much culture ~~who~~ ^{from his home} had lived with

comfort in the city, must ~~be~~ ^{now be uprooted into the wilderness and} hunted like an animal. And so

Isaiah was tracked down in the wilderness and in his ~~peril~~ ^{desperate} ~~desperation~~ ^{containing} he looked to find a tree with a hollow large

enough for a man to stand within the hollow, and there ~~he~~ ^{it} was found! ~~and~~ ^{But} the officers of Manasseh ~~discovering~~ ^{also} this concealment in the hollow, ~~brought~~ ^{and} a ~~sword~~ ^{saw} to the tree and cut it in half ~~with~~ ^{while} Isaiah ~~therein~~ ^{was}, in which manner he died. Did you know?" said the Devil.

~~And~~ ^{When} I said no he laughed. "In Gods as in men," he replied, "knowledge is but the part of a part."

But I was ill and weakened further ~~but~~ ^{by} these words, ~~than~~ ^{more} any deprivation of the fast and I ~~felt~~ ^{know} the death of Isaiah and ~~intolerable~~ ^{intolerable} pain in the emptiness in the depth of my stomach, and would have been ill but for the pride not to show weakness before the Devil.

He, however, kept speaking. "That manner in which Isaiah was obliged to meet his death need leave you nothing to fear," ~~however~~ he said, "since you are not a prophet but the Son,

indeed, the Son! ^{And} do you comprehend that to my knowledge,
 which is not ~~small~~, ^{that} the Lord has performed an act of a new
^{kind which is} sort and much to be contemplated upon?"

Upon which, ~~with barely a breath for pause~~, he looked at
 me charmingly, ~~then he looked upon me fondly~~, and his eyes,
^{were as} ~~which were as dark as marble~~, black marble, although there
 were lights in ^{within} ~~yes~~ like stars, ^{and} he said, "Are you hungry?
 Do you need drink?" And he brought forth a ^{jug} ~~jar~~ of wine and a
 leg of lamb, well-cooked, which I would ^{not} ~~have said was not~~ ^{known were}
 beneath his robes ^{yet} ~~until the moment~~ he produced them. And upon
~~this~~ he approached me so closely that I could not only breathe
 in the spirit of ~~the~~ wine and the gravies of the lamb, ^{yes, even} ~~but the~~
 smell of the Devil himself, ^{although would I} ~~at least as I could perceive it~~
 through no small cloud of perfume ^{laid upon} ~~that he had put upon~~ his
 neck, his armpits and in the folds of his robe, but ^{perceived it}
^{for} nonetheless, a greed came forth as well ^{from his body} ~~and as the odor that~~
^(lives) ~~is found between these cheeks which are situated above the~~

~~thigh and give~~ ^{So did I} to those who do not wash. And when I

~~refused the food~~ ^{his food even as} ~~although the odor of his greed was at that~~ ^{entered into}
~~moment in my hunger~~ ^{and was} and my appetite (like the savory that comes

from an oven when food long roasted is ~~now~~ ready for the

table. And he, ^{such} seeing my hesitation, ^{once more} smiled again (and said,

"But of course, ^{than hast} ~~you~~ have no need of me for ~~food~~. ^{this being when} ~~in~~ ~~thou~~ ~~be~~

^{being} the Son of God, ^{and} need only command these stones to be bread,

and ~~that is proper food for one like you, an Essene, dressed in~~

~~white~~ ^{than hast} Although ~~you~~ have been in the desert ^{for} so long that your

garment is ~~not~~ ^{neither} as clean as would befit you, ^{now free of dust!!}

I answered, ^{Man} Man shall not live by bread alone, but by

every word that ~~proceedeth~~ out of the mouth of God." And

those words I knew ~~had proceeded in just such fashion and were~~

from the mouth of God, ^{inasmuch as} for I heard what they ^{were saying} ~~said~~ even as I

^{it was} was understanding what I had said.

"Yet you are the Son of God," repeated the Devil. "That ^{is}
^{a surprise for me that your Father has chosen to use you,}
~~means your Father has created a surprise for me, and when you~~

~~speaking~~ ^{say truly that}
~~speaking~~ with Him, ~~that~~ I am pleased and diverted, and salute

Him. For, do you ^{know?} Why, Your Father and I have ^{and} much
^{of agreement and dispute, and} ^{(obtain}
 traffic ^{together} ~~are~~ always eager to hear word of the

doings of the Other. ^{Indeed, do} I tell Him ~~repeatedly~~ on those rare

ocasions We meet ^{that} ~~man~~ ^{and} ~~may~~ be His creation, ~~may~~ be the

crown of all He ~~has~~ ^{still it is I, not He, who} created, but I whisper this to you, your

^{with better understanding of}
 Father does not ~~under~~ stand His creation."

^{Now was I} ~~this~~ ^{for he}

I was ~~amazed~~ ^{by} the Devil. He did not inspire fear but

comfort. ^{and even as I could pass in my thoughts as}
~~Even a~~ ^{were} a sinner in some canteen drinking

much wine while ^{until the labors} ^{a low} ^{as balmy}
~~the~~ ^{of the day} became balmy in my limbs,

and seemed to fly ^{so} ^I to the air. I could talk to the Devil, I

~~could speak to him~~ ^{he} was comfortable. And if his odors ^{were not} ~~were~~
^{with disturbance for me} ^{so was} it also not
 disturbing to ~~me~~ ^{as} because they were not entirely

without agreement ^{to} ^{unknown} ~~some of the~~ desires in my nose.. ^{Yet} ~~But~~

still I could ~~not~~ ^{allow} ~~his last remark to pass~~ that God, the

Lord of the Universe, did not understand His creation? ^{"Not} ^{"How}

^{ever is it}
~~is that possible,~~ ^I exclaimed. "He is all-powerful. The

heavens and the earth, the stars and the sun, bow down to Him."

Now I had given vexation, ~~to Satan~~. *Even if he were Satan, he* He snorted like a horse unwilling to accept the bridle, ~~and indeed he looked as if a bit of iron was on his tongue.~~

"Live in delusion," *the Devil*, "but know ye that" ~~"Do not delude yourself,"~~ said Satan. ~~"Your Father is~~ *the* but one God among ~~many~~ *nor* ~~He~~ and does not even have the power to

command His ~~own~~ *Jews,* ~~people.~~ Look to His rages; they are without ~~proportion and only to a God.~~ *unseemly* ~~He cannot bear~~ *for God and swollen in proportion. Nor can he*

disobedience, ~~disloyalty, treachery,~~ *disputation* or difference of mind and spirit from His ~~own,~~ *whereas* And I tell you, ~~a touch of treachery,~~ a

hint of disobedience, ~~are to be found in~~ *(and a whiff of treachery are among* the joys of life, ~~not and~~ *are not to be ranked among* in its evils."

"Not so," *"Not so,"* ~~"No,"~~ I replied, "my Father is ~~much more complex than you~~ *not as you* would have Him, ~~but is God and of many dimensions.~~"

And the Devil said, "yes, He is complex; but He is not in command of Himself, ~~and so does not have the right to demand~~ *"What do you mean by that?"*

"Wherefore," said the Devil for he did not
 cease to speak, "Your Father hath not the ⁹⁶ right
 to seek whole exactitudes ~~from~~ His people, nor can your Father

comprehend the ~~beauties that come from the recognition that~~

that women are creatures other than men and live with ^{separate vision} other notions
 of that which they would be loyal to, indeed your
 Father hath little inkling of women and does scorn
 + them even as do ^{when} His prophets scorned women and they
 that is hateful.

to
 speak for Him. Look at your Isaiah ^{! Declare to me that} who as cut in half while
 Isaiah ~~does not speak out of your Father's~~
 he huddled in the interior of a tree. It says it all and says
 heart when he says:
 it well. 'Because the daughters of Zion are haughty and walk

with stretched-forth necks and wanton eyes, walking and

mincing as they go, and making a tinkling with their feet:

therefore the Lord will smite with a ^{scabbard} scabbard the crown of the

head of the daughters of Zion, and the Lord will discover

their secret parts--' ^{Not a whit} No less," said the Devil, "than their

"And he continued to speak with the
 secret parts. In that day," continued the Devil, speaking in

words of Isaiah's words, "'The Lord will take away the bravery of their

tinkling ornaments about their feet and their attires like the

moon, the bracelets and the bonnets, the ornaments of the

legs, the earrings, the rings and the nose-jewels, the fine linen, the hoods and the veils. And it shall come to pass that instead of sweet smell there shall be stink; and instead of a girdle, a rent; and ^{for} instead of well-set hair, baldness, and ~~burning~~ and instead of beauty.' "~~And then, said the Devil, "as if Isaiah, to please his master, must go even further, there is the line added: 'The men shall fall to the sword and she being desolate shall sit upon the ground.'"~~

"~~My Father~~ ^{more} "Perhaps he was speaking of the nation of Zion," I said, "rather than the women."

"No," the Devil replied, "He pretended to ^{be} ~~Isaiah~~ He was speaking of the nation of Zion but He meant the women. ^{For} ~~No,~~ when He ~~could~~ ^{was} address the nation, ~~He~~ said the Devil, "He uses the spirit and the poetry of the words are clear, ~~for then~~ ^{and} He prophet Isaiah to carry His meanness. Listen to how He would ^{speaks only to men:} ~~tally His own nation:~~ 'For the indignation of the Lord is

upon all nations, ^{and} ~~and~~ His fury upon all their armies: He hath utterly destroyed them, He hath delivered them to the

slaughter. Their ~~sla~~ also shall be cast out and their stink shall come up ~~out of~~ their carcasses and the mountains shall be melted with ~~their~~ blood.' ^{In your} ~~Your~~ Father is ~~a man of rages~~ ^{for} ~~Inchoate~~ and He ^{and} is not all-powerful. His failures burn in His heart, and He has ~~not~~ that aristocracy of spirit ^{which could enable} ~~that enables~~ Him to say, ^{Yes, I have lost, but} ~~I have~~ lost in a good fight.' ^{No,} ~~You would ask Him~~ ^{if} ~~to go forth and improve the souls of men, yet He is vengeful~~ beyond measure. 'The palaces will be forsaken,' said Isaiah, 'the forts and ~~towns~~ shall be dens forever, until the Spirit be poured upon us from on High.'

"But when," ^{asked} ~~said~~ the Devil, "will the Spirit be poured upon us from on High? ~~It is your mission, it is your task.~~ ^{has given it to you as your mission. You} ~~This~~ vengeful man, ^{when} ~~your~~ Father, ^{would} ~~sends~~ you forth to improve the ~~weak~~ hearts of men ~~not~~ His own heart is caked with the blood of those He has slaughtered and His ^{more delicate} ~~sentiments~~ are choked with the curses He has ^{laid} ~~de~~ upon women. ^{May He} ~~He~~ pretends to revile Jerusalem, but it is ^{that} ~~how~~ ^{with a soul} ~~He~~ curses, and ~~how He speaks in~~

~~that curses~~ ^{is} ~~the mouth of the prophet Ezekiel~~ I honor

the Lord, ^{if} ~~our Father~~, in one fashion above all. His rages

are mighty, ^{yet do they} ~~and are destructive~~ but never accomplish their

^{desires inasmuch as} ~~point.~~ ^{much adoration of} ~~Yet~~ His language is filled with the wealth and

grandeur He ^{would} ~~pretends to~~ despise, and yet admires ^{even} as if it were

the mirror of ^{Discover your Father in} ~~Himself.~~ Listen to these words of Ezekiel as

^{Ezekiel} ~~he~~ heard them ^{that} ~~from~~ the Lord, and tell me ^{if} ~~if~~ your Father does

not adore women ^{yet} ~~and~~ hate the power they possess to entice Him.

