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I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY DEEPEST GRATITUDE TO

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HUNTER FOR HIS STALWART LEADERSHIP AND WILLING SPIRIT;

AND, MARK SCHNEIDER FOR KNOWING WHAT'S GOOD FOR US DESPITE OUR PROTESTATIONS.

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NATURAL RIGHT IN ITS CLASSIC FORM. THE ONLY FORM IN WHICH IT IS DEFENSIBLE, IS CONNECTED WITH A TELEOLOGICAL VIEW OF THE UNIVERSE. ALL NATURAL BEINGS HAVE A NATURAL END, A NATURAL DESTINY, WHICH DETERMINES WHAT KIND OF OPERATION IS GOOD FOR THEM. IN THE CASE OF MAN, REASON IS REQUIRED FOR DISCERNING THESE OPERATIONS. REASON DETERMINES WHAT IS BY NATURE RIGHT, WITH ULTIMATE REGARD TO MAN'S NATURAL END. THIS TELEOLOGICAL VIEW OF THE UNIVERSE. OF WHICH THE TELEOLOGICAL VIEW OF MAN FORMS A PART, HAS BEEN DESTROYED FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES BY MODERN NATURAL SCIENCE. FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF ARISTOTLE—AND WHO COULD DARE TO CLAIM TO BE A BETTER JUDGE IN THIS MATTER THAN ARISTOTLE—THE ISSUE BETWEEN THE MECHANICAL AND TELEOLOGICAL CONCEPTION OF THE UNIVERSE IS DECIDED BY THE MANNER IN WHICH THE PROBLEM OF THE HEAVENS AND THE HEAVENLY BODIES AND THEIR MOTION IS SETTLED. NOW IN THIS RESPECT, WHICH FROM ARISTOTLE'S OWN POINT OF VIEW WAS THE DECISIVE ONE, THE ISSUE SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN DECIDED FINALLY IN FAVOR OF THE MECHANICAL CONCEPTION OF THE UNIVERSE.

TWO OPPOSITE CONCLUSIONS COULD BE DRAWN FROM THIS MOMENTOUS DECISION. FIRST, THE MECHANICAL, OR AT ANY RATE NON-TELEOLOGICAL CONCEPTION OF THE UNIVERSE, HAD TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY A NON-TELEOLOGICAL CONCEPTION OF HUMAN LIFE. THIS "NATURALISTIC SOLUTION" PROVES TO BE IMPOSSIBLE. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO BANISH ENDS FROM THE SOCIAL SCIENCES, OR WHAT AMOUNTS TO THE SAME THING, TO CONCEIVE OF ENDS AS DERIVATIVE FROM DESIRES OR IMPULSES. THEREFORE THE ALTERNATIVE HAS PREVAILED: WHICH MEANS THAT WE HAVE HAD TO ACCEPT A TYPICALLY MODERN DUALISM OF A NON-TELEOLOGICAL NATURAL SCIENCE AND A TELEOLOGICAL SCIENCE OF MAN.

THIS IS THE POSITION WHICH THE MODERN FOLLOWERS OF THOMAS AQUINAS, AMONG OTHERS, ARE FORCED TO TAKE, A POSITION WHICH IMPLIES A RADICAL BREAK WITH THE THOUGHT OF ARISTOTLE, AS WELL AS THAT OF THOMAS AQUINAS HIMSELF. THE FUNDAMENTAL DILEMMA IN WHOSE GRIP WE ARE, IS THE ONE CAUSED BY THE SUCCESS OF MODERN NATURAL SCIENCE, A SUCCESS WHICH IS PRESUPPOSED RATHER THAN MADE DOUBTFUL BY THE SO-CALLED CRISIS IN PHYSICS. AN ADEQUATE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF NATURAL RIGHT CANNOT BE FOUND BEFORE THIS BASIC PROBLEM HAS BEEN SOLVED.

LEO STRAUSS, NATURAL RIGHT AND HISTORY

OVER THE LAST THIRTY-THREE YEARS, I HAVE READ, COLLECTED, BOUGHT, MISPLACED, FORGOTTEN, REMEMBERED, LOST, HIDDEN, CARRIED, MEMORIZED, RECITED, PROCLAIMED, MISUNDERSTOOD, SKIMMED, ANNOTATED, TRANSLATED, COVETED, MISREMEMBERED, DISCUSSED, WRITTEN ABOUT, DRAWN, AND BUILT UPON THE FOLLOWING WORKS. THE INDIVIDUAL VOLUMES ARE SET FORTH IN A SEQUENCE OF MY OWN DESIGN SUCH AS THAT IT MAY PROVIDE A RECEPTIVE SOIL FOR EACH READER AND ASSIST IN SUCCESSFULLY NAVIGATING THE LABYRINTH. AS SUCH, THEY MAY BE CONSIDERED, AS A SINGLE BODY, A PREFACE TO THE WORK THAT FOLLOWS.

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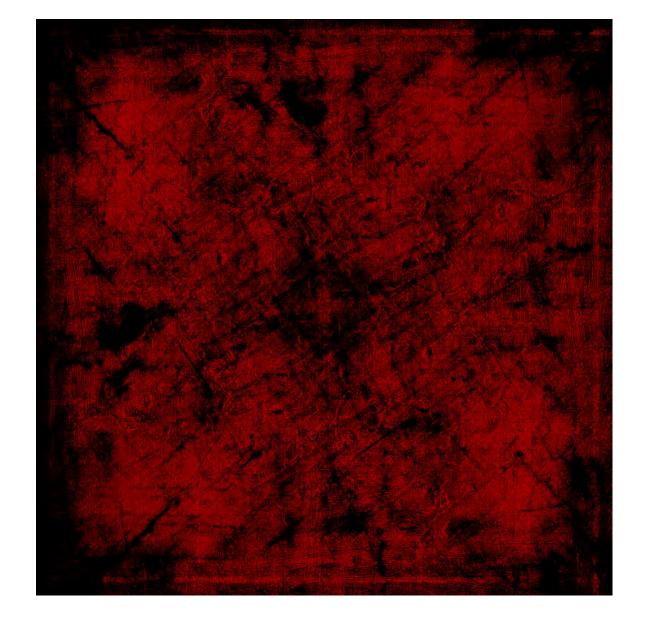
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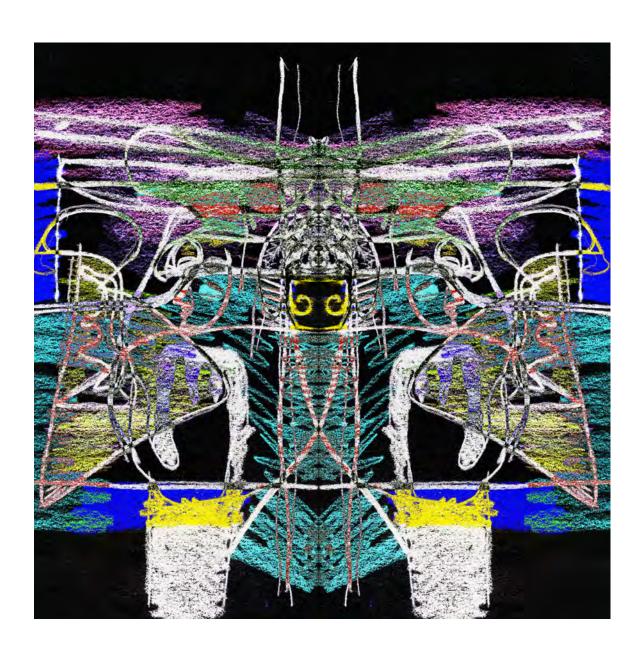
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MOVEMENT



