

Monotheism vs. Moneytheism

Monotheism believes:
there is only
one God;
moneytheism says:
that god
is money.

Monotheism is articulated
in a creed;
Moneytheism is manifested
by greed.

Monotheism looks up
to the higher realms;
moneytheism scans down
to the bottom line.

Monotheists find their home
in church, temple, mosque;
moneytheists prefer
bank, market, bazaar.

Monotheists congregate
at a Mass;
moneytheists conspire
to amass.

Wealth
for the monotheist
is spiritual capital;
for the moneytheist
it is capital gains.

People
for the monotheist
are worshippers;
for the moneytheist
they are consumers.

Relationships
for the monotheist
are bonds of love;
for the moneytheist
they are schemes of manipulation.

Solidarity
for the monotheist
is profit-sharing;
for the moneytheist
it is price-fixing.

Interest
for the monotheist
is revealed in concern;
for the moneytheist
it is calculated in percent.

Moneytheism
favors the few
while marginalizing
the many;
monotheism
privileges the poor.

Globally,
moneytheism
alienates and enslaves;
monotheism
connects and liberates.

Personally,
“live more
by possessing less”
is the stance
of the monotheist;
“live less
by owning more”
is the fate
of the moneytheist.

Finally,
be assured that
at the end
of our earthly sojourn
“you can’t take it
with you”
applies to the
moneytheist,
but not to the
monotheist.