~~The measure of His rage is in the wealth of His admiration.~~

^{to the measure of His rage:} But listen: ~~"In the day thou wast born the navel was not cut;~~

~~neither wast thou washed in water to suckle thee; thou was not~~

~~salted, nor swaddled at all, none I pity thee to do any of~~

~~these unto thee, to have compassion upon thee; I was cast out~~

~~in the open field for the loathing of thy person from the day~~

~~thou wast born.~~

~~"And when I passed by thee and saw thee polluted in thy own blood, I said unto thee when thou wast in thy blood,~~

~~"Life." Yea, I said unto thee when thou wast in thy blood,~~
~~"I have ^{loved} thee to multiply as the bud of the~~
~~field and thou hast increased and waxed great and hast come to~~
~~excellent ^{ornament}!"~~ Thy breasts are fashioned and thy hair,
~~is grown whereat thou wast naked and bare. Now when I passed~~
~~by thee, and ^{looked} upon thee, behold, thy time was the time of~~
~~love, and I spread ^{upon} my skirt over thee and ^{covered} thy~~
~~nakedness: Yea, I swore unto thee and entered into a covenant~~
 with thee, saith the Lord God, and thou becamest mine. Then
 washed I thee with water; yea, I thoroughly washed away thy
 blood from thee, ~~and~~ I anointed thee with oil. I clothed thee
 also in ~~brodered~~ work, and fine linen, and I covered thee
 with silk, with ~~ornaments~~, and I put bracelets upon thy hands
 and a chain on thy neck, and earrings in thine ears, and a
 beautiful crown ^{upon} thine head. Thou wast decked with gold
 and silver; thou ~~didst~~ eat fine flour, and honey, and oil: and
 thou wast ~~exceedingly~~ beautiful, and thou didst prosper into

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a kingdom. And thy ^{re}renown went forth among the heathen for
thy beauty: for it was perfect through my comeliness, which I
~~had~~ put upon thee, saith the Lord God.

" ' "But thou didst trust in thine own beauty, and played
the harlot because of thy ^{re}renown, and poured out thy

~~Fornications on everyone that passed by; his it was, and of~~
~~thy garments thou didst take, and decked thy high ^{places} ~~palaces~~ with~~
divers colors, and played the harlot thereupon: ~~The like~~

~~things shall not come, neither shall it be so.~~ Thou hast also
taken my fair jewels of my gold and of my silver, which I ^{had} ~~and~~

given thee, and made to thyself images of men, and didst

commit whoredom with them, and ~~tookest thy broidered garments,~~

~~and covered them;~~ and thou hast set mine oil and mine incense

before them. My meat also which I gave thee, fine flour, and

oil, and honey, wherewith I fed thee, thou hast even set it

before them for a sweet savor: and thus it was, ~~"saith the~~

~~Lord God.~~ "Moreover thou hast taken thy sons and thy ~~harlot~~

daughters, whom ~~thou~~ hast borne unto me, and these hast thou sacrificed unto them to be devoured. Is this of thy whoredoms a small matter, that thou hast slain my children, and delivered them to ~~cause them to~~ pass through fire? ~~for them?~~ And in all thine abominations and thy whoredoms thou hast not remembered the days of thy youth, when thou wast naked and bare, and wast polluted in thy blood. And it came to pass after all thy wickedness-- woe, woe unto thee," saith the Lord God, "that thou hast also built an eminent place, and hast made thee a high place in every street. Thou hast built thy high place at every head of the way, and hast made thy beauty to be abhorred, and hast opened thy feet to every one that passed by, and multiplied thy whoredoms. Thou hast also committed fornication with the Egyptians, thy neighbors, great of flesh; and hast increased thy whoredoms to provoke me to anger. Thou hast played the whore also with the Assyrians because thou wast insatiable; yes, thou hast played the harlot

with them, and yet ^{could} ~~couldst~~ not be satisfied. Thou hast moreover multiplied thy fornication in the land of Canaan unto Chaldea; and yet thou wast not satisfied therewith. How weak is thine heart, ~~"saith the Lord God,"~~ "seeing thou doest all these things, the work of an imperious and whorish woman; ~~in that thou buildest thine eniment place in the head of every way, and makest thy high place in every street;~~ and hast not ^{even} been as a harlot, in that thou scornest hire; but as a wife committeth, which taketh strangers instead of her husband! ^{Men} ~~They~~ give gifts to all whores: But thou givest thy gifts to all thy lovers, and hirest them, that they may come unto thee on every side for thy whoredom."

"Wherefore, O harlot, ~~hear the word of the Lord: Thus~~ ~~saith the Lord God.~~ ^{Men} ~~"Because the~~ filthiness was poured out, and thy nakedness discovered through thy whoredoms with thy lovers, and with all the idols of thy abominations, and by the blood of thy children, which thou didst give unto them,

behold, therefore, I will gather all thy lovers, with whom
 thou hast taken ~~pleasure~~, and all them that thou hast loved,
 with all them ~~that~~ thou hast hated; I will even gather them
 round about against thee, and will discover thy nakedness unto
 them, that they ~~may~~ see all thy nakedness. And I will judge
 thee, as women ~~that~~ break wedlock and shed blood are judged;
 and I will give ~~thee~~ blood in fury and jealousy. And I will
 also give thee ~~into~~ their hand, and they shall throw down
 thine eminent place, and shall break down their high places:
 they shall strip ~~thee~~ also of thy clothes, and shall take thy
 fair jewels and leave thee naked and bare. They shall also
 bring up a company against thee, and they shall stone thee
 with stones, and thrust thee through with their swords. And
 they shall ~~burn~~ ^{burn} thy houses with fire, and execute judgments
 upon thee in the sight of many women: and I will cause thee to
 cease from playing the harlot, and thou shall also give no
 hire any more. So I will make my fury toward thee to rest,

and my jealousy ~~shall~~ depart from thee, and I will be quiet,
 and will be no ~~more~~ angry. Because thou hast not remembered
 the days of thy youth, but hast fretted me in all these
 things; behold, ~~therefore~~, I will recompense thy way upon thy
 head," saith the Lord God, "and thou shalt nor commit this
 lewdness above ~~all~~ chine abominations." "Yes," said the Devil
 when he had concluded ~~all this long speech~~ ^{of his recitation} from the prophet
 Ezechiel ~~which was~~ ^{concerning these matters in} from the words of the Lord, "yes," said the
 Devil, "your Father ~~tells~~ ^{would} you not to fornicate, but ~~his~~ ^{doth he}
~~language has~~ ^{not have} the ~~reek~~ ^{reek} of large desire."
 "Cease [?]
 "Stop uttering ~~these~~ ^{said I} pollutions," ~~I said~~ to the Devil,
 and it was the voice of my Father speaking through ~~my throat~~ ^{me,}

But the Devil replied: "These are the Lord's words as
uttered by the prophet Ezechiel and they are not mine." Your
 Father's tongue ~~is~~ as ripe with lust as my own."

~~And it is to be said~~ that I was in great confusion, for I
 knew whereof he ~~spoke~~ ^{spoke}, and the Lord, my Father, had been as

cruel in His language as I ^{was} ~~suppose~~ ^{by repute} Satan, ~~to be~~ in his deeds.

Yet I had been ~~stirred~~ in my loins, so quiet for so long, ^{but} ~~and~~

my loins were ~~now~~ ^{such} stirred by the fire of ~~the~~ language which is

how I knew that ~~while~~ ^{my Father} it might be the words of ~~the Lord~~

in ~~ancient years~~ ^{to the prophet} speaking to ~~(Ezekiel)~~, the voice in which I had heard ~~such~~ ^{these} fell

phrases belonged to Satan for ~~such~~ ^{and with much} relish had ~~been taken in~~ ^{he}

^{Such} all that was ~~in these~~ ^{or} the debauch of ~~the~~ women who ~~was~~ ^{was} symbol for Jerusalem, ~~and her~~

triumphs and her ~~times~~.

Then the Devil said to me, "I ~~do not~~ have the power to

~~transport you through the air, but I can offer you~~ ^{such} ~~visions of~~
~~that you will believe in their clarity and think yourself~~
~~such clarity that you are no longer on the summit of this~~

~~mountain, which is without a name, but sit with me astride the~~

holy city." ~~And we were in the air, holding to a pinnacle of~~

~~the Temple.~~ ^{Will} ~~"Have you come with me?"~~

~~And I said yes~~ ^{had no need to say yes but merely to give assent} for his vision was so powerful that indeed

I saw the city of Jerusalem beneath ^{me} (and felt great vertigo

from the height we occupied for it was ^{we were now} ~~on the highest~~ ^{dome} ~~pinnacle~~

no longer within

Great in *Jerusalem* *did* say
of the Temple. And at that moment the Devil ~~said~~ to me, "If

thou be the son of God, cast thyself down. For ~~it is~~ not

by the prophets, "that
written," said the Devil, ~~"and again one must quote the~~

~~prophets:~~ "He will give His angels charge concerning thee,

and in their hands they shall bear thee lest at any time thy

dash thy foot against a stone."

And again I felt ~~such~~ *much* a temptation to jump *into the distance below*
and knew thereby that an abyss was opening for all the generations to come who might

stand on a great height and quiver like a blade of grass in ~~that~~
unruly of the spirit that lives high wind between the leap and the fear of the leap. So ~~the~~ *did*

Devil looked at me again with his dark eyes ~~full of~~ *replete in* points of

light like stars, and I knew he was promising quick extinction

~~but~~ and extraordinary glory. "To stay with your Father ~~and~~

~~remember the devil~~ is to work for Him and to be used until one

is used altogether, as is John the Baptist, your cousin, ~~For~~ *and*

may it be, he is as even you can see, he has not long to live. Jump, *and ye*

may save him since then the Lord will save
And I knew he meant his offer, for if my extinction would

him as he must *for* he will have no other
Jump!

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And in the vision ~~he gave me, even as he said it~~
So did I know that my extinction would
be quick, so would be the glory of my return. And I could

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hear ~~his~~ argument for taking the leap, although he did not

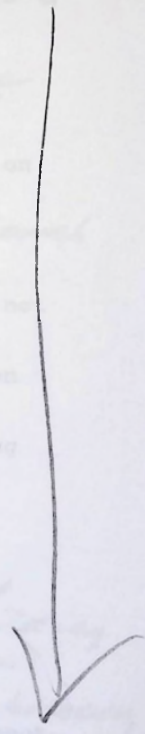
yet one more
even have to utter a word. And I was amazed by how far he had

me,
entered into ~~my faith~~, as if ~~for now~~ I could live in the

Devil's mind, or in a portion of it at least, since I knew his

speak,
~~words~~, even when he did not utter *it* ~~them~~, and he was telling me

~~(tape C 3 and 4 ends)~~



of a future
~~for he was telling me that he could offer a~~ life of joy and

riches ~~and concupiscence~~. "Concupiscence is mine!" cried

Satan ^{into} in the silence we inhabited, and indeed, I saw in that

did I see that by his greed did he bring
 instant ~~that the greed he brought forth products of great~~

power and rich aroma. *"It is in the of"* "You need only smell their pits," said

the Devil aloud, *my people and mine sit upon earth* "for they are so much richer than those

with possession and not like those buttons of turd appropriate to a goat which *issue from* ~~come out of the~~

long ~~much-detested~~ cheeks of your friend John who will not *even* shit on

the Sabbath. No," said the Devil, *"and won't"* "Don't even piss, *and though*

he dangles in pain, and carries a small hoe to cover his leavings on days that are not

the Sabbath." *Yes* ~~But~~ these were *but* only words. I understood then

that the devil could possess me only if I died, *and now* since so long

as I lived I was the Son of God, *Yes* ~~but~~ once shattered at the

bottom of the leap, the Devil could arrange for my ~~rebirth~~
even as I had done my death for his bidding

And ~~as if I was indeed hearing his words~~, he opened his lips

now and said, "I've secretly ^(did) wanted you to be born,
~~at that point and said, "Surreptitious rebirth, for God cannot~~

And God unknowing since He cannot
~~help up~~

keep up with all who are born each day since ^{in consequence of how} I distract Him constantly."

And I said ^{on my} to him, "It is also written, 'Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.'" But again I did not know if I spoke of my own will although ^{my} Father ~~had placed such words in my~~ throat.

