

POEM OF THE WEEK

DARK & TERRIBLE THINGS

"Do people need to die?"

The question is not hypothetical.
It is an example of a class of questions
That demands answers. Questions that centre
On "What is the compelling attraction
And the seductive allure of re-living the past?"
Possibilities are numerous but insufficient
Describing the horrors of past events does not matter
Detailing the destruction and counting the dead
It adds to the allure. How can they be so sure?
Say, the casualties were in the millions. Is that more than
The fingers on my hand, they ask. Yes, a lot more.

Is it an example of the contradictory nature of humanity?
You say, "Yes"; I say, "No". You say, "white"; I say, "black".
The behaviour is perverse, dealing in perversity
Is it a game for children (who grow out of it) and the foolish
Contradiction, in and of itself, is not a bad thing.
Contradiction as a block negation of your opinion is not healthy
It is a perverseness of value to none

Reason and argument are emotionally neutral
Deal with the analysis and exploration of the subject
Of listening and hearing, feeding back to ensure understanding
It is not a battle of being right, the other wrong
That is for children. Maturity shows the limitations of believing that
The labels are meaningless in the process of discovery
They are the extensions of personality
Personality has no place in an argument.
The intensity of belief has no part to play in deciphering a code
Or passionate outbursts in defining a solution

The original question is neither hypothetical nor simple.
It is an example of a class of questions
That demands answers. Questions that centre
On "What is the compelling attraction
And the seductive allure of re-living
And re-defining the past?"

Any Suggestions?
Dark Emotions
Deliberate disbelief
Come, darkest of nights
Block reality from our sight

Gentler feelings take flight
Does cruelty and destruction
Become Is our mission

Please tell me
Demonstrate by your actions
And intentions that is not the answer
The answer is in our hands
Reject perversity
Embrace opportunity
In the here and now

Make a difference

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