



The author in 1964 outside the burned-out headquarters of the Third Reich in East Berlin.



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Truth in ragged lines

AN ELDER SPEAKS

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<p>A poem speaks its own truth uncontrolled by regimes and schemes or someone else's reality</p>	<p>running on their own calendars</p>
	which
	collapse
	run
<p>and anyway what's that but preposterous guessing from a spinning mind upon a ball spiraling through vastness of cosmic space the heavens and hells of clocks</p>	<p>backwards the moment you glimpse the gears</p>
	who has
	ears hears the sound behind these worlds of words



"The voice and the heart are not working together."

—Barney Bush, SHAWNEE

We can say any words we want with our voice but we cannot hide the true meaning and the true spirit behind the words. The true meaning is always understood. The voice is heard in the physical world, but the meaning is transmitted in the spiritual world. If our voice says one thing but the heart is saying something else, it's the something else that is heard. It is said that the truth will set you free. Reaching the truth means your voice and your words will be in alignment with the heart.

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Waking

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Waking in shadow
shapes having
shifted as sand
along Tumon
Beach worlds
away from this
cold dawn of
day

I no
longer
resemble
whatever
clothing or
pretense, priestly
stole, or stolen
suit of arms
care none and
grieve no more
for you

I have been

What is now,
comes
joy of
age and
angels

in brief
turning of the
sun

rising in the
eastern
gateway

my
heart leans
toward the
west

where many
paths have
led me

home
time after
time

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From the author’s journal – 2018

Untitled

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Humankind science records 4.5-plus billion years of life evolving with this planet; however, one sees beyond its entirety, a mere flash from nothing to nothing, having a span less than half-life of a top quark created in the Large Hadron Collider.

Yet, entwined within each other’s flesh, in moaning pinnacle of pain and pleasure, lay forever. “I see forever in your eyes,” we sang.

So much humor cycles through waves which simultaneously flash in-and-out of particle existence in an immeasurable thin span and yet wind through eons. From here, another joke, a laugh. As we go to kneel beneath the wide-branched tree to hang upon words from a master’s lip, we barely notice the radiance, a fleeting glance, from a seemingly unimportant figure on the side, half in bushes ... aha! cries the universe in me ... here, in this brief glance to the periphery ... here is everything we ever imagined this world, these illusions, could ever hold for us. Think, believe, expect a pragmatic journey, how unreal ... the meaning grabs at your soul between beats of the heart, between the steps we conjure will take us to some ... some appointed destination. We are what we come for, and that is enough ... and more.



On the easel: one of he author's paintings.

Weary

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Weary, resting under sun-faded awning at shuttered desert cantina	going someplace east of here with purpose, in a rush to get there to do, to be something, of importance	at the wheel smiling in a dream I have not yet dreamed perhaps in Cincinnati or Paducah	life carried stardust from distant constellation to my village
scorching heat baking scrambled meal of the brain	Driver honks the horn, I quick turn my head for a glance	Mind wanders to Peru where in another	Is this how to prepare for another journey home
Comes streaking futuristic automobile	is me		



Do you feel this?
This indescribable ... what
is it? do you feel ...
here ... is
wow, what a
hit, my heart
smokes the solar
flare, drawing in,
breathing
out

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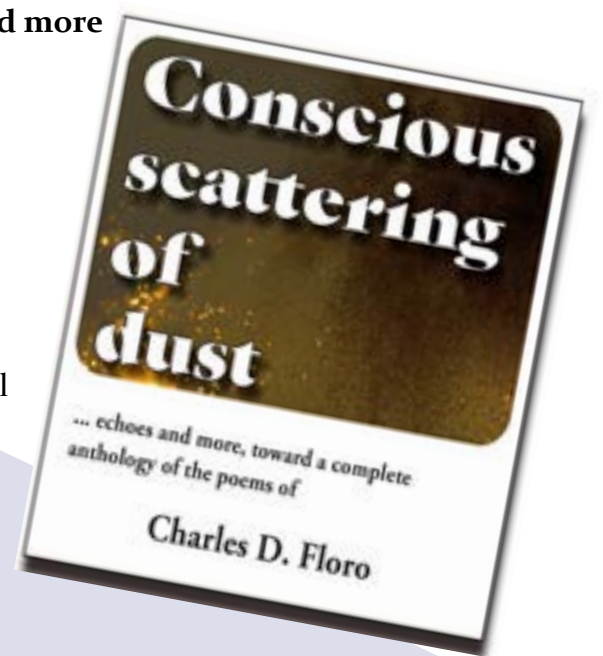
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