Then again the Devil ^{brought by way of his} took me up ~~into a vision for we rose~~ ^{higher than all} to an exceedingly high mountain and I would have shivered with ^{in my past} snow if it had been the peak of a true summit for ^{yes, we were up} we were.

even surrounded with snow, ^{yet} but it was ^{but} only a vision. And yet in ^{such a} that vision he showed me all the kingdoms of the world to the ^{the kingdoms} north, the east, the south and the west and I saw glories ^{amid} and concupiscence and joy, but ^{they passed} in parade so fast that I knew these were promises that need not necessarily be kept and I said, "Get thee hence, Satan, ^{And to myself I said, out} for this I know, and it is written, ^{of the strength that comes from emptiness} Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God and Him only shalt thou serve."

*itself (for it was the wisdom of my ^{had to show me at that moment how} even in paradox was ^{emptiness} strength) and out of I find strength

to whisper to myself

And at that moment ^{did give} Satan ~~gave~~ a cry like a wild goat as if ~~I had~~ wounded him with a spear and he left and behold I had another vision of angels who came to minister unto me and bathe my eyes.

^{(awoke to see myself on the mountain where I had been for forty days and I was ready and}
Then in the morning I came down from the mountain and

returned ~~on my road~~ to Nazareth. That was a long slow road I ^{and} strode along it ^{the next, and} took for the next day and a half, for while no brigands

^{which was as well.} attacked, but then I did not think of them for I knew that I

was much exercised, ^{and spent from} as if I had been in a terrible combat with

the Devil, and my breath was foul in my nostrils. ^{Nor did I} I did not

feel that I ^{had} ^{and knew that} ^{had I also} escaped free for in rejecting him, I had been

scraped and amputated of many faculties, even as a boat that

is ready to sink in a storm will ^{cast} ~~throw~~ cargo over the side and

even the spare sail and mast. So did I have no desire ^{within me,} ~~at all~~

^{neither for a woman nor to serve the Lord} and less than ever for a woman upon whom I could act once I,

^{and I know that} ~~had come away from that surgeon with Satan, since he too, like~~

my Father, had the power to punish if one would reject him.

neither was I wholly
 Yet, I ~~was far from distraught,~~ *for as I marched, I ~~so~~ could*

I ~~recited~~ the words of Isaiah, ~~and John the Baptist was much in~~

~~my thoughts:~~ "Unto us," I declared, "a child is born; unto us

a son is given; and the government shall be upon his

shoulders; and his name shall be called wonderful, counselor,

the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the prince of peace."

And if I were not large enough for any of those words, and

supposed that God had chosen me for his son because I was ⁱⁿ the

midst

on any way but get
 middle of all men, and not extraordinary, ~~but~~ at the center of

their small virtues and weak habits, then if I could increase

in my powers

of all that He would now
 with the full recognition that He had now given to me, ~~that~~

then perhaps the world of men and even the world of women of which

I knew so little might increase and multiply in virtue.

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Now it was in this wise that I ~~heard what had happened to~~
~~John the Baptist~~ ^{came back} for when I returned to Galilee and entered
 Nazareth and returned to the house where I lived with Joseph
 and Mary, so my ⁹ ~~m~~ther was there to greet me and much relieved
 because in all the forty and more days that I had been gone,
 she had supposed ^{in the beginning} at first ^{journey} that I was on a mission with my
 cousin but then she ~~had~~ ^{near to mortal} heard terrible news of John ^{for it}. It had
 come to pass while I was on the mountain that Herod Antipas,
^{who was} the son of Herod the ^{once-mighty} mighty king and tetrarch of Israel ^{and}
^{indeed the same Herod who had murdered} ~~had died after murdering~~ Mariamne his wife whom he loved and
 his two sons whom he also loved and had slaughtered ~~all~~ the
^{Bethlehem and Jerusalem and Bethany and} children of Israel who were born on the day I was born and had
^{one year later} died an old man whose breath ^{was with} ~~had a~~ stench by the word of all
 who sat with him or were in his room that was worse than the

Jericho and He and in my year, even to Hebron

mental known to those who would breathe
 breath of any life ~~being they had encountered, but he was~~
~~of it but was, this Herod, finally dead~~ ~~(in Herod's place,~~
~~dead,~~ and his son, Herod Antipas, the Tetrarch, ~~was afraid of~~
 lived in much fear of ^{now} on account of as Tetrarch,
 John the Baptist and feared for his own evils, and lived in

dreadful
 terror that John might cause the people to rise against him,

and so he shut John up in prison ^{which} and that was where he was

now, and ^{to} could not ^{from his dungeon,} be rescued. And so I knew that the time

^{for me to} had come and I must leave Nazareth and begin to preach in

place of John who had suffered ^{in such amplitude of privation on} his mission. And I thought

before I left for Capharnium, which is on the Sea of Galilee,
 of Zabulon and Nephtholim, for still I was thinking of Isaiah
 and of how he had died, and he had written that "by way of the
 sea beyond Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles, the people who sat
 in darkness saw a great light and for them which sat in the
 shadow of death, light is sprung up," and so I chose Capernium
 which is on the Sea of Galilee into which flows, for it is
 also a great lake, the river Jordan. And Capernium was placed
 as the prophet had written, on the borders of Zabulon and

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~~And~~ ^{came down from} in the midst of such resolve was diversion for
 And on the third day after I had left the mountain and ~~gone~~
~~rejection to~~ ^{make my return} the devil and had returned to Nazareth, ~~there was~~ a marriage
^{was made} in the place of Anna which was near to my home in Galilee, and
 my mother was ^{being an honored guest of one of the two poor families} ~~there~~, and asked me to come, ^{and I even arrived,}
^{and both were of poor means} ~~and it was almost~~ ^{Not when I} with a few of my disciples [not to myself—maybe he should not,
^{having been} ~~and it was almost~~ ^{ceremony was} ~~life~~ have his disciples with him] and in the midst of the marriage,
^{whispered} even among all the festivities, my mother said to me, "They are
^{without} ~~have no wine.~~"

And there was that in her voice to tell me that the ^{had}
 spirit of happiness was about to depart ^{prepared} ~~from this wedding,~~ ^{inasmuch as}
 which is the same as to say for we both knew that a nuptial
 feast that ~~was~~ ^{to drink} dry of wine is an omen of misery ~~that will~~

to ^{waylay} follow the happiness of early love. So I thought to try ^{such} ~~my~~
^{as might now be mine even if never before} powers which were new and had never been exercised, and ^{my father} ~~God~~
^{since in that instant and out of the clouds} was with me, for out of water I was able to make wine by

no more than my recollection of ^(best wine I had known) ²⁶⁸
~~thinking of no other than~~ (the ~~same~~ taste of the wine) And when

^{honored guest}
the ruler of the ~~feast~~ had tasted this water which was made ^{over}
and ^{became} ~~and~~ ^{spoke to the} ~~bridegroom~~ and said to him, "Every ^{host} ~~man~~ (at

the beginning doth ~~set~~ ^{but} forth good wine, and when men have well
drunk, then that ~~which is worse~~ ^{which is less than good wine} (is presented. But thou hast

kept the ^{your best} good wine ~~till now.~~ ^{the end and your marriage}
^{will be blest."} ^{commencement} ^{and it took place}

And that was the beginning of my miracles in Cana of

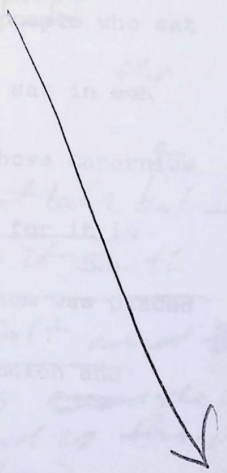
^{howbeit I was not quick to take upon praise}
Galilee, although the angel my Father had given me for moments
~~such as this~~ ^{sent him by}

such as this was there to whisper in my thoughts, "Even as a

barrel that is overflowing with honey ^{is soon} can be emptied, so can

the foolish son ^{his} ~~one~~ scatter one's store of miracles to perform."

overmuch since



breath of any ~~man~~ being they had encountered, but he was ~~not~~ ^{now} ~~but~~ ^{now} ~~was~~ ^{now} ~~this Herod, finally dead~~ ^{in Herod's place,} ~~and~~ (and his son, Herod Antipas, the Tetrarch, was afraid of ~~him~~ ^{now} ~~lived in much fear of~~ ^{on account of} ~~as Tetrarch~~ John the Baptist ~~and~~ ^{feared} ~~for~~ ^{(his own evils, and} ~~him~~ in

~~dreadful~~ terror that John might cause the people to rise against him,

and so he shut John up in prison ^{which} ~~and that~~ was where he was

now, and ~~could~~ ^{to} not be rescued, ^{from his dungeon,} And so I knew that the time

^{for me to} had come ~~and~~ I must leave Nazareth and begin to preach in

place of John who had suffered ^{in such amplitude of privation on} ~~in his mission.~~ And I thought

~~A Now, indeed, as I say, thought of commencing in Capernaum~~ before I left for Capernaum, which is on the Sea of Galilee,

~~between Cherazim and Magdala,~~ ^{between Cherazim and Magdala,} of Zabulon and Nephtholim, for still I was thinking of Isaiah

(and of how he had died) ^{yet} and he had written that "by way of the

sea beyond Jordan, ⁱⁿ Galilee of the gentiles, the ^{people} people who sat

in darkness saw a great light and for them ^{who} which sat in ^{the} ten

shadow of death, light is ^{now} sprung up," and so I chose Capernaum

^{not only for} which is on the Sea of Galilee ^{which is a great lake but for} into which flows, for it is

~~the river Jordan which flows out from it south~~ ^{also a great lake, the river Jordan.} And Capernaum was placed

down to the Dead Sea which is of salt and thereby

as the prophet had written, on the borders of Zabulon and

~~that is a great~~ ^{the} river Jordan flows ~~down~~ ^{the length} ~~the length~~ ^{of Palestine} down to Jerusalem and is familiar ^{to all who live in Palestine}

~~Nephthalim.~~

First, however, I thought to begin with ^{an effort more} ~~a most~~ modest

^{Since} ~~effort for I knew~~ that my tongue did not have the facility of

my hands ^{with} ~~which could hew wood and chisel into it and make~~

~~fittings of a fine joint,~~ ^{then} but that my tongue was still new and
~~could make fittings of fine words only~~
~~could only be brilliant,~~ when the Lord offered me speeches,

^{whereas} ~~But for myself,~~ ^{spoken thoughts} my words were often as ~~lame as if I had an~~

affliction. And so I thought to ease ^{such stricture} ~~the limb of speech~~ by

commencing in Nazareth where some, at least, would know me.

And so I went to the synagogue one day and began to preach but

^{can} ~~all I remember~~ ^{no more than} of all I said is "Repent, for the Kingdom of

^{and maybe it was all I said} Heaven is at hand." And although it was in the temple and
^{was in the temple of all my days as a young man and so} none would laugh at me in such a place, ^{yet} I felt the laughter

creep out of their feet like an invasion of mice, ^{what if I was} ~~and if there~~

^{considering how} ~~had been mice~~ they might as well have run up my back for I

^I felt such shame, and could hear the whispers even before they

^{were uttered;} ~~made them once the service was done. "He cannot even speak,"~~

I heard them say, "He speaks like a carpenter from Nazareth,
^{yet doth} and tells us to repent."

So I knew that I must leave and move ^{into those} to places where I
 was not known for ^{then how would people listen to} I was not the message so much as the words
^{that he would give me,} of God, (and I need merely be true to what I said and be
^{could it be that} certain I believed it, and each day I was away from the Devil,
^{did} the less his words intervened between the Spirit and my
 tongue, And the more I felt the joy, for by now I would
^{which} repudiate all the Devil had said, ^{by feeling such} and so the more I felt the
 joy that God was my Father and I was his only Son. And if He
 had a simple Son, yet I would do Him the greatest of honor.

So I vowed.

^{Would I} And I did not think of women once, ^{even if the Devil} I did not know how.

