

Mastery vs. Mystery

In our individual
and social relationships
we are suffering from
too much mastery
and not enough mystery.

Unbridled technology
results in mastery;
enlightened science
respects mystery.
Unscrupulous managers
look to mastery;
inspired leaders
foster mystery.

Mastery involves
manipulation;
mystery offers
invitation.
Mastery implies
servitude;
mystery evokes
plenitude.
Mastery wants
to control;
mystery seeks
to console.

Under mastery
we abdicate
our liberty;
in mystery
we enhance
our freedom.
Under mastery
we are told
what to do;
in mystery
we unfold
what is new.

Our history,
unfortunately,
too often shows
human mastery
causing inhuman misery.
God's mastery,
however,
occurs only by
entering into
His loving mystery.

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