A MATTER
OF SIX POEMS FROM MEMORY
NOT ONE
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BUSILY PLYING THE PEN

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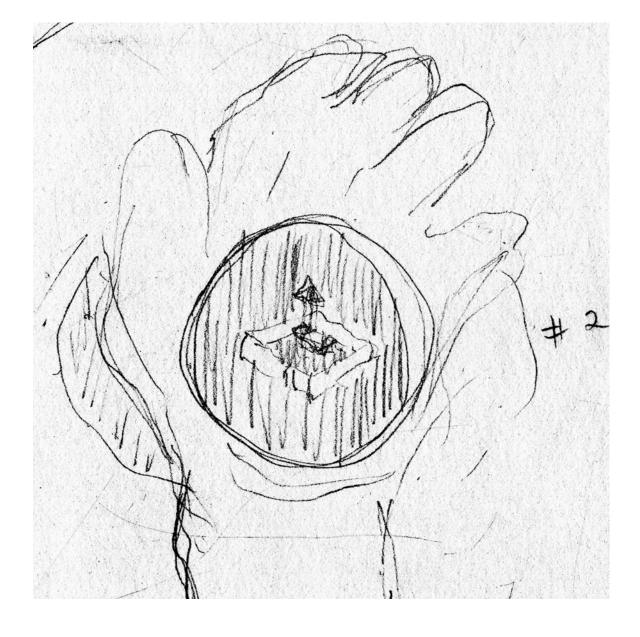
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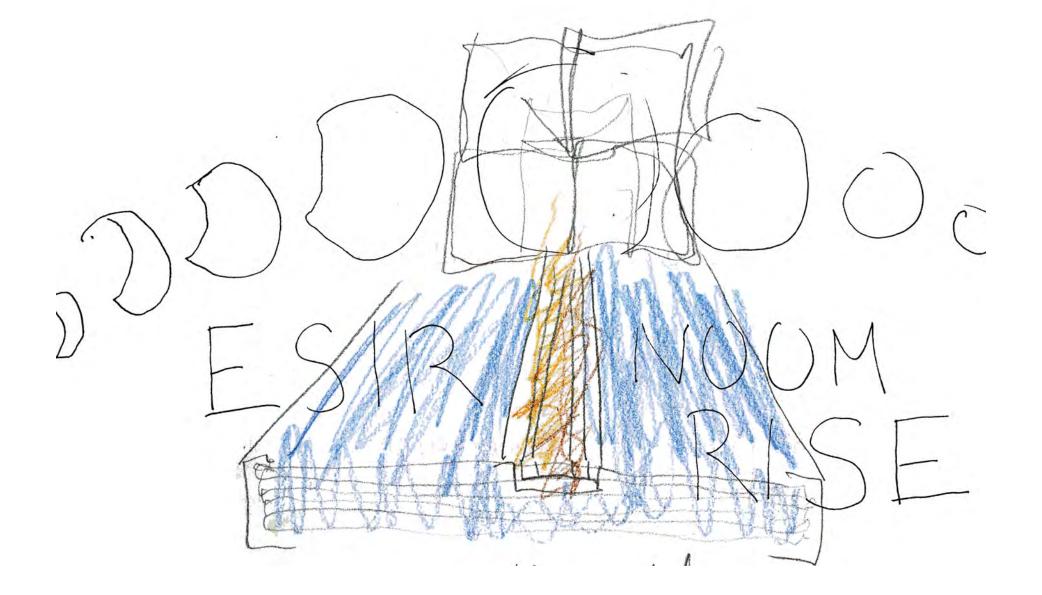
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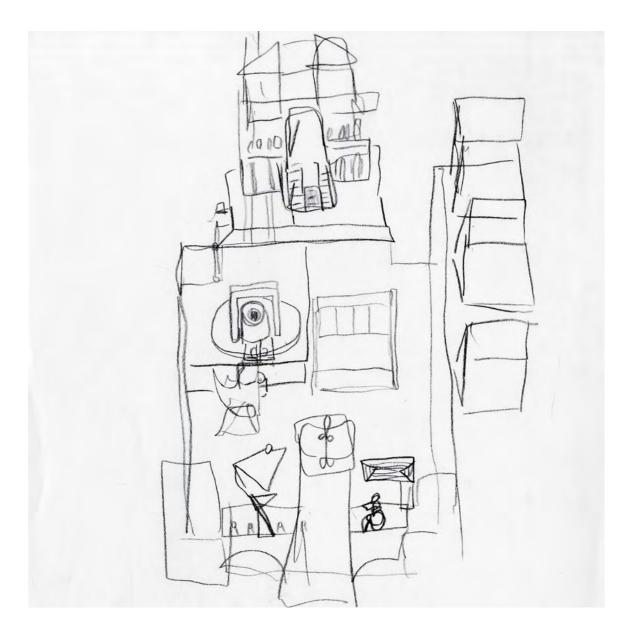


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WATER MAKES SOUND
BUT IT HAS NO ORGAN,
NO INSTRUMENT, TO DO SO.
HOW DOES THE MOON
FORM ITS SLIVERS?
WHO CONSTRUCTED ITS WHOLENESS IN
THE SKY?
NEVER ONCE
HAVE I ENTRUSTED MYSELF TO SLEEP,
AND AWOKEN IN THE SAME PLACE.
THE EXPRESSION
OF THE FIRST, EFFICIENT, AND FINAL
CAUSES ARE SIMULTANEOUS.



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IN THE DARK NIGHT WHEN IT ALL BEGAN,

NON-ENTITY TO ENTITY

STRUCK OUT FROM WIDTHLESS DEPTHS

IGNITED BY A STRANGE FIRE

BOUND WITH POISON

AND INTO THE BRIGHT SUN

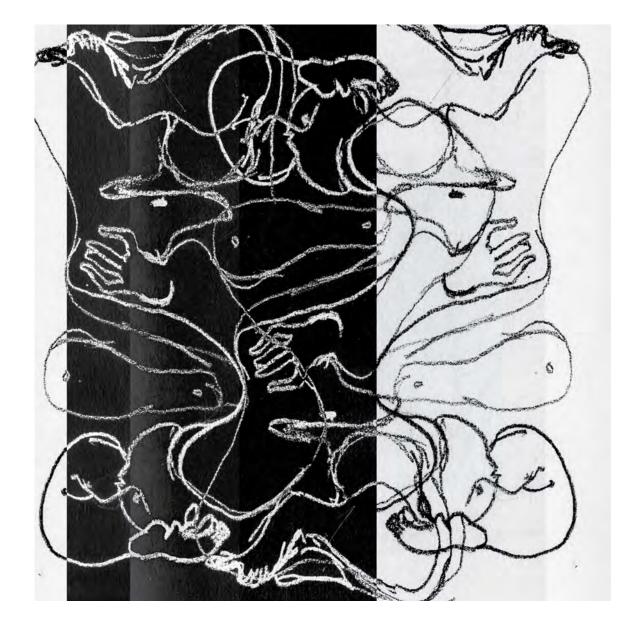
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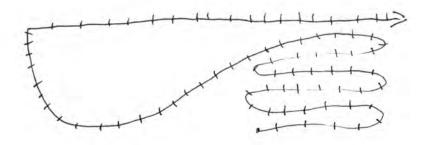
CUT SHORT,

ON LIGHTED BIRCH

SEVEN RUNGS UP, BUT ONLY SIX DOWN



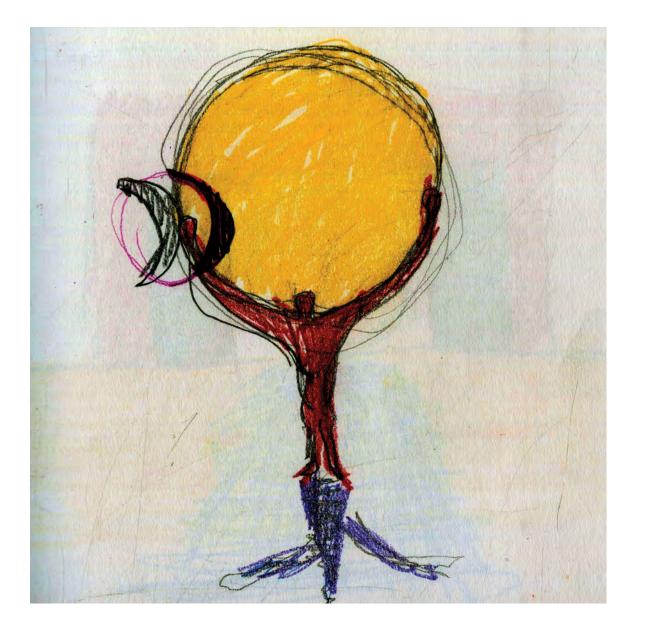




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EVEN NOW HARDLY ANYONE STILL REMEMBERS WHAT WE MEANT BY MAKING THE EARTH LIVE: NOT WHAT YOU IMAGINE. CONTENT WITH YOUR DUSTCLOUD LIFE SET DOWN ON THE BORDER BETWEEN WATER, EARTH, AND AIR. I WANTED LIFE TO EXPAND OUTWARDS FROM THE CENTRE OF THE EARTH, TO SPREAD UPWARDS THROUGH ITS CONCENTRIC SPHERES, TO CIRCULATE AROUND ITS METALS, LIQUID, AND SOLID. IT WAS THE ONLY WAY EARTH MIGHT HAVE BECOME AN ENORMOUS LIVING ORGANISM, THE ONLY WAY WE COULD HAVE AVOIDED THAT CONDITION OF PRECARIOUS EXILE TO WHICH LIFE HAS BEEN FORCIBLY REDUCED, THE DULL WEIGHT OF AN INANIMATE BALL OF STONE BENEATH, AND ABOVE, THE VOID. YOU CAN NO LONGER EVEN IMAGINE THAT LIFE MIGHT HAVE BEEN SOMETHING DIFFERENT FROM WHAT NOW GOES ON WITHOUT IT, OR RATHER, ALMOST WITHOUT, SINCE ABOVE YOU AND THE EARTH'S CRUST, THERE IS ALWAYS THE OTHER TENUOUS CRUST OF THE AIR. STILL, THERE'S NO COMPARING THIS TO THE SUCCESSION OF THE SPHERES IN WHOSE INTERSTICES WE CREATURES OF THE DEPTHS HAVE ALWAYS LIVED, AND FROM WHICH WE STILL RISE UP TO THRONG YOUR DREAMS. THE EARTH IS NOT SOLID INSIDE, BUT DISJOINTED, MADE UP OF SUPERIMPOSED LAYERS OF DIFFERENT DENSITIES ONE BELOW THE OTHER, RIGHT DOWN TO THE IRON AND NICKEL NUCLEUS, WHICH AGAIN IS A SYSTEM OF NUCLEI ONE INSIDE THE OTHER, **EACH ROTATING SEPARATELY FROM THE OTHER** ACCORDING TO THE GREATER OR LESSER LIQUIDITY OF ITS ELEMENT.