^{had sought to teach me how to commence on such}

I did not know what spirit of nakedness they carried beneath their robes.

^{And in great cleanliness was my joy even if such joy suffered}
^{when I saw} their robes. Still, I pondered the cause of the eloquence I

^{know in the synagogue at Nazareth}
 had failed to have since I can also recall that the last time

^{last} When I had spoken to a group, and they were even more learned than ^{by far}

thoughts, but once again

the priests and merchants of Nazareth, ^{so} ~~it~~ had been in the

Temple in Jerusalem when I was twelve, and no words had come

~~then~~ ^{however} halting to my tongue, the inspiration of the Lord ^{had been} ~~was~~ in my

veins, ^{whereas} ~~and now~~, as I walked the road ^{from} ~~to~~ Nazareth to ~~the town~~

~~where I would preach next~~, Capernum, ^a I came to understand

that my heart was still bruised as if rocks had fallen ^{upon it} ~~from~~

that high place ~~on that unknown mountain~~ where the Devil had

spoken to ~~me~~ ^{and in words} ~~for~~ his words against my Father, ~~had been~~ ^{so}

powerful that the conviction of my limbs had not been in my

^{answers since} ~~words for~~ the Devil had taught ^{convince} ~~me~~ to believe ^{it for an instant} ~~that while~~ God

might be my Father, we were not allied as parent and son in

many of our sentiments, ^{since} ~~that~~ I was too gentle in my

understanding if ~~I were~~ to obey the orders of the Almighty

^{So even} ~~since~~, as the Devil had said, He was vengeful. And yes, ^{thereby, on} ~~then~~

^{the road to Capernaum} ~~I was with understanding~~ ^{my father} ~~understood~~ that I had never felt great nearness to ~~God~~, even

^{the Lord} ~~if I knew~~ He was my Father ^(and, of necessity,) ~~from far away~~, for His ^{judgements} ~~verdicts~~

^{were with} ~~were so full of~~ a rage ^{to} ~~that destroyed~~ multitudes, and I knew

~~so~~ little of that. ~~Besides, He had not defended Himself while~~
~~and neither had my Father defend Himself,~~
 the Devil had mocked Him, But ~~at~~ that point, I stumbled on
 the road, ~~and it a misstep~~ ~~because~~
 the road, which was ~~an act~~ most unusual, ~~for~~ I was lithe of
 foot, ~~and~~ ~~I~~ fell heavily, as if a giant had ~~thrown~~ ~~me~~ to the
 earth, and ~~I heard~~ a strong voice ~~in~~ ~~my ear~~, and ~~it~~ said:
 "When I speak, ~~you do not hear~~ the voice of the Devil, That
 is from ~~an agreement~~ ~~between the Devil and Myself~~, and ~~I~~
 choose not to utter a word ~~or not often~~ when Lucifer is
 alone with ~~a man~~ ~~or inciting~~ a woman. But ~~I can tell you now~~
 that the words of the prophets are not My words but theirs, even
 when they ~~speaking~~ ~~in My name~~."

"Then how do they dare ~~to speak in Your name~~?" I thought.

To which the voice of the giant who had ~~thrown~~ ~~me~~ to the
 ground grew softer and said, "They are honest but full of
 passions that command them to excess."

I wished to ask if this was due to the work of the Devil
 but I did not dare. And so I only said, "My Lord, I am well

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~~after first speech in Nazareth (the failure)~~

"Now am I with eloquence," ^{1150 did Moses also say} did I say to him
And the Lord said to me, "Moses also said, 'O Lord, I am

not eloquent, ^{but} ~~I~~ am slow of speech ^{and} with a slow tongue,' and I

told him as I tell you, Who made man's mouth? ^{And who among any of} ~~Or who makes~~

^{thee maketh} the dumb or the deaf or the seeing or the blind? Am I not the

Lord? Now therefore, go, and I will be with thy mouth ^{and} and I

will teach thee what thou shalt say. As with Samuel the

prophet, I will ^{let} ~~let~~ none of your words fall to the ground."

disposed toward men."

"You are too well disposed," He told me. ^{11 Soon you} ~~you~~ will learn

but ^{the} only a fraction are worth saving."

With that ^{did I feel less} ~~I felt something~~ of the ^{whole} ~~full~~ uncertainty I ^{had} ~~and~~

known in the synagogue at Nazareth, ^{not and} ~~but~~ the Lord said, "You will do ^{well} ~~better~~ in Capernium. I will tell you again, even as I said to ^{Ezekiel that in all} ~~Ezekiel~~ all My words that I shall speak unto thee,

receive in thine ^{heart} ~~heart~~ and hear with thine ears. Then ~~go~~, get

thee ~~to them~~, unto the children of thy people, and speak unto

them and tell them ~~and~~ tell them again and again for they are

like stones and ^{deaf} ~~to one's words~~, so tell them again and

again and again, 'Thus saith the Lord God,' and do not be

concerned with ~~whether~~ they will hear or ~~whether they will~~

forbear to hear, ^{because} ~~because~~ words are also My creatures and

^{by many roads and by other routes and so} ~~travel through many routes~~, that if some are slowed by ~~the~~

~~treacheries of land that is full of~~ swamp, others strain

mightily to climb ^{all} ~~the~~ walls of rock that separate them from

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understanding."

And at that point even as I came to my feet, I felt the Spirit lifting me even further so that my heart was high with again and this so much greater than before that it joy, and this was the first joy I had known since forty days of was ~~like~~ like the reward for forty days of fasting. But I heard behind me, and His voice was full of a great rushing, "Blessed be the glory of the Lord from His place," and I heard the noise of living creatures who flew about me ~~all~~ invisible, but I could hear their wings touch ^{upon} one another and the sound of the wheels of a thousand ^{of} upon another thousand of chariots, a noise of great rushing came to me as if from ^{over} the other side of a hill, and so I knew the Spirit had ^{all large} up lifted me up and ~~taken me away and~~ dissolved the greater part of all in me ~~that was~~ lacking in faith and the ^{hand} ~~hand~~ of the Lord was strong upon me. So I came to Capernaum, ^a but it was by a long pilgrimage for I had had to descend from the hills of Nazareth to the sea of Galilee. 16

And there, my feet upon the small stones, ^{of the shore by} there abide on the Sea of Galilee that is a great lake

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~~insert: when Jesus first meets Peter:~~

And I noticed ^{how (Simon) once} that ~~once~~ he had pulled in the fish and
^{came upon} emptied his nets, ~~there was~~ a tear in the net and with ~~thin~~
^{it} strips of rawhide he mended ~~his~~ net with dexterity and ~~most~~
quickly. And I ~~thought~~ ^{there is} to myself, I have need of a man who
~~can mend nets~~ ^{mendeth} ~~for~~ ^{by} it is ~~one~~ ^{that he} skill to capture the fish and ~~but by~~
~~another~~ ^{doth he the} to prevent ^{of} losing them.

~~the shore of the sea,~~ ^{where} I saw two fishermen casting their nets

~~into the sea,~~ ^I and was much taken with how they appeared. For

they ^{was} ~~were~~ the first people I had seen ^{on this journey,} who were not a prophet

nor Satan nor my ^F father, but men. And they were large men of

great power in their shoulders, ^{and} with large hands, and the

oldest of the two, who was yet younger than myself was named

Simon and the other was his brother Andrew. ^[INSERT from P183 next page] And I said to

them without a word of warning to myself nor to them, and ^{this,} my

voice ^{that} had to carry ~~the~~ the distance it would take to throw a small

stone--they were not far off ^{yet} but not near--and I said, "Come

ye after me and I will make you to become fishers of men."

And I said it with great merriment and joy for I realized that

to be without other men for forty days is also a fast of ^{great} great

^{emptiness and if I had seen men and women at the}
~~emptiness, and these were good men, I thought, and I loved the~~
^{listening and in the synagogue of Nazareth. If they were}

~~hands of Simon and of Andrew~~ ^{*} for they knew how to cast their

nets with a quiet wisdom that put a small spell upon the sea

^{so that they would bring back many fish. And}
~~and I knew they would bring them back filled with fish.~~ And

not of my choice and friends and fellow apprentices,

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 since I was a carpenter and ~~did not know the water~~, but rather ^{know (of)}
~~much less than~~ ^{their craft and}
~~the nature of wood, so was I taken with the art of fishing for~~

it was clear to me that ~~the~~ fish lived in a spell within the
^{lake}
~~water~~ and the fisherman must have a wiser spell if he were to
^{take any or all}
~~capture them~~ ^{into his net.}

And so, "Yes," I said ^{and I was as a man of wealth in my}
~~on the force of this~~ enthusiasm,

"come ye after me and I will make you to become fishers of

men." And betwene their eyes and mine across ~~the water~~ was a
^{(across the space of water between us and such}
~~compact, in which I showed much wisdom, which enabled me to~~
^{how many had}
~~feel for the first time a sense of all the powers~~ God ~~and~~

helped me to wrench from Satan. And it was then I understood

how much Satan had been willing to gamble with his secrets

~~most private~~ by offering me so much of his presence. By that

much ~~in measure~~ had he wished to capture me, but now by the

help of the Lord I would use Satan's manner when speaking to

many, and would address them with the finest courtesy and the

most intimate exhilaration, as if we few shared ^{only between ourselves} the wonders of

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living things. And I recalled what I had already forgotten, that before Satan had departed he had said to me, "I ^{am with} ~~have~~ high regard for you and would touch your hand," and I had done so even if the Lord ~~had~~ raised the hairs on the back of my head. But ^{being} ~~I~~ was also afraid of Satan and anxious for him to depart, ^{so,} and therefore, ^{and I} ~~I~~ and touched one finger of my right hand, my middle finger, to the tip of his, and ~~I~~ knew then that someone in the quick years to come would have ~~the~~ power to betray me mortally.

^{Yet} ~~And~~ was it also with the power of ^{God had wrenched from Satan} ~~this~~ that no sooner had Simon and Andrew, his brother, brought their boat to the shore and cast their catch into bags of cloth as ~~they emptied the~~ ^{nets}, and picked them up and came with me down the road not far to a small house where I was introduced to James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, also fishermen, ^{who} ~~and they were~~ ~~in ship~~ by the shore mending their nets. But so soon as Simon ^{did they leave} called to them, ~~they left their father Zebedee in the ship~~

with his hired servants and came also with us. And I realized

~~that I had made~~
 then I made my first mistake ~~and it did not matter~~, for these
~~James and John~~
 two were the sons of a rich man, Zebedee, and were more ready

for diversion than for prayer. And had left their father

often before. But still I ~~and~~ ^{had} Simon whom I ^{soon} proceeded to call

~~and then~~
^{Simon} Peter because he was strong as a rock and he would be my rock.

~~Which~~
~~And that~~ is a name for Peter. And he would be with me all the
 hours but one.

I marched straight to Capernium with my four followers,
 and if we did not speak, still there was deep understanding

between us for I looked at each of them, eye to eye and saw
 more to honor than to despise. They were good men, ^{at least} as well as

I could measure it, and ^{having} I heard it said ^{by} from the Lord, ~~and so~~

~~full of the confidence~~ that Capernium would not be like

Nazareth, ~~and my tongue would even find the words it had lacked~~

~~in Nazareth~~, we went straight to the synogogue and there I

preached the wisdom of John the Baptist.

