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*This book is dedicated to you*



*... if I am I because you are you and you are you  
because I am I, then I am not I and you are not you!*

Menachem Mendel Morgensztern of Kotzk  
1787 - 1859





## **Preface**

It was at the beginning of COVID.

At this time all things seemed to stand still.

At this time no one knew what the future would bring.

Then one day, poems started to flutter in.

Poems that brought us to ponder.

Poems that awakened good spirits in us.

Poems that inspired us.

The e-mails contained the poems and some comments  
or afterthoughts written before the mails were sent out.

Perhaps they were also explanations for people -  
people like me - who did not understand them immedi-  
ately or did not have the information to understand them.

I came a bit later to the chosen ones who received these  
mails and they were - and are - very special to me.

Back then, they brought sunshine into my days.

And they still do today.

I wish you as much enjoyment reading these poems as  
I had in those lonely and uncertain days of 2020.

Erika Krafft

Korneuburg, Austria

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## *Ubuntu*

### *Ubuntu*

I am because we are  
We are because you are  
You are because we are  
Animal eats and dies  
We share and live  
Society begets humanity  
We beget humility  
I become by giving what  
Was never mine but  
Always mine to give  
I realize myself thru  
Sharing myself  
With you  
I am divine  
You are divine  
*We* is what defines us

*Pratītyasamutpāda*

Spontaneous  
Interdependent  
Co-arising  
We are *only*  
In relationship  
As the foot is  
To the hand  
The needs are  
The same, looks  
And preferences  
May differ

If we presume  
Superiority  
Over another  
Or destroy him  
Or his wealth  
We destroy part  
Of ourselves

What would you  
Say to a man that  
Tries to steal  
The fingers from  
His hand  
Or to the women  
Who damns the  
Left foot while  
It is not right  
Right like  
HER right foot

Every child knows  
One hand  
Washes the other  
Together they  
Wash the face

May we be as children  
In the eye of God

## *The F Word*

Fixative

Key to the city of tomorrow

Medicine for the downtrodden

Possibility expander for the future

Two-way street almost

Always under construction

Alchemist's wonder essence

Changing lead to gold

Tonic for the broken of heart

Ever close at hand

Remedy for vendetta violence

Antidote for the pangs of pains

Elixir vital concerning discord

Always within your reach

One sentence wonder

Promise of a life again

The seemingly unspeakable

Restorative for the disjointed

Instrument of the truly strong

Best paying bet known to man

For some a Trinidadian limbo pole

For others an Olympic high jump pole

The ice bucket challenge for the proud

League for those who have planted peace

*Mitzwah* with a holy obligation

Seeds for the next generations

Club against preoccupation

Nondenominational effort  
Multidirectional force  
The best bet you will ever have  
Who could want more  
Than this word can  
Deliver

### ***The F Word***

| Please forgive me if  
| I have not been able  
| To express myself  
| Clearly



## *Timemachine*

Beguiling  
The thought  
A modus operandi  
Let us say an orb  
Something bright  
Shiny and very round  
Which with we could glide  
Thru Time and Space  
Roll across the floor of the  
Desert of Uncertainty  
Driven by the winds  
Of happenstance  
All pressure  
Being focused onto one  
Very small  
Point of compression  
Our connection  
All attention  
Being forced onto the  
Point of attachment  
Very concentrated  
The sphere dissolves  
We resolve we are  
Just this tiny speck  
Unconnected  
Unattached  
Just this itsy

Bitsy fleck  
Floating thru  
Time and space  
Forgotten  
Who is at  
The helm

## ***Lockdown Breakdown***

We are free  
Come visit me  
We can tea  
Climb a tree  
Swim the sea  
Come visit me  
Let's be free  
So happy  
You & me  
Just come  
Just come  
Just come

| Corona 202005

## *Ionia*

It is common knowledge  
Twenty men  
Must dig a hole  
To find the carbon  
Diamond  
Another twenty must sift the dirt  
Until they find the wanted  
Another twenty must scratch and cut  
Til the light is visible  
I have transversed the  
Valley of the  
Shadow of Death  
More than once  
A Way I know well  
If you are looking for  
The light, it may be  
As the monkey minded  
Master once told me, at  
The end of that tunnel  
The greatest light  
Is found within  
A Pythagorean theorem  
-Know thy self-

