



*Andromeda Galaxy / NASA*

equality

equality is fundamental

without equality — there can be no freedom

without freedom — love is not possible

without love — peace is unimaginable

science tells us at the core of matter

nearly equal quarks share energy with one another

within every cell

organelles work for the common good

how we think of equality

mirrors the narratives we tell about ourselves

the idea of self-as-separate

holds the meaning of equality captive

bound by circular chains of signifiers

under that master narrative

our minds' eye sees the world and others as objects

precludes inter-subjectivity / denies created equal

wonderfully not all alike —

but the ego idea turns difference into fields of comparison / competition

hierarchy / privilege

teaches us to worship winning

power over by way of violence often in its train

the ego identity's justifications led us down a pathway

paved by untenable relationships

men over women / lighter colored skin over darker / rich over poor

endless wars

poverty / exploitation / oppression

loneliness / stress / network disorder

now spiraling into ecological disaster

science — unearthing the evidence

nearly equal quarks form the ground of our being

altruistic organelles labor at the heart of our bodies

resonates with our best traditions / myths / intuition

created equal

the sharing religions aspire

provides threads for a new moral understanding of ourselves

equality can open a place / an in-between us

where a free response can happen

respect appear / grace flourish

in less than a nanosecond tell an alternative story

about something more going on

bring possibility in reach