ITALO CALVINO, "THE OTHER EURYDICE"













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WE SLEEP TO DREAM

NOT TO REMEMBER

BUT TO KNOW

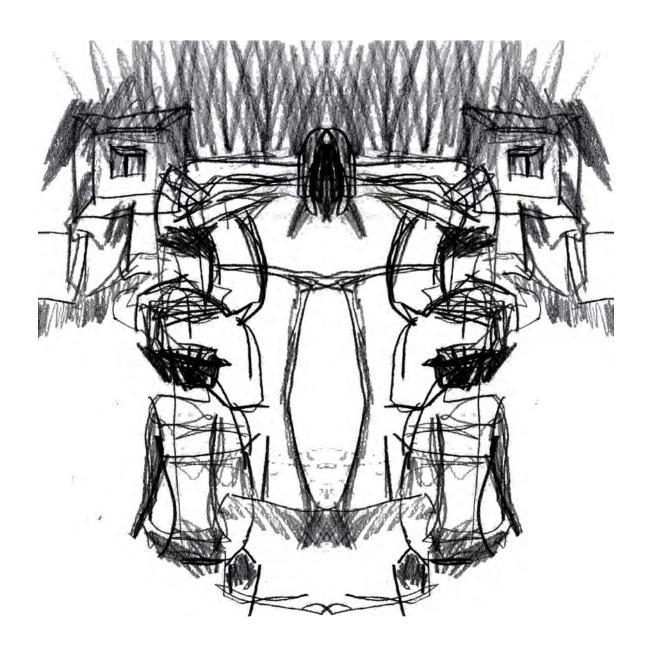
NOT TO THINK



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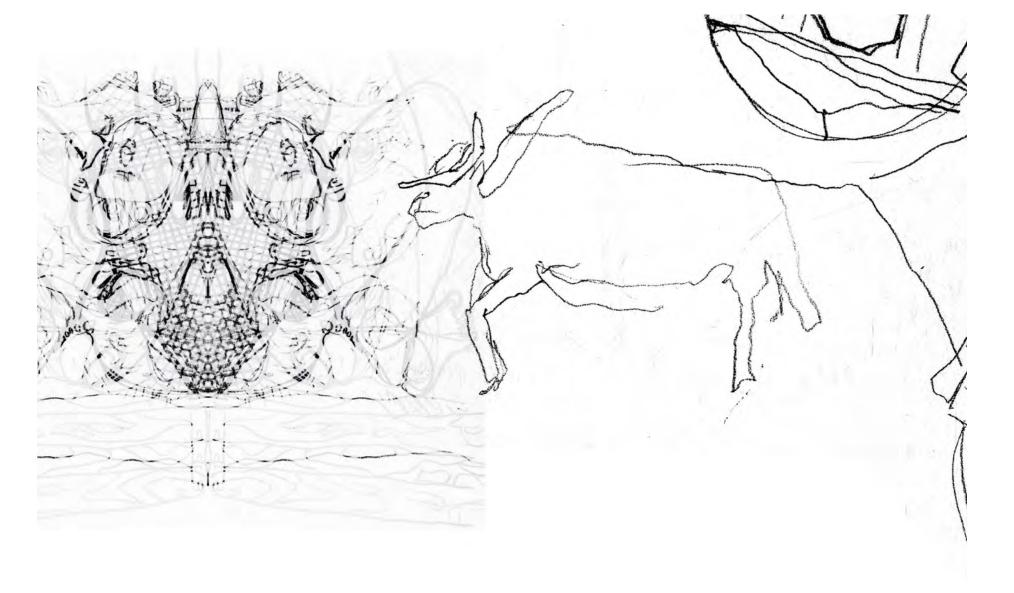


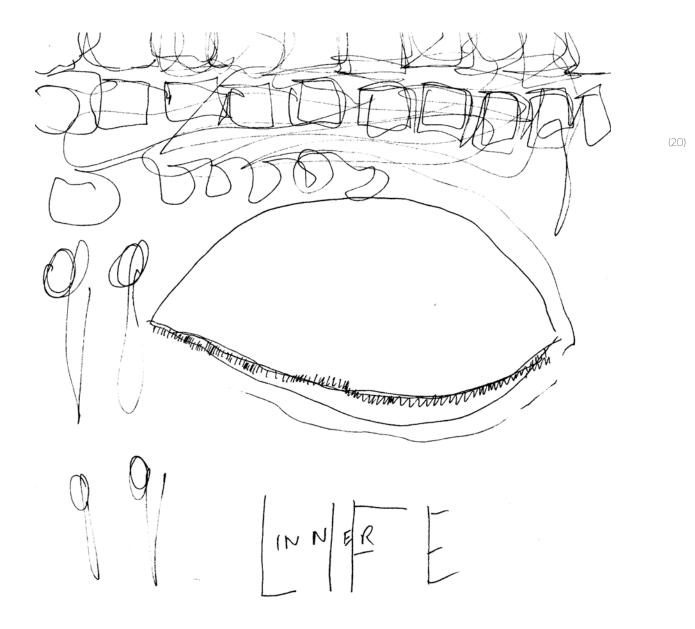




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(FOR EVERY, INDIVIDUAL ADAM)

