

## *Goods vs. Goodness*

Where goodness  
is the way,  
goods get  
in the way.

Goodness is spiritual  
and liberating;  
goods are material  
and debilitating.  
Goodness ennobles  
and expands;  
goods hinder  
and constrict.

Goodness beckons  
and leads;  
goods lag  
and obstruct.  
Goodness stretches  
and reaches;  
goods restrict  
and confine.

Goods make us  
selfish;  
goodness generates  
generosity.  
Goods are mere  
means;  
goodness is the  
goal.

Striving for the good  
enriches us;  
seeking more goods  
leaves us impoverished.

Goodness asks:  
do you own your goods,  
or do your goods  
own you?

Goodness cautions:  
shouldn't a good deal  
produce a deal of good?

Getting goods  
by giving up goodness  
is a tragedy.  
Giving up goods  
to achieve goodness  
is a triumph.

Living with goods,  
but without goodness,  
is futility.  
A life of goodness,  
even without goods,  
is fulfillment.

It is clear that  
the accumulation  
of goods  
stunts the growth  
of goodness.

And it is even clearer  
that to beget goodness  
it is better  
to bid goods good-bye  
than to indulge in  
a good buy.

So, for goodness' sake,  
forsake goods!

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