It was the Sabbath ~~day~~ and many were there and I
 understood that if I had found Peter and Andrew and James and
 John busy at ^{their} ~~labors of fishing~~ on the Sabbath day when work
 was forbidden, it was because they did not keep ~~the~~ mark of
^{each day,} ~~the days~~ but merely worked with ^{as} ~~the~~ knowledge of fishermen who
 know when their own waters are ready, ~~for them~~. So I also knew
^{were} they would not learned enough to speak with me, not ^{as yet,} ~~for a~~
~~while~~. But I was eloquent, for ^{the words of} I had learned what John the
^{were in me to say and other words as} Baptist had ~~to say~~. ^{well,}
^{that conversation in the synagogue of Capernaum,}
 And so I told ~~them~~ all the God's heart was heavy for he
^{than had selected} had ~~created~~ man and ~~taken~~ His own chosen people from the
^{if} multitude of men He had created and these people were His Jews
~~and~~ some were faithful and many were not, and all were
^{yet} sinners, but ~~that~~ God had prepared a heaven for those He could
^{happiness for them weighed in balance on the scales,} judge with ~~a good balance~~ and He would accept them in His
^{yet} Kingdom after death, ~~but~~ for those who betrayed the
 comandments and the law and the presence of God ~~as they felt~~

~~is~~ in their souls, for those who chased after the
 concupiscence of ~~the~~ ^{each} hour and the merriment of ~~the~~ ^{and wine alone,} wine, then
 judgment would come. And if it was of many shades and depths,
 so do the stones of the dungeon descend cell beneath cell and
 sinners who ~~do~~ ^{do} not repent ~~would be~~ ^{are} brought ~~down~~ ^{step by step,} down to hell, to
 the sides of the pit. And they would know what caused the
 earth to tremble ~~and would perceive~~ ^{when in earth quake} too late the power of that
 godly ~~hand~~ ^{which} that could shake kingdoms and thus too late would
~~descend~~ ^{descend} ~~go down~~ ^{even} to the stones of the pit as a cock ^{mouse or small creature} is trodden
 underfoot. And if I did not repeat the words of Isaiah in
~~full clarity,~~ nonetheless their strength was in my ~~hand~~ ^{me} and I
 spoke with the force of a man who hefts a sword, and indeed I
~~had~~ ^{had} and never felt stronger in my life.

And I said, "Repent, and ye will have remission of all
 your sins." And I knew they were astonished at this doctrine
 of John the Baptist, for I spoke as one who had authority and
 not in the singsong of the Pharisees and the scribes ^{of Nazareth} who read

from the scrolls ^{from} in a weak and whining voice, a singsong of

the spirit as if ^{compromise} their feet had been so dulled by repetition

^{that now they danced if} ~~they could dance~~ ^(dead lot of the spirit) (uncomfortably, upon the coals, ~~Now I~~

^{whereas I was ready to speak} ~~spoke~~ with a full voice, and a man in the synogogue, a fearful

looking fellow who looked like a brigand, for his nose was

^{and} broken, ^{while} his shoulders ~~now~~ bent were still as powerful as the

~~full~~ strength of his back, and he had scars on his face, an

old brute of a man with a spirit so unclean that the stench of

his body came before him like a warning. ^{Yes} But he cried out,

saying, "Let us alone! What have we to do with thee, thou

Jesus of Nazareth? Art thou come to destroy us? I know thee,

who thou art, the holy one of God."

And I saw ~~that~~ his features has once been noble before
being bent and thickened and even torn by the unrest within

him. And so I ~~stop~~ in my place as he approached and I stared
into his eyes and said, "Hold thy peace."

And he stopped,

Then I said, ^{and} ~~and~~ indeed I ^{was not without the} ~~used the intimate~~ manner of

Lucifer, for I knew I was speaking to an unclean spirit which

^{be pulled} I would have to ~~pull~~ forth from this man's heart and chest
^{even as is torn} like a mole from a hole in a tree, ^{yet} ~~but~~ I also knew this brute ^{that}

and ~~wreck of a~~ bully had come to me ^{so that} ~~to~~ have his evil thoughts

^{be} pulled forth. And by the powers of attraction that Satan ^{may} ~~had~~
^{have left} ~~left~~ in me ^{as much as with the rectitude of God,} so did I say, "Hold thy peace, evil spirit, and
 come out of him." ^{Come out of him!"}

And it was then that the unclean spirit ^{this} ~~tore out of~~ ^{forth from} his
 throat and cried aloud in a great voice and ^{did come} ~~came~~ out of him.

And all the good Jews of the synagogue were amazed for they

were pious people ^{whose greatest} ~~who had no fear greater~~ ^{and none greater,}
^{was to be} ~~sequestered~~ in a room with unclean spirits, ^{for they knew not how to resist them,} and so would have
^{them or with} no traffic with ~~people who~~ gave hospitality to them. So did

they now say, and they were amazed: "What thing is this?

What new doctrine [?] ~~is this?~~ ^{does he} With authority ~~he can~~ even command

unclean spirits and they obey, ^{him."}

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And in that moment it was true that I felt as if I ~~had~~^{had}
hurled a great stone far ~~far out~~ into the midst of the ~~Sea~~^{such} of
Galilee and the ripples had spread from there to every shore, ~~and John~~^{Simon Peter and Andrew and James}
for by the time my new friends and I came out of the synagogue
and entered into the house of Simon and Andrew, ~~with James and~~^{Peter}
~~John~~, it was as if I could hear the ~~word~~^{account} of my presence being
spread abroad throughout all the region of Galilee ~~even as if~~^{and again}
~~I had hurled a stone some great distance far into the midst of~~
~~the sea of Galilee and the ripples came out and went in all~~^{spread forth in my vision}
directions to pass ~~the~~^{my} message to the shore.

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And so full was I with the strength of all these matters
that when we came into Peter's house, lo, the mother of his
wife was lying there sick of a fever and I ~~knew to come~~^{had only to} and
take her by the hand and encourage her to lift herself from
her bed. And when she stood, I felt her forehead and the
fever had left her and she was so ~~(word missing)~~^{heartened} by this
cooling of ~~such~~^{much} sick heat inside her that she ministered to us

and cooked for us and we were well fed.

And that evening, friends of Simon and Andrew and James and John came to the house bringing with them a few who were diseased or who thought themselves possessed of devils and I felt ~~all illumined~~ and ready for many missions and the cures came easily and brought me great joy for I had no more than to put my hand upon someone or kiss them on the cheek and out came many little devils and ~~they could~~ ^{so each of those who came was able to} say farewell to divers diseases. And the devils did not even have to speak as they came out--which is just as well, for they made a terrible sound when ~~you could hear them.~~ ^{they did protest.}

Then in the morning, Peter said to me, "All men now seek for thee and I do fear of excess. For if there be quality in an act, ^{so will} ~~quantity will~~ change it, and I do not wish the curious ~~and~~ ^{nor} those who seek after miracles to form thy throng. For

that would offer great attention but offer small power to change men's souls." And, ^{(being much impressed with his wisdom, so} ~~in that instant, thinking of my~~ did I also, in that instant, think of my

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insert, after or before the first leper:

And as I looked at the leper, ^{God gave me to} I remember the words of Moses who said, "Behold, they would not believe me nor hearken to my voice."

And the Lord said, "What is that in thy hand?"

And I said, "A rod."

And the Lord said, "Cast it on the ground." And ^{Moses} he cast it on the ground and it became a serpent, and Moses fled before it. But the Lord said unto ^{him} Moses, "Put forth thy hand and take it by the tail," and when Moses put forth his hand and caught the serpent by the tail, it had become again a rod in his hand. And the Lord said unto him, "Put down thy hand unto thy bosom," and Moses put his hand to his bosom and when he took it out, ^{behold} his hand was leprous as snow, and God said, "Put thy ^{hand} in thy bosom again," and he put his hand into his bosom ^{again} and he plucked it out of his bosom and

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behold, it was turned again as his other flesh.

"Then it shall come to pass that they will not believe thee," said the Lord, "they shall believe the voice of the sign itself," and having remembered this, I heard God say to me, "Do it and it shall be done ^{every} (as if I did it," and ~~later~~ ^{was now} ~~after the cure~~, I realized that at the least, my Father had ^{given} ~~given~~ me powers that were like unto the powers He ^{once} ~~had~~ given to Moses.

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cousin John, the Baptist, in the dungeon of Herod Antipas, ~~and~~
 knew my ~~own pain~~ ^{pain once more} like a knife in my chest, for the Lord had
 given me great ~~powers~~ ^{but}, (so was I also open to large
 catastrophe, and ~~I~~ encouraged Peter and Andrew and James and
 John to leave ~~with~~ me so that we might go to other synagogues
 in Galilee and ~~cast out~~ ^{with behind} devils there. It was ~~better~~ ^B to do the
 deed and leave ~~the~~ wonder than to remain in the circle of
~~envious~~ plaudits until the wonder had faded, ^{to dissension}

And in another synagogue in another town, a leper came to
 me and knelt and ~~asked~~, "Canst thou make me clean?"

I did not ~~know~~ ^{and much higher}. To cure a leper was a miracle of another
 order. But I knew ~~now~~ ^{I (also)} compassion because of the pain in his
 eyes and whispered ^{unto} ^{"Grant"} to the Lord, "Allow me this power." And ~~I~~

^{And now when I} put forth my hand and touched ^{the leper, I} ~~him~~ and said, "I will do as thou ^{no more than}

~~ask~~. Be thou clean," ^{And he was clean,}

And indeed ~~the~~ ^{when} leprosy departed from him and he was
 cleansed. But ^{I said} ~~to him~~, "Say nothing to any man. Go thy

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way and maintain this cleansing by doing only those things
that Moses commanded; ~~be~~ a testimony unto the commandments
and say nothing to others," *when then*)

But ~~he~~ went out and in the hour began to blaze abroad the
caused such direction of the multitude towards me that
matter and I knew it was time for me to enter the desert ~~where~~

I would be inundated with lepers and I did not need the Lord
to tell me that there were grave ~~limits~~ *obstacles* *all is* to curing them, for it
was true that ~~the~~ *the* diseases *of many* were ranked *also* (like the angels in
hierarchy, and so ~~to~~ *but* cure the highest disease, which is *only*

another way of saying the lowest, *was* is to ask the Holy Spirit to
descend *by* ten more *from* dimensions into the pit and I was weak ~~after~~

Curing my first
~~I cured the leper and~~ *a spirit of indulgence upon*
~~knew if I allowed myself I would not~~
myself that I would not *so*
rise from my bed for a day, ~~but~~ *that* instead, I fled to the desert
after telling my followers *again* (I would meet them in Capernaum.

For a night and *for* another night I lived with the snakes of
and the scorpions, *and* I did my best to live *live next to them* among them without fear

in which practice I was not altogether successful, but did

recall to) ~~remind~~ myself that John the Baptist ^{was one who} could pick up a scorpion
^{converse with} ~~and talk to~~ it while it rested in his hand, nor did it ^{sting} ~~bite~~.

And ~~on~~ my return to Capernaum, ^a ~~there~~ was ^{with good men} ~~a sign~~, for the
^{to speak} first man ~~who~~ came to me was a centurion with ^{handsome} ~~beautiful~~ armor
upon his chest, ^{and on his} ~~And he was a Roman, I could see, for on his~~
helmet ^{This Roman} ~~was an eagle. And he~~ stood before me, as a ~~fine~~, proud
man, and who ^{could} ~~was to~~ say how many were dead by his sword? ^{Yes} ~~But~~

^{saying} ~~he~~ was polite to me and said, "Lord, my good servant is ~~home~~
~~and sick of a palsy and grievously demented.~~"

^{replied} And I said without pause, ^{"Let me"} ~~"I will"~~ come and heal him."

^{In} ~~To~~ increase my respect, ^{of} ~~the~~ centurion answered, ^{did} "Lord, I
am not worthy that thou should come under my roof, but if you
speak the word, my servant shall be healed. ^{Speak it to me, and ye} ~~Ye~~ need not come
to my house, for I am a man ^{of} ~~under authority~~, and have soldiers
^{a soldier} ~~under me, and I can command this man to go, and he goeth. And~~

to another, I tell him 'Come,' and he cometh. ^{So, sir} ~~And~~ my servant will
^{needs} ~~do~~ what ^{should ye give me the power} ~~is~~ to be done. ~~But I have such faith in you that if~~

to tell him to rise, and then will ye have ^{given me the} ~~you merely say the word, my servant shall be healed~~ ¹³⁴
~~power to heal my servant by my command.~~

And this ~~man~~ ^{this soldier, this} centurion, had
tears in his eyes ~~so~~ that I marveled, and turned to my
followers and said, ^{"Have I} ~~"I have not~~ found so great a faith in
^{so early} anyone in these days, no, not in ^{all of Galilee"} Israel." And I said to the
centurion, "Go, ~~and~~ your servant will be healed."