THERE IS A SLIGHT RINGING OF THE EARS

A SOUND PERCEIVED IN THE HEAD

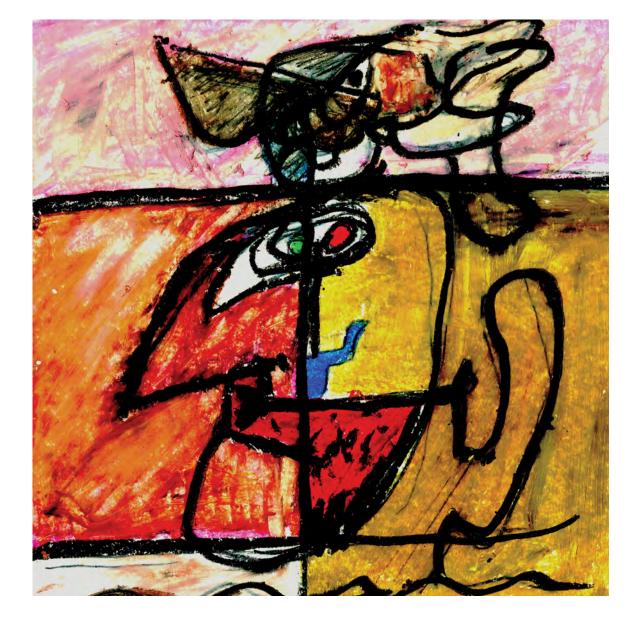
BUT NOT EXTERNAL TO THE BODY

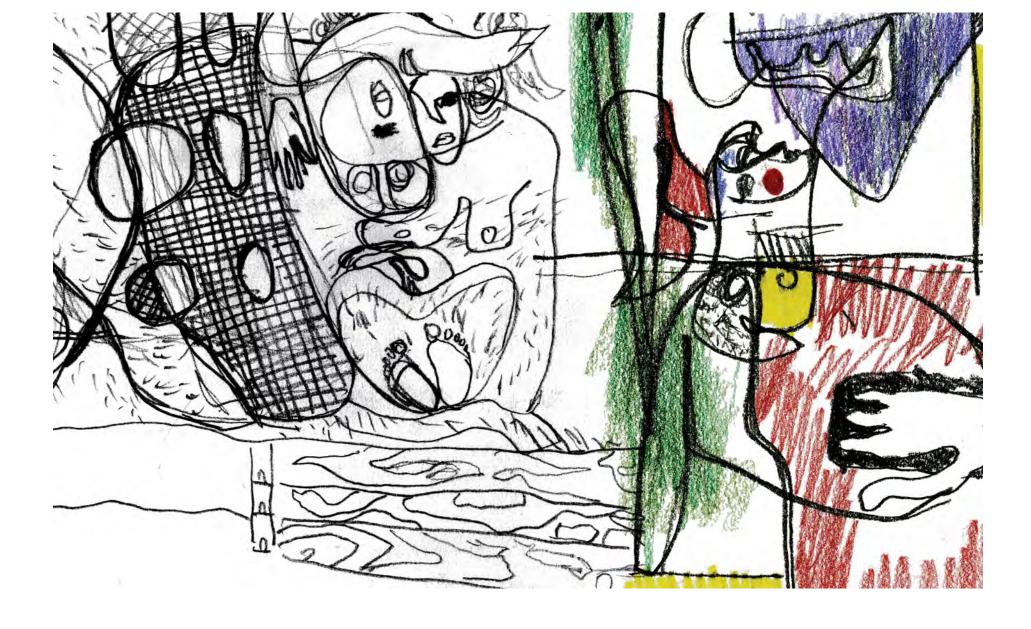
ALL THE MASTERS ARE DEAD

BUT THE DUMB OX'S LOWS ARE HEARD

THROUGHOUT THE WORLD





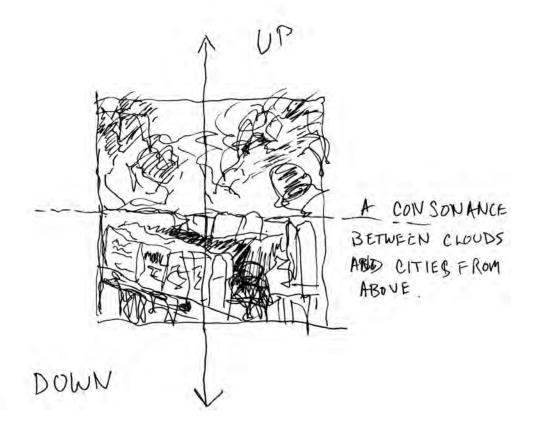


IT IS NOT SURPRISING THAT ARISTOTLE **BEGINS HIS METAPHYSICS WITH THE** ASSERTION THAT ALL MEN DESIRE TO KNOW, AND THAT IT IS NATURAL THAT WE SHOULD HAVE ATTAINED A SHARPNESS AND PARTICULARITY OF OUR VISUAL FACULTIES. THE MOST IMPORTANT LESSON FOR THE ARCHITECT TO LEARN IS THE ONE ABOUT SEEING. THERE IS RELATIVELY LITTLE SPACE BETWEEN SEEING AND APPEARING. TO SEE IS TO SOMEHOW COME CLOSER TO THE SPACE OF APPEARANCES, I.E., TO JOIN WITH THE THING, TO BE SURROUNDED BY THAT WORLD. FOR THROUGH THIS, AS ARISTOTLE ASSERTS, WE MAY ACHIEVE THE FULLNESS OF DISCERNING ONE FROM ANOTHER, AND BY THIS WE MAY KNOW SUBSTANCE AND STATION.



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THESE THINGS ARE FATAL
THERE IS NO AIR IN SPACE
THE SUN DOES SHINE AT NIGHT
TWO POINTS AND A SEGMENT
CAPTURE SPACE
BUT, IN A GARDEN OF WHITE MARBLE
THERE EXIST FORMS
AS A RESOLUTION OF GRAVITY
NOT A MATTER OF OUTWARD REFLECTION
BUT RATHER OF THE RESTORATION
OF THE COSMIC ABYSS



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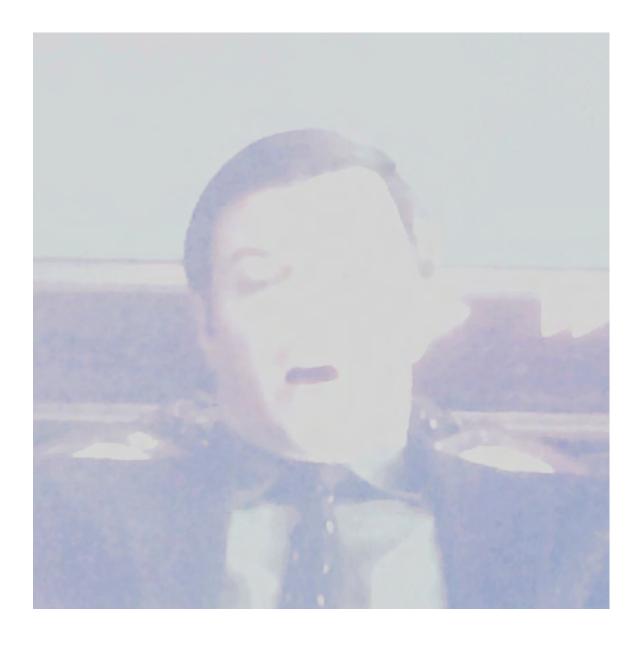






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IT IS SOWN IN CORRUPTION,
IT IS RAISED IN INCORRUPTION:
IT IS SOWN IN DISHONOR,
IT IS RAISED IN GLORY:
IT IS SOWN IN WEAKNESS,
IT IS RAISED IN POWER:
IT IS SOWN A NATURAL BODY,
IT IS RAISED A SPIRITUAL BODY.
MAN WAS MADE IN AN ANIMATED BODY,
BUT MAN WAS MADE A LIVING SOUL.

