

Mysteries

Mysterious are we beings
seeking supremacy over others
hoping that any who tower over us will be kind even as
we are also kind to those we tower over
as we belittle ourselves by belittling other things
for that sword cuts both the wielder and the object of the thrust

We see humanity as a link in a chain near the superior end
spiritually closer to angels and gods than to snails
and other lesser critters on our other side, thereby
classifying all as either better or worse

While the lesson of the measuring stick is that each mark
is no better or worse than any other
that each centimetre is more or less useful for the specific project
that spiritual marks are found on spirit levels and not on rulers
and to be an endpoint is neither honour nor disgrace

Mysteriously, we must insist on chains
the relative merits of each link
relative strengths, mentalities and hues
which is the better end and
who/what gets to do the most towering

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Realistically, all things are necessary and worthy
each in its own right
regardless of our understanding
irrespective of the limits of our values
for we are merely niche-players, too¹

1 Were it not for the false beliefs that we love to harbour about ourselves and our natures, we could better address our mysteries and problems. What is the greatest of all those problems? Whatever it is, is it a human problem? Seeing that humans inhabit the universe, would that ultimate problem have to be a Universe problem, too? Closer in, humans are clearly an Earth problem!