

Self-realization / self-possession
the very condition of possibility
for individuality prescribed by
the social logic of private property

achievable only when self disappears
into an eyeball so transparent as to
admit the enduring contextual rhythms and laws
that constitute ethical totality.

Repetitions accumulating a structure
a texture generating significance
calling less for levels of interpretation
than multiplicities of response

expressed less in ambiguities
than in particulars, determinate meanings
actions words — nouns when feasible —
resonating within certain lines.

Intrinsic worth of ethics nature religion
art the past — any experience —
immediately self-evident
congruent with the particular itself

being experienced, the difficulties
inherent in personal discovery
— knowing thyself in an oracular sense —
part of what makes life worthwhile.

Wilde's *Each man kills the thing he loves*
Butler's *All men eat what they love*
The darwinian nightmare in either case
(Lewis again: *The Art of Being Ruled*)

complete absorption in consummate embrace
one universal tongue of agglutination
not heart to heart in fond desire
but *protoplasm to protoplasm*.

Warts and all received into the garden
despite the violence in the name of love he promised
against the rose unfolding there by the fountain
where dipolar gems beneath the surface

transfigure ordinary male desire
to cavort among the lauded guests
even mortal enemies conceding
the magnitude of his contribution.