

Goods vs. Goodness

Where goodness
is the way,
goods get
in the way.

Goodness is spiritual
and liberating;
goods are material
and debilitating.
Goodness ennobles
and expands;
goods hinder
and constrict.

Goodness beckons
and leads;
goods lag
and obstruct.
Goodness stretches
and reaches;
goods restrict
and confine.

Goods make us
selfish;
goodness generates
generosity.
Goods are mere
means;
goodness is the
goal.

Striving for the good
enriches us;
seeking more goods
leaves us impoverished.

Goodness asks:
do you own your goods,
or do your goods
own you?

Goodness cautions:
shouldn't a good deal
produce a deal of good?

Getting goods
by giving up goodness
is a tragedy.
Giving up goods
to achieve goodness
is a triumph.

Living with goods,
but without goodness,
is futility.
A life of goodness,
even without goods,
is fulfillment.

It is clear that
the accumulation
of goods
stunts the growth
of goodness.

And it is even clearer
that to beget goodness
it is better
to bid goods good-bye
than to indulge in
a good buy.

So, for goodness' sake,
forsake goods!

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