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### **Thunder and Plunder C/O Narcissists**

Narcissists, in ordinary life, are generally perceptible,  
When observation is keen.  
But even sans keen perception,  
They could easily be perceptible  
When a Facebook account is switched on.  
As an idle mind is the devil's seedbed,  
Facebook quite unwittingly becomes the seedbed  
Of idle maniacs, releasing  
A stormy wave of narcissists,  
Of ego-surfers, to simply taste  
Trivial fake 'likes' and empty praises  
For even worthless achievements and works  
Often with concomitant manipulative certificates  
Of appreciation and commendation  
Which they madly famish for,  
Embellishing also their dreary slot  
By feeding it with the superficial diet whereon

They also seem to survive.

Thanks to the Facebook creator for infusing new life

Into infinite narcissists and promoting their inane cause.

Strangely, equal praise is elicited

By both the ugly and beautiful,

The stupid and the intelligent,

Proving how ingratiating praises are also so false.

But the plethora of compliments and praises

Chokes the helpless, yielding Facebook.

Surfeited with such wild invasion and encroachment

It has been ailing with seeming vibrancy since its creation,

Ailing also, all its well-meaning sensible and intelligent users.

Does not all this seem to be a vain-gloriously orchestrated plan?

Narcissists rules where hapless Facebook surrenders!

## Death & Resurrection — Ultramodern Style

Once in a renowned hospital,  
I chanced to see a dying man gaining instant resurrection  
By suddenly grabbing  
And throwing violently his ventilator,  
Springing back to life and action  
Simply on seeing a bombastic, exquisite and eulogistic comment  
On his cell-phone display screen,  
Flaunted by his attending tensive wife.  
Suspended betwixt belief and disbelief,  
I rubbed my eyes to ascertain  
Whether it was a dream or reality.  
FB succeeds where doctors and medical sciences fail  
To resurrect or revive humans!

I was also quite taken aback  
when I saw A girl riding a scooter  
With her mobile tightly sandwiched between  
Her left shoulder and left ear.  
Lost in conversation, she jumped the red-light  
And so, was crushed by a running car.  
This time I didn't rub my eyes

To ascertain the facts, 'cause  
I've learnt how facts are even stranger than fiction.

Cell-phone succeeds where gods and destiny fail  
To decide the life and death of humans!

Resurrected pious souls are few e'en in scriptures,  
But many are resurrected impious souls today, in truth.  
Google not only makes way for  
The infinite amount of information  
Available on the web,  
But also fills one's emotional and intellectual vacuum;  
It also renders unprecedented service  
By providing a conduit for earning a new life,  
Bringing many from the abode of the death  
To this living world—like a divine power, effecting instant  
resurrection.  
Ferrying the death to this world after enlivening them In the  
twinkling of an eye  
Could be an act benign and divine,  
But repeating the same indiscriminately with many humans  
And regularizing it, is devastating,  
Causing rather population explosion.

Christ's resurrection is still unclear,  
But resurrection through FB operators is galore----  
---experienced and witnessed by many.  
After resurrection death often raises its ugly head  
When one detoxifies himself  
From this advanced computing world even for a short while.  
But, he knows the secret of re-resurrection  
That propels him to exploit it over and over again,  
Till he dies a FB addict one day.  
Pitiably, all remedies discovered by medical sciences  
Have also failed to de-addict such addicts  
Though it is still unclear  
Whether it is addiction or insanity.  
Protean psychiatric treatment  
And psychological counseling have also failed,  
God also knows not the way to weed out  
This outbreak of an epidemic of FB  
Generated by cybernetic humans  
Who have the expertise to measure the length and breadth  
Of their joys and sorrows through it.

Strangely also painful to see  
A host of starved FB users soliciting for empty likes,

Or, inviting their empty-mundane-petty achievements to be liked,  
Simply to enrich their empty impoverished famished life  
And inflate their deflated ego.  
Poverty and richness of their psycho-somatic life so,  
Is simply determined by the number of FB friends  
And by the superficial quality of plethora  
Of perennial accrual of comments  
Emanating, surfacing.  
For all that, intelligence or stupidity is surely reflected by  
How one discerns and takes one's praise.

How really earthly, but godly and divine is cybernetic man  
That performs  
Deeds, holy and miraculous  
With greater speed, precision and efficiency  
Than all Gods and angels!  
How also really satanic and fallen is he  
That also performs  
Deeds, evil and malicious  
With greater velocity, intensity and competency  
Than all demons and evil spirits!

## Big Pseudo Gods amongst Little Blockheads

Truth matters not, for perception, though false, is a reality.  
People, vitiated with self-interest, biases and prejudices,  
often color this mute helpless world with false perception,  
with the way they want to see it and so, have ruined it--  
--- pathetically, almost completely.

Clearly, selective blindness is lethal to humanity.

Spying and eyeing for a demi-god

His roving eyes roam the earth

To see the category of security,

The number of pilots, security guards and sniffer dogs,

The potentials to dare and scare the poor and weak,

The perfect image for which

He dies to be his doormat.

Carried rashly, if not blindly by his self-effacing drives,

He frantically longs to enter into kinship

With his perfect good-for-nothing, but ideal demi-god,

For he wants to be himself fearsome and empowered

With the powers of a potentate,

Not knowing the cheap, mean and empty sentiment and aims

Whereon he squanders his time and energies.

Famished for power and pelf

Man often falls from grace,  
Willing to strip off all that is noble and virtuous,  
He heartily, submissively, resorts to total surrender  
And joyously sacrifices all his human and divine attributes  
At the altar of degenerate, but seemingly true semi-god.  
A passive and unwilling lamb bleats  
While being sacrificed  
But an active and servile stooge shrieks  
With delight, gets instant resurrection  
And reaps rewards unprecedented  
Through his sacrifice----of principles, of morals,  
Of everything that brings humanity laurels  
By becoming the arbiter of human fate.  
To be an eager replica of evil  
With a smirk of contentment  
Shows how evil is deeply entrenched in his psyche.  
He poses to be larger than human life,  
But in truth, is pettier than animal life.  
He also poses to be blessed with a high IQ,  
But in truth, is nothing more than a mule.  
When our earth is infested with blockheads and mules,  
Demi-gods must reign supreme.  
Painfully again, there is still the dearth and demand of pseudo-gods

For the mushrooming growth of fools has outgrown them.  
As the eternity of blockheads blesses demi-gods with eternal life,  
Their evaporation only  
Could vaporize pseudo-gods.

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