And so ^{it} ~~it~~ was done as others came to tell me later.

And I was pleased with the ^{news of those who welcomed me} warmth of the welcome in the
market and on the streets of Capernium as many passed by ^{and}
^{gave greeting} ~~ssaid~~ hello, and my followers told me that Capernium, ^{Simon Peter} ~~being a~~

^{but a} small city on level ground near the sea, was of great
attraction, ^{and many came} ~~for reasons~~ no one could name for men who did not
know women but only men. ^{So, also was I such men} And I was ~~told~~ that they would cover

their lips like women, although in the taverns, on wine, they
would argue ^{concerning their disposition,} ~~with others,~~ men like my followers, and say ^{how the} ~~(e-5~~
~~ends)~~ ^{who} The bravest of the Greeks were the Spartans ~~and they~~
lived entirely as men in the arms of each other."

~~others~~ ^{others} dispute as follows: "So did" ^{whereas} ~~others~~ would say, "yes." But they also lived ^{colouring} with the sword ~~and~~ you live with the ~~color~~ (of berries on your lips."

Nonetheless, ^{felt affection for, even} I ~~liked~~ these sodomites as I encountered them, ⁱⁿ ~~these sodomites~~ of Capernium. ^{for they} They were tender in spirit toward me and gave ~~me~~ welcome and ^{would} listened to my words beneath the ~~shade~~ ^{with much shade} of a tree inasmuch as they were not welcome in the temple. ^{given their disposition.}

There, each ^{of} day I preached the incarceration of John the Baptist ^{who} was with ~~me~~ each day and upon me, and I spoke with ^{and fire} ~~fire~~ and the clarity that comes from not knowing what ^{gives} gave

utterance to one's speech but ~~only~~ that it is full and no word ^{goes in need of} needs to search for its next. And more gathered each day ^{at the} ~~Synagogue~~ ^{no bench} until there was ~~no room~~ to receive them, ~~no~~, not even in the vestibule ^{nor} ~~or~~ outside the door. And the ~~greater the crowd~~, more

~~came~~ until one day ^{came} a man with palsy wholly paralyzed and borne ^{toward} ~~me~~ by four other men, ^{but} could not ~~come near to me~~ ^{approach} because of the

those listening, and so did those four take
press of ~~people and~~ in their desperation they took ladders and

and broke indeed a hole between
climbed upon the roof, where they had put him for the time,
the rafters that of the man with palsy
and broke a hole into it so they could lower the bed nearer

spoke, exhibit of (in me,)
to where I was speaking. And when I saw such faith, I knew

(of attitude in his heavens was proof of their)
that with such desperation was love of this man and so I said,
he was therefore more than worthy,
and without pause, "Son, thy sins be forgiven thee." For I

as much by already
knew by now with the cures I had accomplished that the

torments of the ill come from the weight of the sin, and the

must be as
man paralyzed by palsy is naught by equal to the horror he

knows in this case that he has
feels for his sins, a horror so great he does not believe in
just cause or sanction to move a limb.
his right to move. So I forgave him without hesitation or

in as much as already
thought since his repentance was in his paralysis.

Yet among in the synagogue
But the scribes who were sitting there were much

affronted, and I heard one of them say, "Why doth this man thus

Who
speak blasphemies? No one can forgive sins but God only, and
no other."

So did I know that been in error to speak
And immediately I knew I had made a mistake in soeaking

yet
so without caution, but already I found it difficult to bear

the presence of those who were ^{pious,} ~~most~~ ^{considering that the} ~~smell of~~
^{suggestion of} ~~that odor which is in~~
~~their spirit as it came to me was like the death of shellfish~~
ⁱⁿ ~~and the corruption of squid when they have died~~ ^{for they die} ~~by the side of~~
~~the sea which once nourished them.~~ ^{(had been of nourishment to them,}
~~whereupon I said, and still was I without caution;~~
~~So I said, "Why reason these things in your hearts?"~~

~~Know now~~
~~Learn now and know~~ that the son of man hath power on earth, to
forgive sins. ^{So} ~~And~~ I say unto this man with palsy: Arise, take
up your bed, and go thy way into thine house." And the man
^{neither was he} ^{his bed} ~~arose, and he was not a large man but he took up his bed and~~
^{from the synagogue} ~~walked forth before them all, and he staggered only a little,~~
^{it} ^{it was (by} ~~so they were much amazed, and ponder upon it.~~

And I saw another of the scribes say, "We never saw aught
in this fashion."

^{so did I leave} ^{on that day}
And ~~I left~~ the temple, ^{ex} ~~but the multitude of Capernaum~~

^{now} followed me and ~~I~~ did my best to teach them, ~~in the shade beneath the trees of the city, and then~~
^{in the shade beneath the trees of the city, and then} ~~And more was I~~
~~I was coming to understand why I was here and why Jehovah~~
^{chosen} ^{a God of his dimension would be so} ~~had needed me since it was likely He had no patience of the~~
~~tried for patience when already had He~~

on the shore of the Sea of Galilee
that is a great lake

consumed

~~small sort inasmuch as we had used up~~ His charity by repeating
~~our sins and repeating them, and men were therefore so small to~~
much *whereas* *too*
~~that they needed me to understand them, and their errors, even~~
comprehend and

as I had known great emptiness when I had fasted and so could

~~comprehend that emptiness of the soul which could feel no~~
waste-place *where no pride stirs*

~~pride in its good deeds, When the soul is emptied by the~~
over one's *but then* *may be as a void*

before the ~~memory of its sins, it is hungry with desperation.~~
and know the hunger that is

~~It was then that I contemplated how great~~
~~On the return from the seaside, I thought of my need for~~
~~was my need for~~ *total disciples*
~~more followers. There were disciples who would be loyal to me~~

~~on every day and would follow me without question so that my~~
of the year *many*

~~promises to many people could be fulfilled, or else I would I~~
and then he did

~~bring them hope, but only for an hour and then must move on,~~
destroy I have no need *And it was*

~~for fear that others needed me more. So I was looking for~~

~~disciples and on my return from the shore of the sea of~~

~~Galilee as I came back to Capernium,~~ *that* ~~I saw Levi, the son of~~

Alphaeus, sitting at the customs house, and I said to him,

"Follow me."

And he arose and he did. I looked into his eyes and ~~they~~ ^{they}
~~were enough so did I~~

~~did not care nor concern myself with the nature of his work,~~

~~and thereby~~

I would yet learn that few ~~people~~ ^{or none} were ~~as unpopular~~ ^{less} in all of

~~than~~ ^{was much as} Israel as men in customs houses since they worked for ~~the~~

Romans and collected taxes. ~~But I measured my apostles by the~~ ^{let I had need only to}

light in their eye, ^{in that} ~~since the~~ light in the eye of a sinner or

~~of a~~ ^{may be} ~~any man who cheats others is often as brilliant as many with~~ ^{any others who}

~~have~~ ^{shine beyond} love of the future and the eyes of those who are sinless and

~~downcast.~~ ^{had need of} And I ~~needed~~ ^{had need of} twelve men, one for each of the tribes

of Israel was my measure ~~of this number.~~ I needed twelve men

who could look back with the recognition and I could see ^{into my eyes} ~~their~~ ^{that} ~~what was in~~

^{nor did that} soul--which did not mean ~~that~~ I saw them as good men, ~~or not~~

^{nor} clean, ~~or~~ free of much warping and ~~twisting~~ when it came to

examination of their honesty. Yet with ~~every recognition that~~

~~made me uneasy of all that they did not possess,~~ ^I I could also

see ^{into their eyes} as if God had given me the power to travel

beneath ^{that} the waters to the bottom of the sea, and in their eyes

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~~I found~~ ^{was} a soul who would journey down every road with me, or so I thought.

~~Yet there was~~ ^(and he) ~~the only one for whom I could not say that was Judas,~~ ^{yet} ~~he~~

~~was~~ so beautiful with his dark beard that I wished him to ^{be among my twelve} ~~become one of my close followers~~, even if I could not see into

his eyes because they were full of fire, ^{and I} ~~which meant that I~~

was as if blinded ^{such} ~~by the smoke and the fumes of his spirit~~

which was exceedingly present. ^{was much as} ~~Since he was the son of a very~~

^{Notwithstanding,} ~~wealthy man and hated his father, although I welcomed him~~

~~despite all cautions~~, for he claimed to love the poor.

^{In that manner} ~~Before I was done,~~ ¹⁹

~~I ordained twelve, all twelve, that~~ ^{I had hope that} ~~they should be with me, and I hoped I might send them forth to~~ ^{it would} ~~preach and give them the power to heal sicknesses and cast out~~ ~~devils. And if I had already surnamed Simon as Peter, I also~~

~~had James the son of Zebedee, and John the brother of James,~~

~~whom I surnamed Boanerges, which is the sons of thunder, and~~

~~there was Andrew and Philip and Bartholomew and Matthew and~~

Thomas, and another James who was ^{also} the son of Alphaeus, ^{like Levi,} and

Thaddeus, and Simon the Canaanite and Judas Iscariot of whom I

have spoken ^{was} already, and of them all, ~~I would say~~ that Judas

~~was the one I saw in that time as~~ the most comely. But then I

was not only the son of man, but ^{mayhap} His Fool. Besides, it was

~~my father who would say~~ God ~~who taught me~~ that the Devil was the most beautiful

creature He ever made, or at least ^{such} that was true before the

Fall.

~~Yet in choosing some of my disciples had~~
~~My difficulties with the scribes and the Pharisees had~~
~~I opened much dissatisfaction with the Pharisees~~
~~just begun.~~ As I would sit at meat in the house of Levi, ~~the~~

~~son of Alphaeus whom I had renamed James, (why? There is~~

~~already one James so there must be a special reason for this~~

~~confusing duplication)~~ many publicans and sinners sat also

with us, and ^{such} these publicans who were tax collectors like Levi

^{numerous and} were many and they followed me for ^{they were full of shame} no sin from many a Jew was

~~before other Jews and were, as publicans, heavy in their~~
~~so heavy upon his heart) as to work for the Romans, and so they~~

^{that they did}
~~such publicans had much~~ and need of me. But when the scribes and Pharisees saw me

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~~another note to~~

~~when arguing with the Pharisees.~~

And ^{how} I debated ~~whether~~ to tell them that sinners, having
 encountered ^{knows} used the Evil Spirit, know it, and sometimes may even be
 surfeited ^{in the weariness} of it, whereas the righteous fester with the fatigues
 of ^{salary} ~~with their wars against the Evil Spirit~~ and so can suffer from

the impatience of the intolerant, and this was of
 such wisdom and I knew so little that
 it was my Father instructing me, I
 knew, even as I slept.

Besides, I was as happy in the

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~~Cafarnaum~~

Early on he talks ~~in~~ ^{and leaving} the house of Levi, one of his first ~~of~~
disciples, ~~to people from the lowest and most disreputable~~
~~pariahs~~, and some were poor and unwashed, yet ~~in~~ ^{such people} ~~in the~~
house of Levi, so did I begin to ponder upon the absence of,
~~feel the lack of God and those souls who were rich and yet~~
~~unfeeling~~ ^{my Father's} presence in ~~Solomany~~ ^{so many} ~~or~~
others, ~~whereas~~ ^{whereas} ~~in the table of Levi~~ ^{who were his friends}
~~that there was much petty injury~~ ^{which} ~~that one~~
would cast upon another but also much
of good feeling and ^{simple} ~~for~~ ^{for} neighbors ~~even~~
~~poorer or more disturbed in situation or poorer~~
than themselves, and the faces of the
poor shone for me with a clarity not
unlike the grain of wheat that has been
tormented to much exposure to the goodness
and wrath of my Father, and then hath
been polished by man.

eating with publicans and sinners, they spoke to my twelve,

to others ^{such} ~~of men~~ saying: ^{so did they speak}
 (disciples and said "How is it that he eateth and drinketh with
 those who are as dogs?" ^{such?} So that I ~~had to say to them~~ ^{although I was not eager}

^{large space} already, yet did I say;
 to widen what ~~space~~ ^{was} between us, I said to them,

"They that are whole ^{have} no need of the physician, but they
 that are sick ^{need much,} I am here not to call the righteous, but
 to repentance,"

→ ^{the} ~~sinners, to repentance.~~ But no argument would suffice with
 these scribes and these Pharisees, ^{Albeit nothing of such ilk in argument would suffice}
 and they would say to me, ^{so would}

^{the Baptist}
 "The disciples of John would fast. Why do thy disciples fast
 not?"

