

ENCULTURED CHRISTIANITY

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It's a medicinal discipline to which no one is listening
We self-limit our freedom all bounded without even thinking
About the reason for the way that we're living
And concede to the preaching of this high secular vision
That denies the existence of the encultured Christian.

All enfettered by the message of an atheist perspective
That'd be bettered more by its measured use of reason than rhetoric
That denies and relies on words drawn with false lines
And its half-hearted phrases that make the faithful seem skeptic.

But that's not truth let's correct this message.
Turning to the verses of a rhythmic protreptic.
Shattered from the patterns of my personal reality
And scattered laterally from selfish formalities.
Without limit yet embattered in a parting of purpose
From the truth that speaks truly and the more modern currents.

When compared to the totality of this humanity
That stands grounded by grace in the peace of Christianity
Which teaches mankind of the God-man's plan
That touches our lives as our horizons expand
For the heart contrives but seen with no eyes
The gift God's made for those who are saved
By His sacrifice that pays for the sins that we spin
And they all wonder why Christ underwent the cross
That all might gain grace from His glorious loss
So cry to arrive and abide with the one
Who made us all alive in the blood of His Son.

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