***The Certainty Principle***  
***Evolution is circular***

*-At the top of every ladder is a chute-*

Certainly Certainty  
would say  
“I was all one  
ever wanted.”  
and so it was  
at the first  
days of light  
hogwash and  
superstition  
the rungs of change  
lead to divine  
intervention  
dogma and  
the occasional  
sleight of hand  
then postulate  
and theorem  
then hypothesis  
needy as we are  
order begets certainty  
we put up laws  
on rickety legs  
teaching scientific  
divination

as we had nature  
by the neck  
something went awry  
the wizard's wand  
went uncertainty  
absolutes became relatives  
quantum apples fell  
the necromancer  
trapped inside  
his magic hat  
“Why is a raven like a writing desk?”  
caught inside a self-made trap  
*Do not pass go*  
*Do not collect \$200*  
for what you seek  
however unique  
you may well find  
keep this in mind  
and  
enjoy the ride

## *Lighthouse Keeper*

Like the Lighthouse  
Keeper and the men afloat  
Prone to different elements  
Like the electron and the proton  
Each saddled on its own charge  
All other pairs as far as that is concerned  
Their relationship  
Connects two things  
Very different  
In their nature  
Similar in origins  
Intimacy and distance  
One preserves the self  
One destroys uncertainty  
This little tug of war  
Is the dyad's proclivity  
Interdependentness  
Is how things associate

To dissolve the border  
Between self and other  
Annihilates the participants

Permissive as this may be  
Commonly *la petite mort*

## *Of That*

Our parents taught us  
to be happy  
with our lot  
with what we have  
and not with not  
times have changed  
lessons evolved  
today we are  
the wiser  
unhappy with  
what is not  
with that that  
we do not have  
so it seems  
we turned our ground  
now  
our  
Fulfillment  
our  
Satisfaction  
is  
Dissatisfaction!

Empirically  
As we can see  
Dear me  
We do have a lot!



## *In Nature*

Humanism  
Is an Ism  
To which I  
Count myself  
Taproot of  
Modernity  
Bedrock of  
Our beginnings  
Orphic and mystic  
Believing  
In what is  
Not seen  
Only the  
Derived, divine  
Coalitionary  
Pro-aggressive  
Behavior  
Gossip beat the bully  
Furthered  
Self-domestication  
Reactive aggression  
Receding  
Othering-  
Another story-  
Always eat  
The strangers  
Witches incendiary

Genocide vulgaris  
Strange fruit  
Hanging on the trees  
All-Inclusive  
Strange bed partners  
Rousseau goes Hobbes  
Jekyll must Hyde  
Maybe to  
Millions  
Rather  
In-humane  
But this is very  
Very Human

***Inherent Bungle -  
the endowment of faux pas***

Life is a  
Little word  
Implying a  
Big obligation  
Personal achievements  
Creating beauty  
Clinging to deity  
Are frivolous  
Unimportant  
The spark vital  
Begets a biological  
Responsibility  
Reproduce  
Repeat  
Repeat  
Repeat  
The genetic  
Jalopy's mission  
Re-production  
Copy  
Make another  
Copy!

All  
Advancement  
Evolution  
Is simply  
A failure  
A breakdown  
In the system

Dear Reader,

Looking into the many faceted gem of Life  
There are multifarious marvels to be seen  
Beauty everywhere we look...

Thank you for your attentiveness  
For your open-mindedness  
And for your spacious-heartedness  
It is always a joy to write for you!

10,000 Blessings  
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10,000 Blessings

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