

## *Mastery vs. Mystery*

In our individual  
and social relationships  
we are suffering from  
too much mastery  
and not enough mystery.

Unbridled technology  
results in mastery;  
enlightened science  
respects mystery.  
Unscrupulous managers  
look to mastery;  
inspired leaders  
foster mystery.

Mastery involves  
manipulation;  
mystery offers  
invitation.  
Mastery implies  
servitude;  
mystery evokes  
plenitude.  
Mastery wants  
to control;  
mystery seeks  
to console.

Under mastery  
we abdicate  
our liberty;  
in mystery  
we enhance  
our freedom.  
Under mastery  
we are told  
what to do;  
in mystery  
we unfold  
what is new.

Our history,  
unfortunately,  
too often shows  
human mastery  
causing inhuman misery.  
God's mastery,  
however,  
occurs only by  
entering into  
His loving mystery.

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