GENESIS II.7





FINELY LIMITED WINGS IN THE SKY

RUSTLE

THOSE DRIP DROPS OF THE BOGGY BLACK BERRY

AND EXCITE

HAUNTED, CORPULENT CORPUSCLES

STIFFENING

AT THE DEEPENING OF THE EASTERN BREEZE

YOU COME

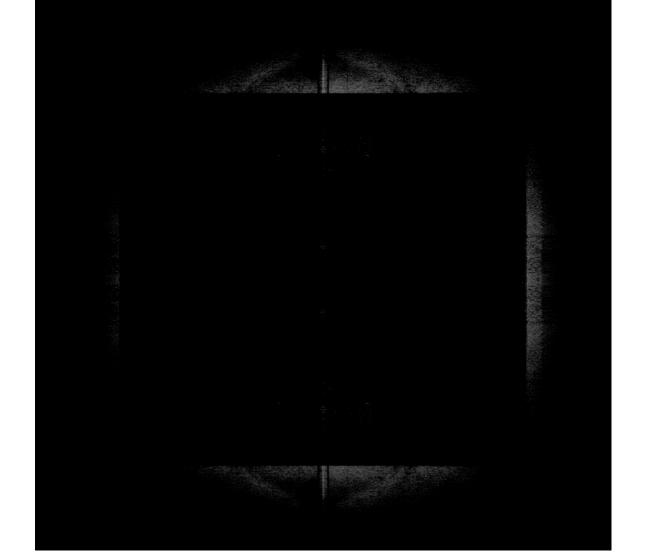
AT NIGHT, IN MY SLEEP,

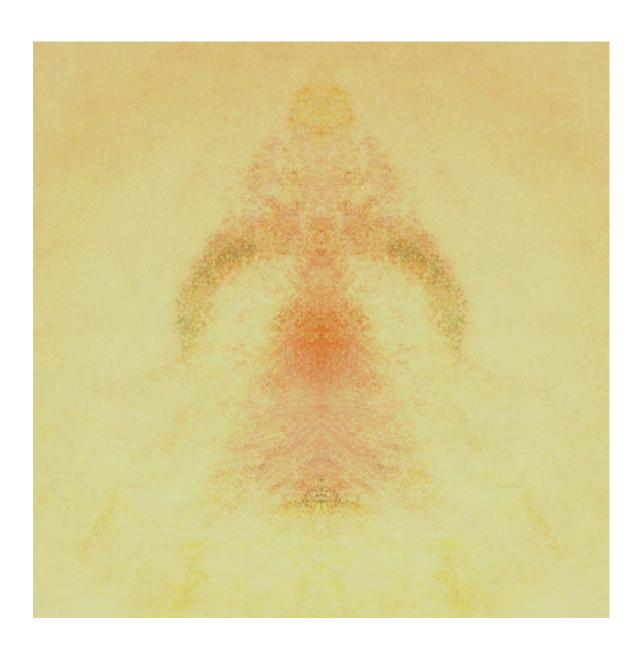
TO SHAKE MY THOUGHTS



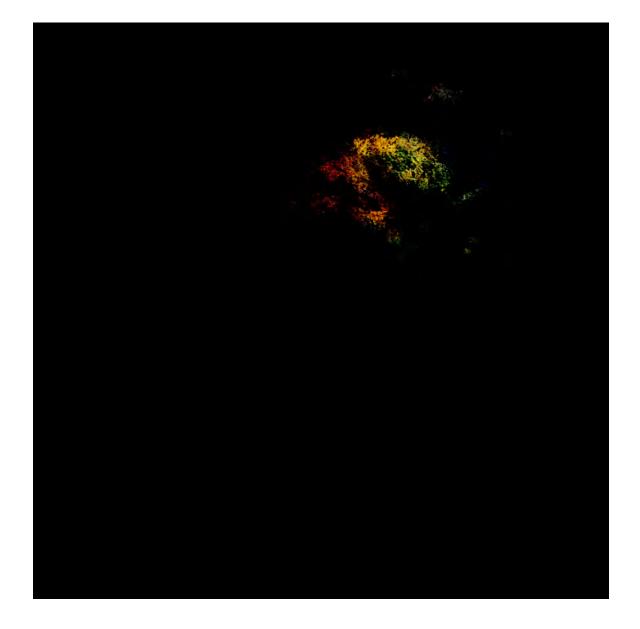


MOVEMENT





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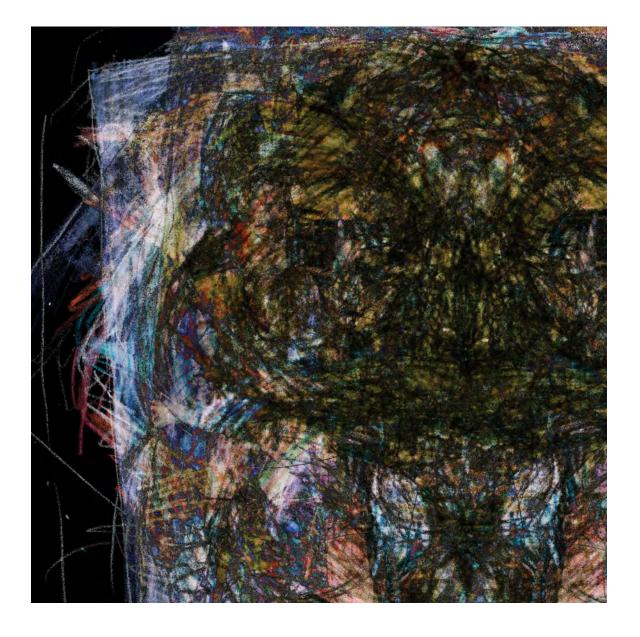
THE STARS REJOICE IN THEIR SETTING,
AND IN THE RISING OF THE SUN.
THE HEAVENLY LIGHTS REJOICE
IN THE GOING FORTH OF ONE MAN
TO MAKE A NEW WORLD IN THE MORNING,
BECAUSE HE HAS COME OUT OF THE CONFUSED,
PRIMORDIAL, DARK NIGHT
INTO CONSCIOUSNESS.
HE HAS EXPRESSED THE CLEAR SILENCE
OF SOPHIA
IN HIS OWN HEART.
HE HAS BECOME ETERNAL.

THOMAS MERTON, OCSO, "HAGIA SOPHIA"



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THE FINEST EMOTION OF WHICH WE ARE CAPABLE IS THE MYSTIC EMOTION.

HEREIN LIES THE GERM OF ALL ART AND ALL TRUE SCIENCE.

ANYONE, TO WHOM THIS FEELING IS ALIEN,

WHO IS NO LONGER CAPABLE OF WONDERMENT

AND LIVES IN A STATE OF FEAR, IS A DEAD MAN.

TO KNOW THAT WHAT IS IMPENETRABLE FOR US REALLY EXISTS

AND MANIFESTS ITSELF AS THE HIGHEST WISDOM AND THE MOST RADIANT BEAUTY,

WHOSE GROSS FORMS ALONE ARE INTELLIGIBLE TO OUR POOR FACULTIES

THIS KNOWLEDGE, THIS FEELING.

THAT IS THE CORE OF THE TRUE RELIGIOUS SENTIMENT.

IN THIS SENSE, AND IN THIS SENSE ALONE,

I RANK MYSELF AMONG PROFOUNDLY RELIGIOUS MEN.

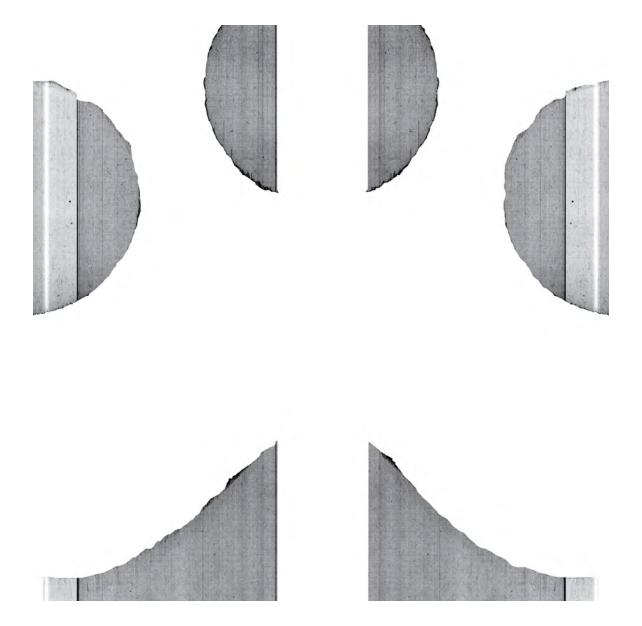
ALBERT EINSTEIN, FROM BARKER & SHUGART'S AFTER EINSTEIN







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THE SUN SINKS IN THE SKY AND WAX MELTS.

PERFECT, FALLEN, LOST AND REDEEMED ALL IN

ONE BREATH.

PLUCKED FROM THE TREE,

STANDING, RECTIFIED, AND OVERCOME BY PASSIONS.

IT'S HARD TO KNOW WHAT IT MEANS TO BE

HUMAN,

OR RATHER, WHAT IT IS TO BE HUMAN

DICTATED BY THE EXIGENCIES OF THE IMPERFECT,

THE HABITUATED,

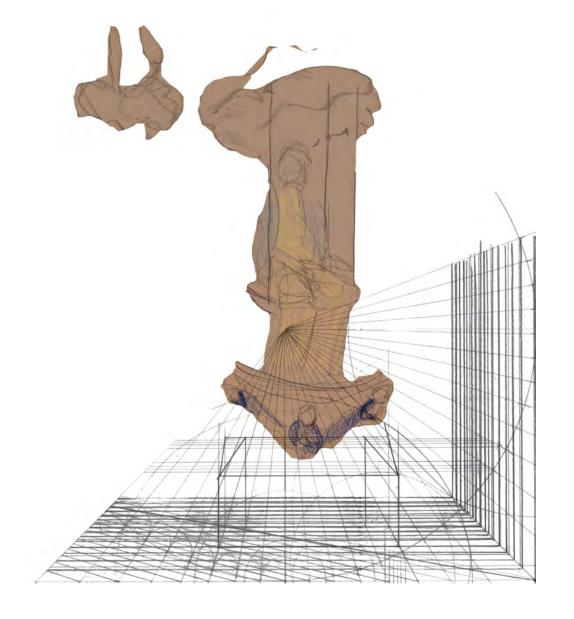
LOCAL MOTION OF THE EARTH DEMONSTRATES

THE ONLY REST

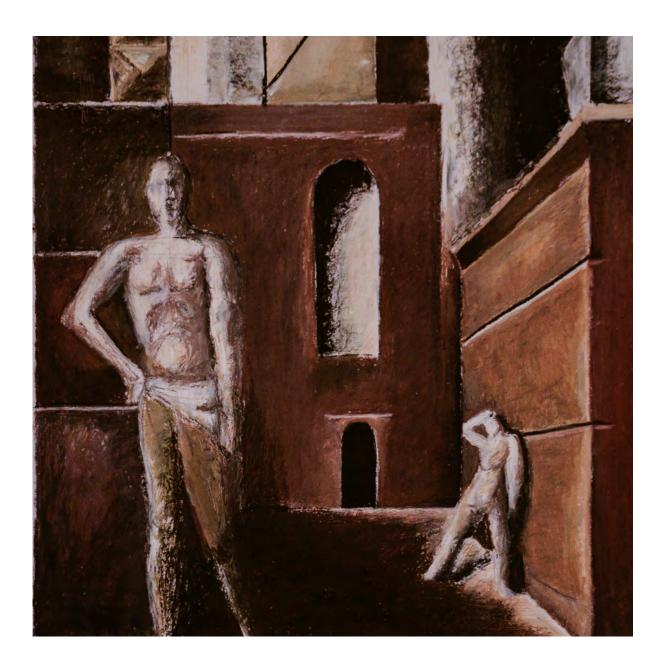
IS SUPERNATURAL

AND PERFECT

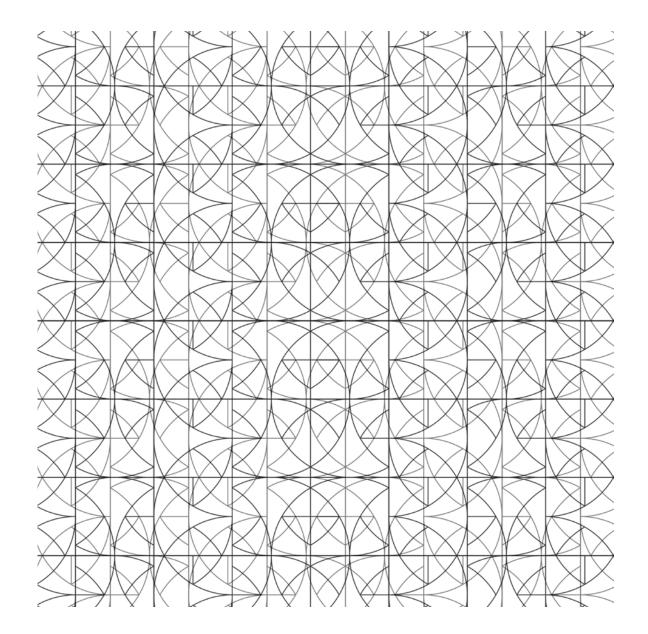
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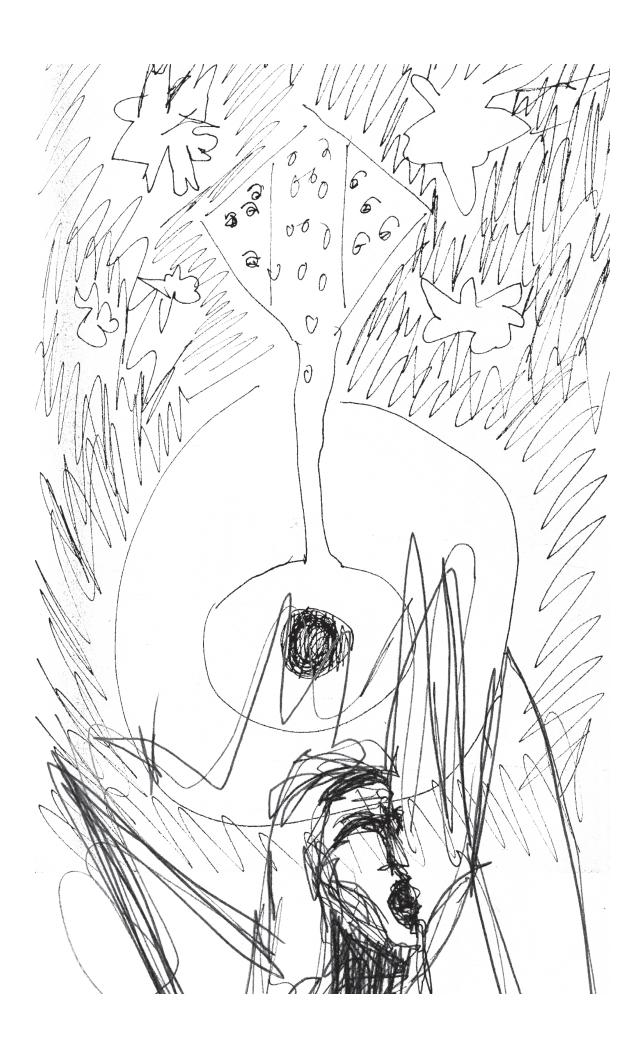