^{whereas I do not recall how I answered, so}
 I no longer recall what I said to them, but in the gospel

^{ok} ^{don I say} ^{like}
 according to Mark ~~he gave me a speech which may be close to~~

what I said then, and so ^{yet more do} I do not argue with it, ~~altogether,~~

~~although much more is to be said of such thoughts since the~~

^{I remember that they} ^{at Capernaum did assail}
 piety of the Pharisees and the scribes, ~~was assailing my~~

^{my} nostrils like a poison, and at night ^{would} I would brood over those
 Jews who ^{but} speak for the religion and drive away sinners.

Synagogue!

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those who were members in long-standing of the

And so I said ~~to them~~, "Can the children of the bridechamber fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. But the days will come when the bridegroom shall, perhaps, be taken away from them, and then shall they fast." And I added, "No man will put new into old bottles lest the new wine burst the bottles and the wine is spilled. New wine must be put into new bottles."

saying this to an honorable Pharisee who

~~And as I said this, one of the publicans drinking at my table heard my words to the scribe and laughed with much contempt. And I knew the issue of this difference was deepened and indeed it was~~ made worse on the next day when

~~some~~ of my publicans and sinners walked through corn fields on the Sabbath day and plucked ears of corn and the Pharissess

said, "To pluck corn on the Sabbath day is not lawful." And *when I gave answer and my voice was as if I had treted them with the compassion that sinners inspired a race with my cautions, and my voice in me, perhaps I would not have answered,* "Have you never read *do gain a victory, saying;*

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shelled show-bread
in all the bible

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~~what David did~~ and how he went into the house of God and ate
the ^{show} ~~showbread~~ which was not lawful to eat but for the priests?
And ~~David~~ ^{by David's hand was given} gave the showbread to those who were with him? I

tell you, the Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the

Sabbath. ¹¹ ~~Therefore, the son of man is Lord also of the~~
~~Sabbath,~~ and I ~~thought~~ ^{and of} of John the Baptist, ~~now in prison in~~
~~the depths of his dungeon,~~ ^{deep in such depths,} and if this were my first
rebellion, I knew ^{so} ~~it~~ ^{it} would not be the last. ^{Yet, also, did I not} ~~But I also did~~

~~not~~ feel the displeasure of God, and it was as if my Father
^{taken counsel with himself} had not yet decided ~~on this course I had taken,~~ but neither
was He opposed, ^{for} no voice of rebuke came ~~into~~ my ear.

And on the ^{next} ~~Sabbath day~~ ^{when} which was the ~~next day,~~ I entered
^{so was} again into the synagogue ~~and~~ there ~~was~~ a man with a withered
hand and ^{many} ~~all the~~ scribes watched him ^{if} to see whether I would
seek to heal him on the ^{this} ~~Sabbath day~~ and I knew they were ready
to make ~~the~~ accusation.

Still, I ~~was~~ ^{of} myself not like
But I felt ~~a new force in those days which was not~~

~~comparable to any strength I had encountered before in~~ ^{body} ~~any~~
~~or in spirit, and was confident~~
~~part of myself. And I knew that I could not serve my father~~

if I did not move forward and ~~continue to move forward for~~ ^{inasmuch as when I}

~~would be~~ ^{so} ~~where I was~~ ^{but} ~~in error, He would rebuke me, and no rebuke had~~

⁴⁹⁶ ~~come. So on the Sabbath, I said~~ ^{in Capernaum did I say} ~~(to the man with the withered~~

hand, "Stand forth."

And I said--and it was as if my mind had opened to offer
 insight--I said to the man with the withered hand, "Stand
 forth."

And when he stood, I said to the congregation, "Is it
 lawful to do good on the Sabbath? Is it lawful to save life
 if people sicken?"

But ~~no one in the congregation~~ ^{among them} spoke and I was roused to
 anger, ~~for they had not the courage to say "Cure him," and~~

~~where would I be tomorrow if I did? But the hardness of their~~
~~hearts~~ ^{hearts (wherein no heart is so hard as the cautious heart)}
~~infuriated me and I said to the man,~~ ^{did} ~~"Stretch forth~~ ^(saying!)

^{to me,} ~~thine hand," and when he stretched it out,~~ I did not even have

but could see how his
to touch it. His hand was restored to him as whole as the
other. ^{Yes} And I felt a great anguish as if something of the

mystery of the power to heal which the Lord had given me may

injured pride in me,
have been wounded by excess, (for now I understood, that even as
in much displeasure now stood,
the Pharisees went forth and left the synagogue, that it would

not be long before I must go to war with my own people and if

would they then be
I did not defeat them, they were lost to what I had learned.
had been prepared for me to teach?

And indeed, later that night, two of my disciples heard
who made claim to hear that day how
that two of the Pharisees in the synagogue that day had taken

counsel with officers of Herod who lived in Capernaum and
among them was
there had been discussion of how I might be stilled. And with

so did I know, from
by those words, I knew that I must flee Capernaum and live in the

on the Sea of
hills and on the wilder shores of Galilee, which are as empty,

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Yet I was far from alone, since my disciples accompanied
in addition,
me and a multitude from Galilee, and the word begun by John

the Baptist that in repentance was the remission of sin ^{become} was

which passed
Now the word that passed through all the hills and valley and

desert of Israel, ~~and~~ even into the mountains and across them, *and already were there the multitude who*
~~So~~ men and women accompanying ~~them~~ came from all of Judea and

from Jerusalem, from Idumea and even beyond the Jordan, and

from the north in Tyre and Sidon, a great multitude. And as

they gathered about me in ~~such~~ *much* numbers and in ~~such~~ need, I
 could not speak ~~to them~~ for fear of being encompassed by their

need, and indeed, my disciples were now obliged to comport
 themselves as ~~a guard of soldiers~~ *and were no longer* more than ~~acolytes~~ who could
 spread the word. *Yet* *felt* And when I ~~saw~~ the pushing and the

consternation and the agony to reach me and to touch me, *until* ~~and~~
there were so many I was deprived of the
~~suffered in such situations~~ ~~ills~~ I had no power to cure ~~since~~

and I had enough of my own bruises when *day done* it was over to think of
~~even my own sores,~~ *so* I told my disciples to find a small ship

that could wait on me in a cove of the sea of Galilee and from
~~near to shore~~ *near to shore yet apart now, did* *thus long enough*
~~that boat~~ I preached and would come to land to touch a few and
back

the unclean spirits would fall down before me and cry ~~out~~, "Thou
to which and to
 art the Son of God," And ~~to~~ *all* I said, "Make me not known,"

if so ye think, make me not known." And I 148

~~Make me not known.~~
I could see my disciples looking to one another
since to them I was but a prophet albeit of wondrous power.
But it was of no use. I went up into a mountain and they

the multitude followed. I came down and entered a house and the multitudes

surrounded the house of my host, and I would step out upon the

porch of that house to cure a few by casting out their devils,

and now there were scribes from Jerusalem who had also come

to this place down to see if the word was true.

And one came to me that one of these scribes had said to

another, "He is the son of Beelzebub and it is by the prince

of the devils that he casts out devils." And I knew that

was the greater danger for me and my people spread even with this
to overflow the land. So even as I gained knowledge of
word. So that as I cured one plague, another was commencing,
how to cure, so was a plague commencing, and
since I understood the scribes, those who were pious. For as
it would thrive in

they understood the devil and this was the logic of the those

righteous who followed all the commandments. it was the devil

it as Devil's labor to be, who was in command of miracles since thereby you could destroy

thereby the logic and the reason of the ten commandments and the law

on which ^{had} the Pharisees and ^{and their priests based} the scribes looked to base the Temple of Jerusalem ^{had looked to found} and have a world where people were just, ^{did I know that} So I ~~knew~~ I must speak to these two scribes, ^{who had come} from Jerusalem ^{for} who

^{they} looked most intelligent, and took great care, each ^{one} of them, of his beard which was modest and clean.

And I said to them, "You call me Satan ^{yet} but how can I be Satan if I cast him out? A kingdom divided against itself cannot stand. A house divided against itself cannot stand. If Satan rise up against himself, ^{has he not then} he has divided himself and cannot stand? And so I would warn you, all sins can be forgiven of the sons of men, even their blasphemies, except for he who shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost. Such a man will never find forgiveness but is in danger of eternal

damnation." And I said this because they had spoken of me as ^{without speaking} being an unclean spirit, ^{and they went away} ^{for they} ^{had heard my speech as a threat.}

~~And with this threat which I spoke in a voice most~~
~~And indeed it had spoken in a voice most~~
 baleful, ^{and} no longer knew whose words I employed. For it

my Father not seeming near to me in this instant, I was not without thought 150
seemed to me (that ~~the~~ devil had entered my ear and spoke to my ^{argument}
mind, ^{saying!} "Is it Schovah you hear or is it ^{your Father you hear or is it}
~~to say~~ "Is it Schovah you listen to or (the Old

Righteous One who is the Father of your Father?" And I could

^{I was more ill on this day by the threat returned}
not say if ~~it was the threat offered~~ by the scribes who would

^{go back}
~~return~~ to Jerusalem with my words, or whether I was ill with

^{terror of such a} as that ^{but}
the new thought, ~~since if~~ my Father who was God was the Son of

^{for} His Father, ^{larger and a worse one}
(then I must live with a new thought; That I might

^{which was that I might}
~~become~~ God and be no longer the Son. And that was so sinful an

^{instant for my spirit}
thought that I did not know who could bring remission to me

^{such a sin,}
for my sins.

^{Still, I also heard}
But the echo of the Devil's mockery, that I was becoming

^{For was I}

^{and would I leave my}
like the Old Righteous One who had left His curse upon Israel?

^{For that}

was also in my heart.

It was a day of many ills. Outside that same house came
my mother, and my half-brothers, the sons of Joseph, and
standing outside they sent for me and called for me, but the
multitude were pressed all about my body and I could neither

see them nor hear them. Then one man in the multitude said,

"Behold, ~~thy~~ ^{are} mother and thy brethren ^{and} without seek for thee,"

and I was in a pain of ^{much} high fever, rich with excitement, and ^{most}

^{heavy} ~~heavy~~ with dread, and I uttered these words: "Who is my

mother or my brethren?" And ~~I~~ looked around the room as if I

had need of every man and woman in it, and ~~I~~ said, "Behold my

mother and my brethren! For whosoever shall do the will of

God, the same is my brother and my sister and my mother."

