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PREFACE

Comprised of 34 free-verse poems, this collection of verse is slightly freer, overall, than the previous one, *Stressing the Essential* (1982), and ranges across a wide variety of topics ... from politics and sex to literature and money ... in what I prefer to regard, being something of a philosopher, as a loosely poetic way, though not one devoid, I flatter myself to say, of stylistic methodology or thematic consistency!

John O'Loughlin, London 1983 (Revised 2022)

Illusion and Truth

There are two ways of looking at
The origins of the Universe according to
The Big Bang theory: either as
An extrapolation from Judaic monotheism or as
An extrapolation from the Superconscious in deference
To contemporary transcendental requirement,
So that its origins are conceived
As being of nobler provenance
Than perhaps they actually were.
In the first instance we have
A Judaic abstraction; in the second ...
An example of pseudo-scientific subjectivity.
A Big Bang, just imagine it!
A divine Oneness to begin with!
But we ought to know by now
That evil is never solitary,
Always acts in competition with others,
Against others, whether on the stellar level
Of absolute evil, or on the organic level
Of relative evil – an evil, in other words,
Between disparate life forms,
Or between two or more racial variations on
The same life form, as in the case of man.
Absolute evil reacts in the guise of stars,
Which diverge from one another.
Why should they have begun in unity
And duly become many?
If the emergence in the void
Of inflammable gases was possible,
Why should it only have been so
In one part of the void?
What was there to prevent simultaneous or successive
Emergences of star embryos?
And if they subsequently grew into flaming stars,
What was there to prevent the birth of smaller stars

From the reactive frictions and clashes of
The larger primal ones – some of which
Would eventually cool and harden into planets,
To bring about the rudiments of
A galactic order, and so halt
The everywhichway divergence of anarchic stars?
We know that polytheism preceded monotheism,
Since the Jews were once pagan.
They thought-up the idea of
A monotheistic Creator, from which
All the other stars 'fell',
In a 'fallen-angel' revolt against
The 'heavenly unity' of the primary star.
No doubt, most small stars
Did emerge from a larger source,
But not necessarily from only *one* larger source!
And today, when the Big Bang theory
Is so fashionable, we are induced to believe,
Compliments of pseudo-scientific subjectivity,
That the galactic universe is expanding (!)
Away from a central void
Which is assumed to be its place of origin,
Much as though an explosion
Once took place there
And the consequence, many millennia later,
Is an expanding universe of fully-formed galaxies,
Replete, we may suppose, with
Advanced life on certain planets!
Ah, how very neat from a mystical viewpoint,
But (quite apart from the fact that galaxies
Are never born fully-formed), somewhat baffling
From a rational or factual one!
For what is there about a central void
That should induce galaxies to tend away from it?
And why should such a divergence
Be regarded as an expansion?
And how do millions of galaxies
All diverge in the same way from a central source?
Ah, we should not be so churlish!

They no longer react against one another,
As stars used to do in the bad old days
Of Newtonian objectivity; on the contrary,
They expand mystically outward
Towards some as-yet-unglimpsed horizon
Which – though space is supposed to be curved –
They will never reach,
Since that would halt their expansion,
And an expanding universe
Cannot suddenly cease to expand.
Our sun, too, is apparently expanding outwards,
And must continue to expand until ... bah!
You know my views by now, and I won't conceive of
The diabolic universe in divine terms,
Lest I end-up regarding
The divine one diabolically,
Or altogether overlook
The existence and possibility of a divine universe!
Regarding the diabolic as *though* it were divine
Is a poor substitute for a truly divine orientation,
And indicates an inability or unwillingness
To abandon evil for the realm of good.
Those of us capable of a higher allegiance
Should never confound
That which contracts and diverges
With that which expands and converges.
We shall reserve the former tendencies
For the flaming stars
And the latter ones for pure spirit.
And we shall know that it is the destiny of
The expanding/converging universe to tend towards
The divine unity of 'Point Omega'.

A True Fight

They fight for a hard-line People's Republic,
But it isn't from the Marxist illusion

That the truth can emerge, since Communism,
Whether national or international,
Prohibits 'God building'
And won't hear of a theocratic way.
As the furthest reach of democracy,
The pseudo-democracy of a totalitarian exclusivity,
Communism signifies the materialist decadence of
A state absolutism, albeit a pseudo-state.
It will dismantle the 'bourgeois' state
In the name of the proletariat
And, if possible, destroy the Church,
Though not to put a successor in its place
(Since it regards religion as a closed issue,
Never to be resurrected
On different or superior terms).
There is only the people's state,
And in such a state only the spurious gods
Of Marx and Lenin count for anything –
A pseudo-theocracy dovetailed into
The autocratic essence of Communism.
Ah, they fight for a People's Republic,
Oblivious of the fact that such a republic,
Once established, would be a betrayal of
The true Irish people, with their theocratic bias,
Their Catholic opposition to Protestant mores.
If Catholicism were to survive in
A People's Republic of Ireland, it would be
An illogicality, Catholicism and Communism
Being ideologically incompatible.
If truly Communist, they would have no option but
To root it out in the name of the People,
So that only democratic materialism remained.
This would not be a popular move with
A majority of the Irish people, who more identify
With the Church than the State.
They would not like a materialist vacuum,
A state absolutism.
Only the decadent, the lowest elements,
The enemies of the true Irish people,