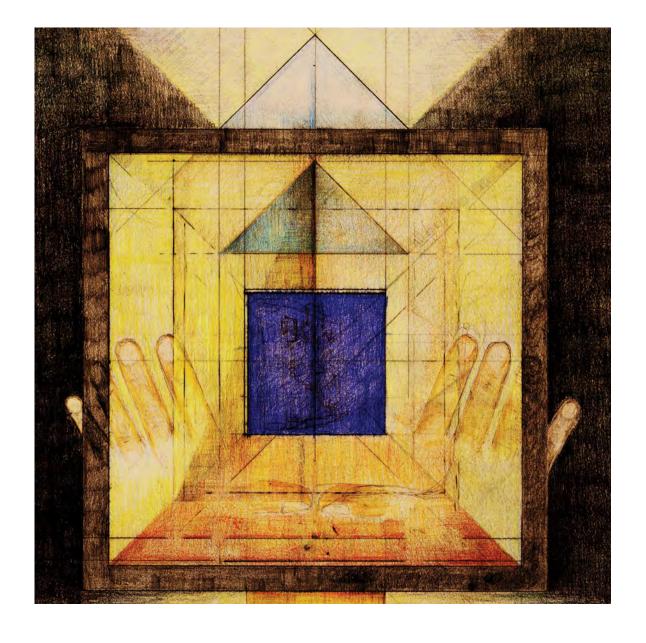
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ONE IS NOT A NUMBER

TWO IS A DIVISION

THREE IS AN ASSOCIATION

IN WHOSE MIDST

WE FIND OURSELVES ENTHRALLED

THE HINGES OF CENTERINGS

THERE IS NO RESOLUTION IN A DUALITY

ONE IS THE NUMBER TO WHOM THREE RETURNS



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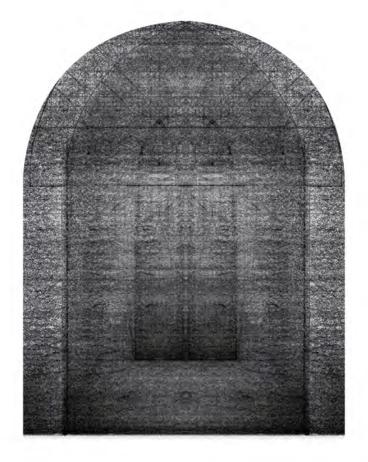
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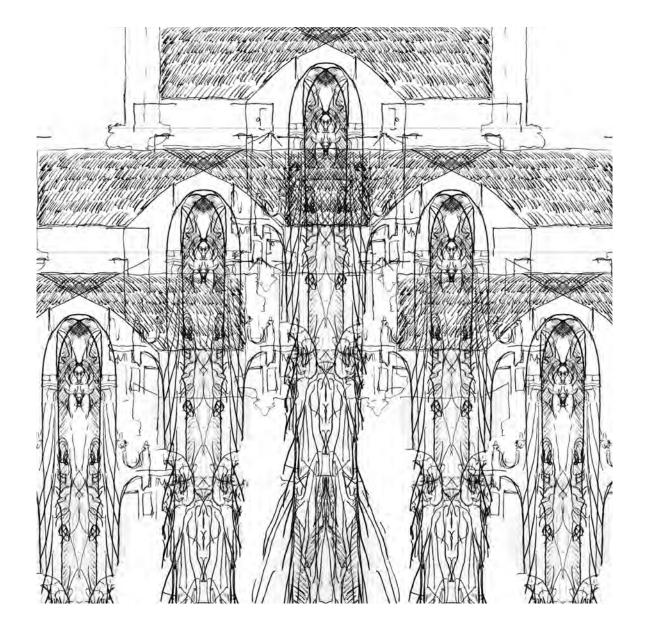




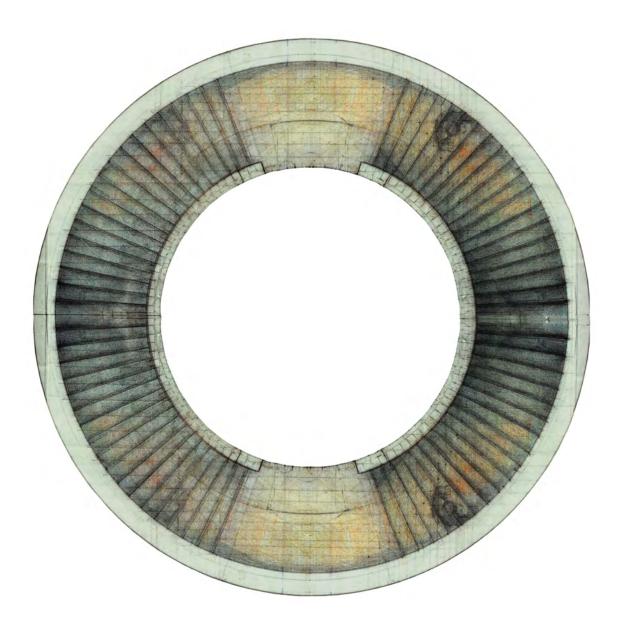


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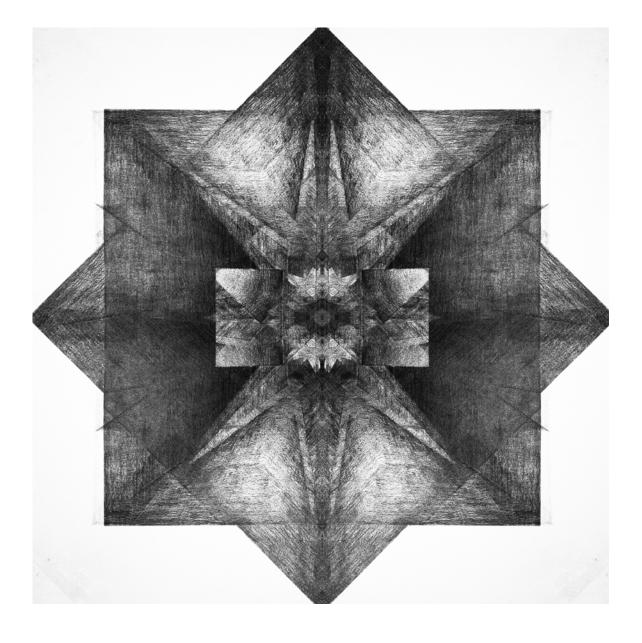




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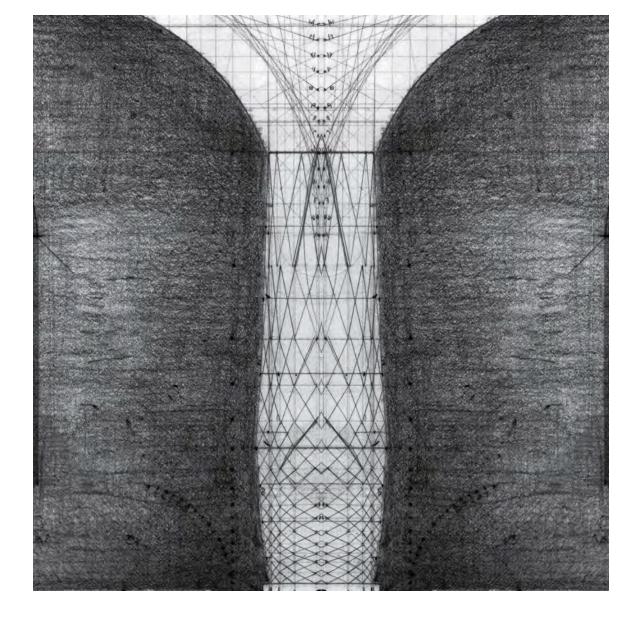


