

Signs vs. Symbols

Signs and symbols:
both communicate;
but signs merely indicate,
whereas symbols
ask you to participate.

Signs direct you
to something else;
symbols draw you
into themselves.

Signs illumine
the intellect;
symbols fertilize
the imagination.

Signs aid
comprehension;
symbols aim at
commitment.

Signs speak to
consciousness;
symbols stir up the
subconscious.

Signs strive for clarity;
symbols conceal
as well as reveal.

Signs will enlighten;
symbols can heal.

Signs articulate;
symbols integrate.
Signs inform;
symbols transform.

You read a sign,
but inhabit a symbol.

So, when you make the
Sign of the Cross,
remember: it is a *symbol*.

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