Would be content with that!
They would relish the triumph of the Anti-Christ.
Not I, however! But then, in all honesty,
I don't see a so-called People's Republic
Ever coming about in Ireland, since
The majority of Irishmen would never tolerate
The undermining of their religious bias,
Their bias for theocracy, but would resolutely oppose
Any move in that materialist direction.
What, us, sell-out to Protestants,
Socialists, Communists? Never!
Better an old, moth-eaten theocracy than
A newfangled democratic absolutism!
Ah, I can just hear them! And talk of
A hard-line People's Republic *with* Catholicism –
What is that if not nonsense,
A veritable contradiction in terms?
We have had enough nonsense, in the past,
Not to want any more of it in the present!
We will stick to the existing soft-line republic
Which, in its liberal pluralism, at least
Allows us to stick to our religious bias.
In fact, the Church is stronger than the State in
The way it influences our lives.
This is, after all, the way we like it.
And you? Well, what can I tell them?
Those others fight in vain for a People's Republic.
Maybe one day I shall fight – democratically – for
The dismantling of republicanism in
The interests of an extension and expansion
Of theocracy towards the absolutist level of
A Social Transcendentalist Centre.
I would encourage the true Irish people
To vote-out democracy and vote-in
The highest theocracy, to extend their interests to
The level of the ultimate theocratic allegiance –
That of the Holy Spirit. I shall know that
Those who have remained loyal
To the true Christian Church will favour

The development of transcendentalism,
Not Marxist fundamentalism,
Such as would seem to have been derived from
That other – and false – Church.
The true Irish people are a majority in the Republic,
And a majority of that majority will favour
Centric salvation to Communist damnation,
Thus confirming their theocratic bias.
The Centre would take over from the Catholic Church
And arrogate state responsibility to itself,
In accordance with the absolutist requirements of
A free-electron stage of evolution.
The Centre is the only means to
The final end of the State, to the overcoming
Of state/church relativity.
We true Irishmen of good faith should view
The existing State as the means to a higher end
And, instead of foolishly deriding it, utilize it
For our higher purposes.
The Church won't step down of its own accord,
Nor should it! We need the Church,
Just as we need the existing State.
And one day the miraculous may come to pass:
The Tonean tricolour will be lowered
And the Y-like emblem of what is potentially,
If not at this point in time actually, the
True world religion of Social Transcendentalism
Be raised to take its bankrupt place.
The liberal State will have served its purpose,
And the Irish Social Transcendentalist Centre be born!

The Divine Right

Make no mistake, when sovereignty passes from
The people to a leader, when society passes from
The neutron level of Christ to
The free-electron level of the Holy Ghost,

It is 'all up' with republicanism.
You do not have a republic in which
A sovereign leader exists.
The emergence of such a person presupposes
The end of democratic republicanism,
And signifies the beginning of
Theocratic centralism and the age of theocracy.
As autocratic sovereignty preceded republicanism,
So should theocratic sovereignty succeed it.
If the autocratic ruler, as the earthly embodiment of
The Father, ruled by so-called 'Divine Right',
Then the theocratic leader, as the earthly
Embodiment of the Holy Spirit, leads by 'Divine Right'.
The people's representative represents the people by
Natural right, derived from the Christian notion of
The equality of all souls, and, in a sense,
He may be regarded as
The earthly embodiment of Christ, Who, likewise,
Must be crucified and resurrected,
Or undergo periodic General Elections which
May result in his removal from office (crucifixion)
And due replacement by
A new people's representative (resurrection)
Under an alternative government.
No such relativity, however, can apply to
A leader, who, on account of his 'divine right',
Isn't democratically accountable to the people,
But uses them to further his divine ends,
And must remain in power on a permanent basis,
Since his absolutist status entitles him to
An 'eternity' commensurate with the Supernatural,
Is but a reflection of an Eternal Order
Beyond the comings and goings,
Risings and fallings of the temporal.
The monarch also has his 'eternity', derived from
A so-called 'divine right' appertaining to the stars
And, originally, to the central star of the Galaxy.
He is akin to a quasar on earth,
And his noblemen derive their lordly sovereignty

from

The smaller stars, directly ruling over a peasantry
In microcosmic reflection of
The direct rule of stars over planets.
Trees also reflect this galactic-world-order,
And may, in some degree, be regarded as
The blueprint for an autocratic society.
However, at the opposite extreme of evolution,
The theocratic society intimates of
The otherworldly Beyond,
The leader supremely sovereign
And his closest followers, or party comrades,
Deriving their regional sovereignty from him.
These regional leaders are responsible for
The execution of such administrative tasks as
The leader deems fit to authorize,
And are directly accountable to him,
Much as the feudal nobility
Were accountable to their monarch,
To whom they swore a direct oath of allegiance.
These regional leaders, on the other hand, lead
The people on terms specified by the leader.
In a democratic society, however,
The representatives of the people, including
The Prime Minister, are directly accountable to
Those who elected them
And are, in no way, entitled to sovereign judgements,
All men being considered equal in reflection of
The humanist criteria applicable to
A natural order, an order
Which, with the growth of anti-naturalism, is
Steadily undermined, as some men (proletariat)
Are considered more equal than others (bourgeoisie),
And a class war duly ensues,
Resulting, if taken to its ultimate conclusion, in
A communist so-called democracy.
What distinguishes a divine right from
A natural right or, for that matter,
An anti-natural right ... is
The absolutist integrity of the former,

Whether on the subatomic proton level
Of autocratic rule or, alternatively, on ...