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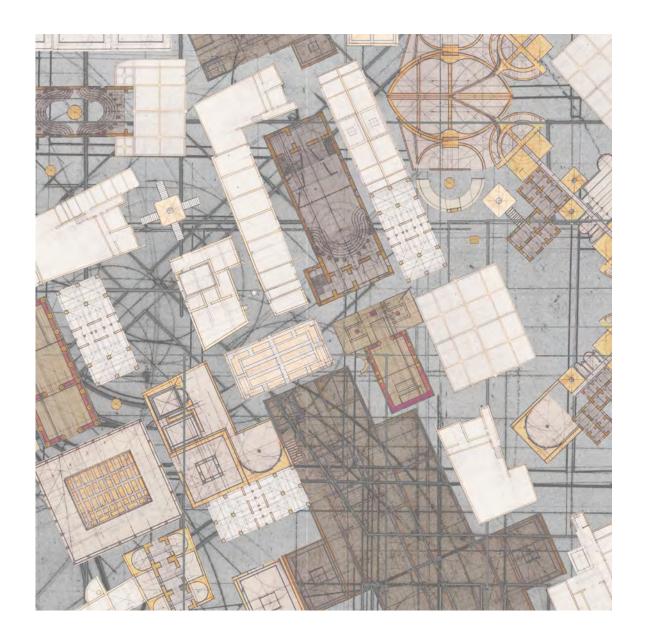
MOVEMENT

SOMETIMES YOU FEEL THE FERVENT DESIRE TO

SEE AND HOLD THE WORLD
IN CONTEMPT
AS BOTH INADEQUATE AND DESPOTIC;
DIDIMOS AND THOMOS,
A TWOFOLD ABYSS DIVIDING.
GO BUILD SOME ROMAN PALACE
IN SOME FAR OFF LAND
ONLY REACHED IN DULCET CANTICLES.
BUT, WATCH FOR THAT TABORIC LIGHT
IN THE THIRD HOUR OF THE NIGHT.
OUTSIDE OF TIME,
THE WANDERER GOES TO BE PRESENT,
AND THE INFLUENCE OF RELATIVE MOTION
CASTS A GREAT SHADOW AT A DISTANCE.



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INTO AND OVER THE GROUND
IN AND OUT AND THROUGH
THE PLACE
WHERE THE PLOW
IS LIFTED,
THE PORT,
WITH ROOM FOR MOVEMENT
IN THE ORBIT
OF CULLED CULTURE,
THE LITERAL INSCRIPTION
OF CITY WALLS



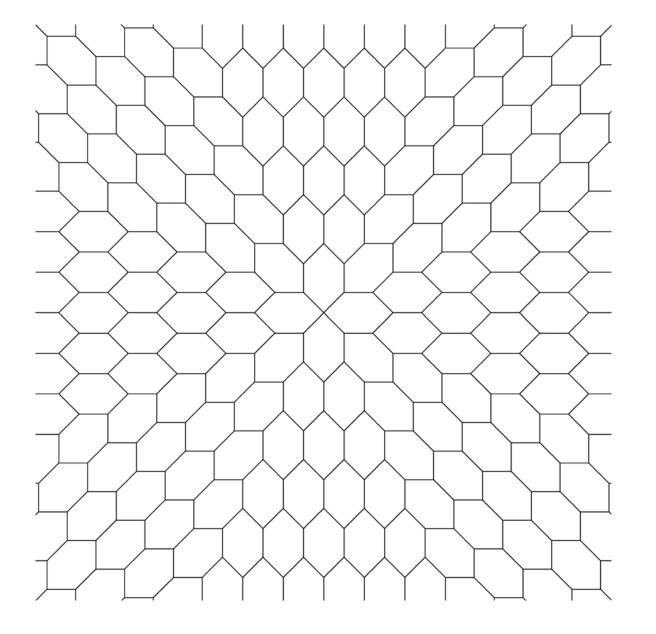
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OS HABENT ET NON LOQUENTUR OCULOS HABENT ET NON VIDEBUNT

AURES HABENT ET NON AUDIENT NARES HABENT ET NON ODORABUNT

MANUS HABENT ET NON PALPABUNT PEDES HABENT ET NON AMBULABUNT NON CLAMABUNT IN GUTTURE SUO

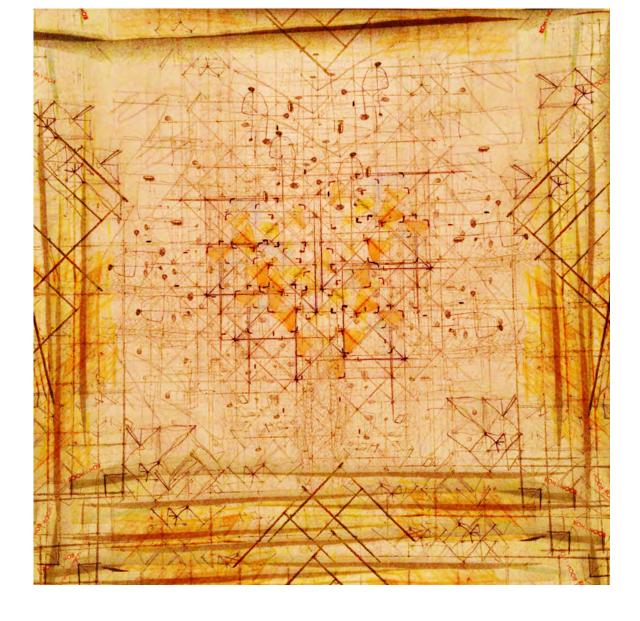
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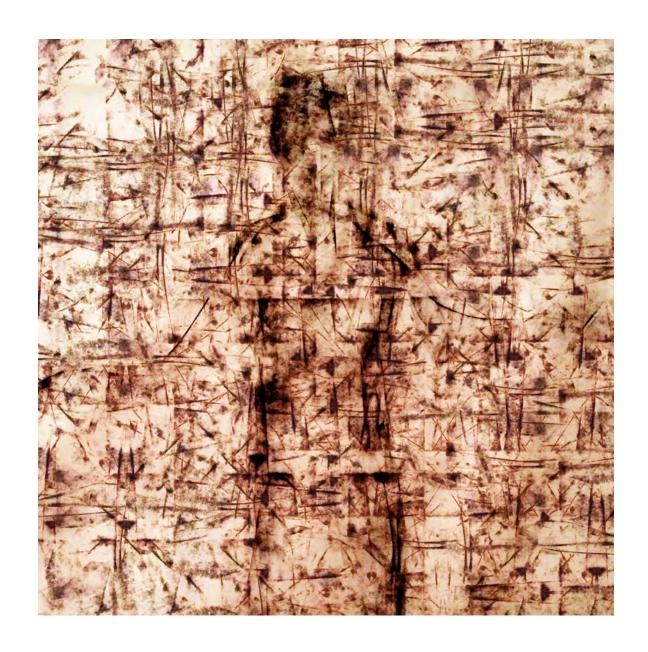


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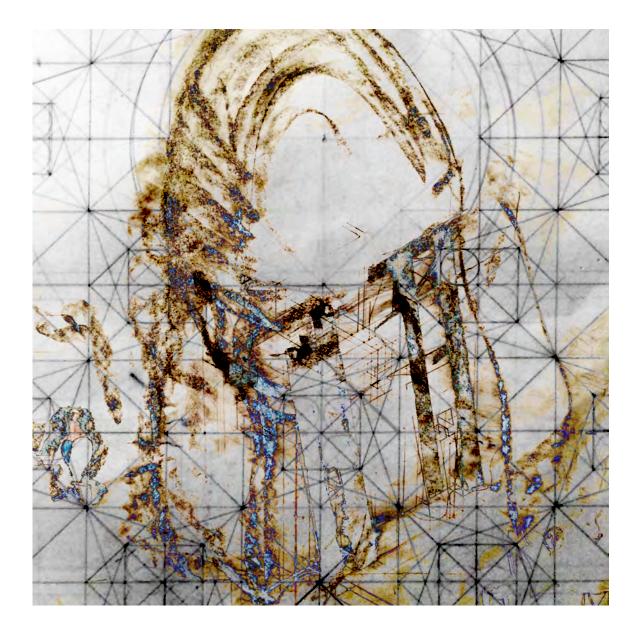
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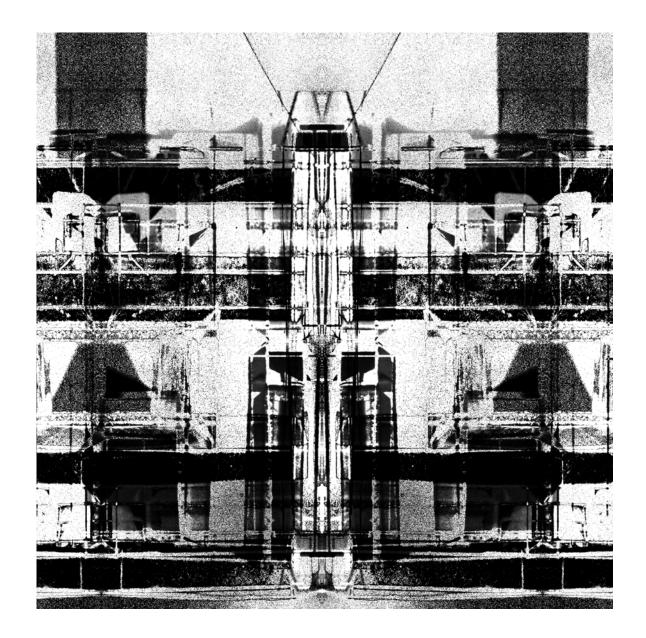
IN THE INVENTION OF THE MASQUE, THERE IS THE CONSTRUCTION OF A LIFE TO MASK THE IMPOTENCY, LOSS OF AUTONOMY, AND LOSS OF SIGNIFICANCE EXPERIENCED AS BLINDING, QUOTIDIAN CONCERNS.