Later ^{did} ~~I~~ heard that my mother wept when ~~these words~~ "Who

is my mother?" ^{were the words} ~~were~~ repeated to her, and I would have gathered

^{those} ~~the~~ same words back from the air, ~~in which I spoke,~~ ^{for} I owed

much to my mother even if the road ~~we had~~ traveled together

^{had been} ~~was never~~ smooth, not from my birth to the forty days in my

thirty-third year ~~the last of which I spent on the mountain~~

~~with the Devil~~ and only came down when ^{the Devil} ~~he~~ had left, and I was

~~commencing to be clear in my thoughts of what God had expected~~

~~of me.~~

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~~My~~ ^{Much} was I weary for in these weeks had they
They brought unto me all sick people that were taken with
divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed
with devils, and those which were lunatic and those that had
the palsy, and I ^{had} healed them. And in each moment ^{when} that the
spirit of God came to me and passed from my heart ^{to} of my hand,
my touch could make them well, and ^{in each of such I had} at that instant, ^{some of}
^{did I have} again that the memory of the leap I did not take at the ^{invitation} challenge of the
Devil, ^{and I had been his} and so now must I
for I had sworn allegiance to God now took its leap
with the spirit ^{that was in} from out of my hand ^{out onto} into the body of ^{whoever} sick man
was sick or
or the aged woman before me. And ^{also accompanied me} I knew that my loyalty and
my cowardice ^{in such a} were there to cure them for it is also cowardly
to fear death as I had feared it with the Devil, ^{And now I must make a manly} And then I
wondered if the Devil had tried to entice me into death not so
that he ^{might} could capture my soul and ^{direct} ~~see~~ where I would be born

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again, since that ~~was~~ the province of the Lord, but rather
that he knew I ~~would not~~ ^{was not ready to} take the leap, that I would ~~save~~ ^{dash to} my

body and so be joined to him in some way I could not fathom ~~in~~

~~But that in the end~~ ^{still would there be a}
~~that no matter my loyalty to God, some part of me, no matter~~
~~how reduced, that~~
~~how small, would~~ ^{never} belong to the Devil.

And so ~~the~~ thinking, did a new
unhappiness of spirit commence in me
even as there had followed unto me

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~~insert from Matthew to be inserted in Mark.~~

~~There~~ other

There followed multitudes of people from Galilee and from Decapolis, ~~from Jerusalem and~~ from Judea and from beyond

Jordan, and I healed them. Not all, but the better part of

them all. ~~There were some~~ ~~for them~~ The few I could not heal had a great and evil light in their eyes ~~even~~ ~~darkest~~ as if they were the dark angels of Satan and

there was that in ~~their~~ ~~bodies~~ ~~that~~ ~~told~~ ~~me~~ ~~that~~ ~~once~~ ~~before~~

~~their illness~~ they had been stronger ~~than~~ ~~me~~ in spirit, ~~and~~ ~~their illness and~~ ~~those few I could not cure.~~ ~~Let even so did I~~

learn what was the cause of my unhappiness of spirit and now I had need again of the sea, or even of a lake so large that it was like the sea.

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In the evening, ^{those} sorrowing over ~~the~~ harsh words with which
~~I had left~~ ^{dismissed} my mother's ^{presence} ~~I~~ ^{much} felt a need to be calmed by the sea
 and so I said to my disciples, "Let us pass over to the other
 side." Now, they had been feasting in all the houses that bid
 us welcome for I had noticed that among the rich in these
 towns of Galilee so far from Jerusalem, ~~three and four days of~~
~~travel on foot, or even two by a mule, so were the rich like~~
~~the poor in that they were ready to welcome me, and my~~
~~disciples ate much and drank much and had few cares.~~ ^{and then} But I
~~felt the need for some peace.~~ ^{had or} ^{with} ^{my nearest followers} And so I told them to send away
 the multitudes until tomorrow, for it was evening. And when
 most of ~~them~~ ^{at least} were gone, we went quickly to a ship, although
 there were others who followed us in ^{very small} little ships. And that
 was close to catastrophe and a great sorrow for many of the
 people of Capernaum. ^g For a great wind arose on the sea and ^{Sea of Galilee}
~~The waves beat into the ship until it was full~~ ^{upon our vessel} and near
 covered. ^{it.} And I knew ^{naught} none of this for I slept like the best of ^{one}

the newborn, and ~~the~~ ^{was} peace given to me by the rocking of the

water. ~~When~~ ^{Yet when} they awoke me, it was to say, "Many boats will soon

founder. Master, ~~do~~ you not care if we perish?"

And I arose ~~and as Mark would say it, I rebuked the wind,~~ ^{made ready to rebuke}

and said unto the sea, "Peace, be still," and there was great

calm. But in truth, ~~I~~ do not know if I can take such ^{of making}

^{of a miracle} blessing upon myself for I ~~had sensed a calm~~ in the midst of ~~this~~

^{did I sense oncoming a calm and} the storm, ~~it was as if I knew that the end of the storm was~~

upon us before others knew it. So afterward I could not say ~~that~~

~~whether the tempest was ready to cease, or the hand of God had~~

been there ~~before~~ ^{with} me to placate the waters. ~~But~~ ^{Yet} I took the

pleasure of saying to all ~~the others~~, "Why are ye so fearful?"

~~How is it that you have no faith?"~~ ^{ye}

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of man is this? Even the wind and the sea obey him."

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And the ^{wharf} ~~dock~~ where we landed was in the country of the Gadarenes and ~~once I had come out of the ship and stepped onto~~

shore, I saw that we had come to a beach in back of which were

~~cliffs with~~ ~~one~~ ~~descended~~ ~~came~~ ~~with his~~
 many tombs, and out of a tomb (a man with a torch ~~and~~ a spirit
~~was~~ ~~thus~~ ~~that~~ ~~was fierce, as if blood~~
 so unclean (the fire of the torch seemed brighter, and I knew
~~that he had shed many lives~~
 he had his blood upon these tombs. And he came rushing toward

me, ~~and~~ ~~no~~ man among my followers, not even Peter ~~who had the~~ ~~strength~~ ~~to~~ ~~stop~~ ~~him~~ ~~nor~~ ~~bind~~ ~~him~~. And I had to

say to him, "Peace." ~~whereupon~~ ~~he~~ ~~stopped~~

~~And upon~~ ~~he~~ ~~doth~~ ~~by~~
 upon which the man said, "No man can bind me, not with

chains, because they have tried ~~to do such~~ often (but I break fetters,

~~and chains~~ ~~Many would, but no man can~~
 and I pluck chains asunder. Neither can any man ~~come me~~ me."

"Then, ~~where~~ ~~where~~?" said I to ~~command~~

And I said to him, "Then in all your strength, what is

your fright?"

~~and he~~ ~~said~~, "I am afraid of all things, ~~and~~ ~~spend~~ ~~my~~

~~and~~ ~~live~~ in the darkness of the tombs ~~and~~ ~~by day~~ ~~and~~ I weep ~~and~~ I ~~cut~~ ~~myself~~ with stones ~~But~~ ~~I~~
~~But~~ ~~if~~ ~~you~~ ~~have~~ I heard word ~~and~~ ~~I~~ ~~sharp~~
 worship you."

~~But~~ ~~you~~ ~~have~~ ~~not~~ ~~heard~~ ~~of~~ ~~me~~?" I said. ~~ashamed~~

"That your ^{which I see,} eyes have a great light," he said, "and I ^{have} ^{so much I hear,} know your name is Jesus, ^{Some say} and you are the Son of God. I've

heard that on the wind and from ^{those} the people who dare to speak ^{to me,} And such ^{despite all these} people ^{Also do I hear} ^{I also hear} ^{who} ^{to me,} even though there is great fear of ^{all} that I am. ^{But} of you from the whirlpools of the wind. For know ye who I ^{what I am} am, I am he who ^{contains} ^{and own more devils} a multitude of devils, more than any ^{man} has been ^{since} ^{while} strong enough to ^{lift into} his heart. But I adjure thee,

Jesus, I adjure thee by God thy Father! please not to torment me. Torment me not, ^{Jesus!} ^{That is Saw warning!}

I cannot say that I was without fear as I ^{not} ^{speaking} spoke to this man for ^{He} ^{and more} ^{strength} ^{than any man} ^{I had encountered} he had more strength and more imbalance of mind than any person in the multitudes who had surrounded me. And he ^{lived} ^{in great filthiness of body,} ^{and such locks (fards)} ^{these strands} was filthy, and his hair and beard were like parts of the great rope that is used to ^{hold} ^{at their landing} the large ships to the ^{locks} ^{weave} But the rope was frayed and had a thousand thousand of ^{such} ^{frayed} strands, all frayed.

And he said to me, "I fear ~~no one~~ but myself ^{those who are} ^{damned} I live in the mansion of the ^{damned}."

fards of the great rope

asked:

I said, "What is thy name?"

He answered, saying:

And he answered, ~~the name~~ and told me: "My name is Legion. For he

sum of this

are many, and the many are all in me, ~~and they are one.~~

in truth I know that he was with yet man
And he had a multitude of devils, more than any man I

had encountered, ~~and~~ I dared to speak and ~~said~~ to him, "Come

devour King Herod are now in you.) Release your selves from him, ~~Legion.~~

out of the man, thou unclean spirits. ~~The devils who devoured~~
unclean ~~3441~~ ~~and they are in~~ King Saul are now in you, Legion." And even as I said this, a

great herd of ~~swine~~ ^{wild} came rushing out of the near hills, came

down out of the mountains, and I heard the devils in the throat

of Legion ~~and~~ ^{even} as they were ~~but as unto~~ ^{this manifold of} heard, or so
seemed it to me, "Give us Entrance, Entrance,"

they said, "Let us into the swine; that we may enter into the swine

of Gadarene." For which ~~them~~ and I gave them leave, "Enter, the swine," I said, and

and these ^{having issued} all the unclean spirits went out of Legion, and entered into

the herd and they ran violently down a steep place into the

sea. They were in numbers two thousand. And all the ~~swine~~ ^{such hogs and sows}

were choked in the sea, ~~and all the herdsmen who had fed them~~
all these swine of Gadarene,

~~had fled~~ ^{to all} and told it in the city and in the country about us.

And ~~when~~ others came ~~out~~ to see what had been done, and to

look at the man ~~who had been~~ possessed by so many devils, ~~they~~ ^{for}

now they found

~~found~~ Legion sitting and clothed ~~and~~ ^{and} bathed and in ^{returned to,} his right

spirit.

~~mind.~~ And the elders of the town of Gadarene were afraid, and

~~they prayed to me,~~ *entreated me to* and they prayed and asked if I would depart

from their coast.

And ^{*begged of me*} as I stepped back into my ship, Legion ~~prayed~~ that he

might come along, and I was tempted, ^{*for he would have made a mighty apostle,*} but I did not know if I

yet their number was twelve — no more could I add ~~more~~ to

Such a sum, moreover, ~~dared to do so much for one man inasmuch as a multitude of,~~

~~And indeed, even as I had learned from the~~ others might be injured by my absence since it was not

~~devil could be bottomless~~ ^{*was evil*} in its attraction to

unlikely that Legion was bottomless in his capacity to attract ~~more~~ ^{*fast*}

~~and the~~ ^{*separation*} Legion from his devils might ~~be~~ ^{*lost*}

~~new evil,~~ ^{*and*} Yet I also had to wonder if I was betraying my ^{*but a day*}

~~mission by sending the man away~~ ^{*did I*} ^{*whether this was*} ^{*and, therefore, was I*} ^{*from*} ^{*himself*} ^{*and I was not proud of my*}

^{*saying*} heart when I said to him, "Go ~~home~~ to thy friends and tell

them ~~how~~ ^{*what*} great things the Lord hath done for thee and ~~has~~ ^{*that he has*} hath

compassion upon thee." And yet, in part, ^{*by*} ^{*die*} I abhorred the man,

~~nor could I forgive entirely his past,~~ ^{*had*} since I had seen the

uproar of

~~sum of the horror~~ that ~~has~~ passed over into the swine, and ~~even to~~
destroyed ^{ing} them.

~~Yet Legion, for all I know, always~~ ^{after he departed Legion} spoke well of me ~~after~~

~~he departed, and indeed he began to speak and even to publish~~

in the town of Decapolis ^{and of} ~~built by Herod in the style of the~~

~~Greeks~~ how many great things Jesus had done for him. And I

^{those who} heard of ~~how~~ men did marvel ^{as much as} ~~for~~ they knew Legion ^{of} in former

days in Decapolis and all had been terrified ~~of him.~~

Now, however, when I passed over by ship to Capernaum,

~~even~~ more people were gathered and I had to ^{keep to} ~~stay~~ in my boat ^{out} ~~on~~

^{from shore} ~~the sea~~ and preach to them even more ^(across) ~~from~~ the water.