

Condemned. Though James and Paul had preached much the same.
Though God's ubiquity was orthodox doctrine.

Though the divine illumination rejoiced by Augustine
wasn't that different. And even though Guido and Robert,

Bishop of Lincoln, were soon to rhyme light with love
which everyone agreed the most high is

as most who thought also believed that that most human,
the soul, assumes human form in this sphere

the active intellect animating matter toward that
end as the Philosopher himself had said

Psyche and Isis gathering the missing pieces
to pull this world together again. Nonetheless:

Condemned. For the learned doctors ruled that light is not
(as Dante said love is not) the thing itself

but an accident in waiting like mortal reason
an attribute of intellectual substance

an affection of the color-shape variety
yet insensible, requiring to exist at all

some insistence some intention on the part of both
parties to care about and for one another,

what in a decayed some say depraved state
gets called property, not to be confused

with capital, commodities, or means of exchange
as light comes forth from a body not of but on fire.