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IN MY ENDING IS MY MEANING.

THOMAS MERTON, OCSO, "THE NIGHT OF DESTINY"

AFTER PLAY



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AFTER HISAO DOMOTO'S INFORMEL DRAWING / GENERAL SKETCH WASH PENCIL AND SARGENT ART CHALK PASTEL / 19"X24" STRATHMORE COLD PRESS WATERCOLOR PAPER (33)AFTER HISAO DOMOTO'S INFORMEL DRAWING / GENERAL SKETCH WASH PENCIL AND SARGENT ART CHALK PASTEL / 19"X24" STRATHMORE COLD PRESS WATERCOLOR PAPER AFTER HISAO DOMOTO'S INFORMEL DRAWING / GENERAL SKETCH WASH PENCIL AND SARGENT ART CHALK PASTEL / 19"X24" STRATHMORE COLD PRESS WATERCOLOR PAPER AFTER HISAO DOMOTO'S INFORMEL DRAWING / GENERAL SKETCH WASH PENCIL AND SARGENT ART CHALK PASTEL / 19"X24" STRATHMORE COLD PRESS WATERCOLOR PAPER IN THE UNITY OF THE COSMOS / PRISMACOLOR PENCILS / 7"X7" ART ALTERNATIVES SKETCH PAD / MANIPULATED IN ADOBE PHOTOSHOP (34) (35)(36)ARCHAIC MASQUE OF CAST PLASTER PIECES / MANIPULATED PHOTOGRAPH FRAGMENT OF DRAWING OF DORMITION OF MARY RELIEF / GENERAL SKETCH WASH PENCIL / 100 LBS. STRATHMORE DRAWING PAPER ELEVATION OF THE TRINITY MASQUE / DERWENT DRAWING PENCILS / TWO 18"X24" 2 PLY BRISTOL BOARD SHEETS (39)ELEVATION OF THE HEAVENLY MASQUE / DERWENT DRAWING PENCILS / TWO 18"X24" 2 PLY BRISTOL BOARD SHEETS (40)SET OF CAST PLASTER PIECES ARRANGED ON WHITE DRAWING PAPER / PHOTOGRAPH (41)(42) COLLAGE OF PERSPECTIVE CONSTRUCTION WITH PEDESTAL AND VIRGIN MARY AFTER THE ASSUMPTION / DERWENT DRAWING AND PRISMACOLOR PENCILS / 100 LBS. STRATHMORE DRAWING PAPER AND 24"X36" 16 LBS. CLEARPRINT DESIGN VELLUM AFTER SIRONI'S FIGURE IN PIAZZA / GENERAL SKETCH WASH PENCIL AND SENNELIER OIL PASTELS / 24"X36" 16 LBS. CLEARPRINT DESIGN VELLUM (44)FLOOR PATTERN AFTER JERZY SOLTAN / LINES CONNECTED IN AUTODESK'S AUTOCAD / NO ORIGINAL IMAGE OF ANGEL AND WELL OF SOULS AFTER HEJDUK AND HILDEGARDE VON BINGEN / GENERAL SKETCH WASH PENCIL / 7"X7" ART ALTERNATIVES SKETCH PAD (45)PERSPECTIVE OF HOUSE FOR HIGH RELIEF WORK AFTER KURAMATA AND SCOLARI / .5MM ALVIN DRAFTING, DERWENT DRAWING, AND PRISMACOLOR PENCILS / STRATHMORE NEWSPRINT PAPER AFTER SIRONI'S CATHEDRAL / DRAWN WITH GENERAL SKETCH WASH PENCIL AND SENNELIER OIL PASTELS / 24"X36" 16 LBS. CLEARPRINT DESIGN VELLUM (47)IMAGE OF STAIRS / DERWENT DRAWING AND PRISMACOLOR PENCILS / 36"X24" STRATHMORE NEWSPRINT PAPER DRAWING OF HIGH RELIEF SCULPTURE OF DORMITION OF MARY BY TILMAN HEYSACKER / DERWENT DRAWING PENCILS / 36"X24" WHITE TRACE SHEET (49)PERSPECTIVE OF THRESHOLD / .5MM ALVIN DRAFTING AND DERWENT DRAWING PENCILS / 24"X36" 16 LBS. CLEARPRINT DESIGN VELLUM (50)COLLAGE OF DRAWING OF HIGH RELIEF SCULPTURE OF DORMITION OF MARY BY TILMAN HEYSACKER / DERWENT DRAWING PENCILS / 36"X24" WHITE TRACE SHEET PLAN OF CIRCULAR STAIR WITH FIGURE / .5MM ALVIN DRAFTING, DERWENT DRAWING, AND PRISMACOLOR PENCILS / 24"X36" 16 LBS. CLEARPRINT DESIGN VELLUM COLLAGE OF CONSTRUCTED PERSPECTIVE OF ROOM / DERWENT DRAWING PENCILS / 19"X24" 2 PLY BRISTOL BOARD ELEVATION OF COLUMN CONSTRUCTED WITH DURER'S INSTRUCTIONS / .5MM ALVIN DRAFTING AND DERWENT DRAWING PENCILS / 24"X36" 16 LBS. CLEARPRINT DESIGN VELLUM FRAGMENT AFTER BELLINI / GENERAL SKETCH WASH PENCIL AND CRAYPAS OIL PASTEL / 8.5"X11" WHITE BOND PAPER (56)PERSPECTIVE AFTER BELLINI AND CANALETTO IN PIAZZA SAN MARCO / GENERAL SKETCH WASH PENCIL AND CRAYPAS OIL PASTEL / 8.5"X11" WHITE BOND PAPER (57)COLLAGE OF CONSTRUCTED PLAN DRAWINGS OF ISOLA SAN MICHELE, POMPEII, AND SCAMOZZI'S TEATRO ALL'ANTICA / .5MM ALVIN DRAFTING PENCIL AND COFFEE WASHED / 18"X24", 140 LBS. STRATHMORE COLD PRESS WATERCOLOR PAPER (58)COLLAGE OF STILLS FROM GODARD'S ALPHAVILLE, BUNUEL & DALI'S UN CHIEN ANDALOU, AND SADEGHI'S MALEK KHORSHID / EDITED IN ADOBE PHOTOSHOP / NO ORIGINAL (59)A FLOOR AFTER BORROMINI'S FLOOR AT SANT'IVO ALLA SAPIENZA / LINE SEGMENTS CONNECTED IN AUTODESK'S AUTOCAD / NO ORIGINAL (60)ELEVATION OF A WINDOW / WITH .5MM ALVIN DRAFTING AND PRISMACOLOR PENCILS / 24"X36", 16LBS. CLEARPRINT DESIGN VELLUM (61) A VISION OF THE PIAZZA AFTER DI GIORGIO, SCARPA, AND TUTUNDJIAN / PRISMACOLOR, DERWENT DRAWING, AND GENERAL SKETCH WASH PENCILS / 24"X36" WHITE TRACE SHEET AFTER FRANCESCO DI GIORGIO, FIGURE DRAWING OF THE BODY IN THE SQUARE / PRISMACOLOR PENCILS AND BLACK CONTE CRAYON / TWO 36"X24" WHITE TRACE SHEETS (62)(63)PLAN AND AXONOMETRIC OF MASQUE DRAWN WITH .5MM ALVIN DRAFTING PENCIL, PRISMACOLOR PENCILS, AND CHARCOAL; ON 24"X36", 16LBS. CLEARPRINT DESIGN VELLUM $\verb|MODEL|\ OF\ MASQUE|/\ BRISTOL\ BOARD\ AND\ DERWENT\ DRAWING\ PENCIL/\ MANIPULATED\ PHOTOGRAPH$ (65)MODEL OF MASQUE / BRISTOL BOARD AND DERWENT DRAWING PENCIL / MANIPULATED PHOTOGRAPH (66)AFTER THE DEFENSE / AUGUST 2, 2018 / PHOTOGRAPH (67)VIRGINIA TECH LIBRARY CARD / FOUND / PHOTOGRAPH

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