



## religion

religion can offer alternative to the ego idea  
forging notions of transcendence  
stories of belonging / explanations of being here  
chains of words / names / narratives  
linking with the larger culture  
turning inference / feeling / aspiration  
into grounds for the master narrative's moral codes / convictions

religion cradles darkness light  
calls us each with personal voice  
some say all have one thing in common  
something like love one another  
some would have us hammer our swords into plowshares  
feed the hungry / incarnate compassion

religion ties our reasoning in Celtic knots  
decorates our world with Islamic patterns  
promises quiet epiphany in ritual / meditation / prayer  
invites us to communion in music / dance / yoga  
insists with the sureness of thunder we are not alone  
that there is meaning to our suffering  
eternity in us / death not our end

unchained from the master narrative  
religion tells a different story  
about women / nature / earth / the garden  
kings / nobles / a small wealthy ruling class  
canalizing the media / making law / waging war  
the warning signs emerging all around us