

The Mystery

**The meaning of things, and their purpose,
Is in part now hidden
But shall in the end become clear.
The choice is between
The Mystery and the absurd.**

**To embrace the Mystery
Is to discover the real! It is to walk towards the light,
To glimpse the morning star,
To catch sight from time to time
Of what is truly real.**

**It is no more than a flicker of light
Through the cloud of unknowing.
A fitful ray of light
That is a messenger from the sun
Which is hidden from your gaze
You see the light but not the sun.**

**When you set yourself to look more closely,
You will begin to see some sense
In the darkness that surrounds you.
Your eyes will begin to pick out
The shape of things and persons around you.
You will begin to see in them
The presence of the One
Who gives them meaning and purpose
And that is God
Who is the explanation of them all.**

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