

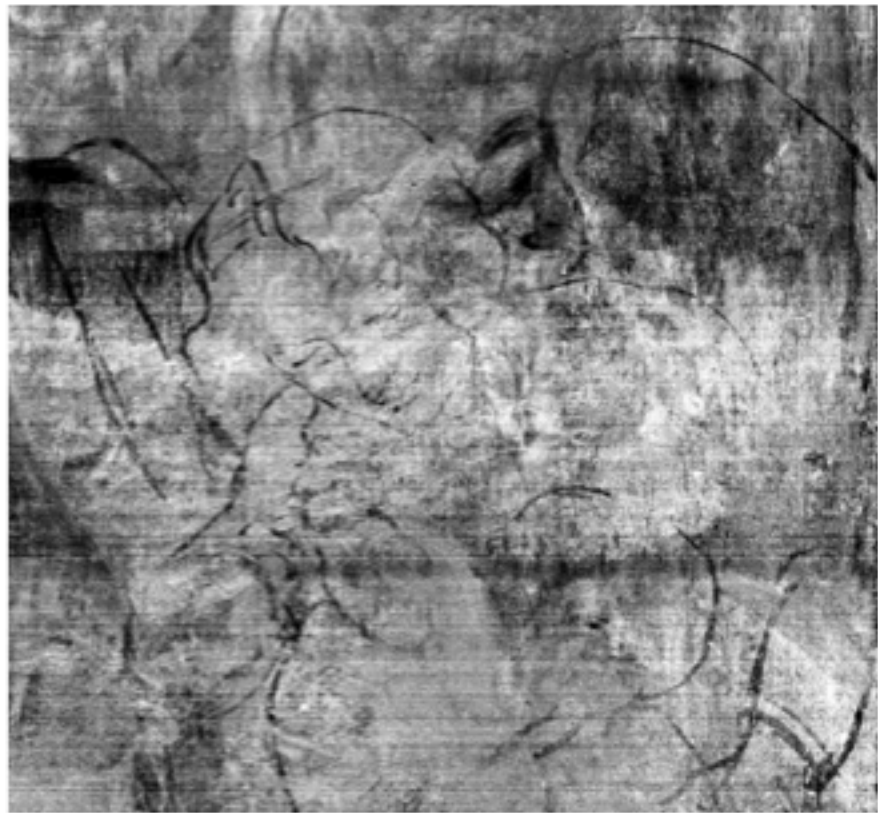
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W.H. Auden

All I have is a voice
To undo the folded lie. . .
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"September 1, 1939"

The whole head is sick,
and the whole heart faint.
From the sole of the foot even to the head,
there is no soundness in it,
but bruises and sores
and raw wounds;
they are not pressed out or bound up
or softened with oil.

vv.5b, 6

Ah, sinful nation,
a people laden with iniquity,
offspring of evildoers,
children who deal corruptly!

v. 4

Your country lies desolate;
your cities are burned with fire;
in your very presence
foreigners devour your land; it is
desolate, as overthrown by foreigners.
And the daughter of Zion is left
like a booth in a vineyard,
like a lodge in a cucumber field,
like a besieged city. vv. 7-8

Children have I reared and brought up,
but they have rebelled against me.
The ox knows its owner,
and the donkey its master's crib,
but Israel does not know,
my people do not understand."

vv.2-3

They have forsaken the LORD,
they have despised the Holy One of
Israel,
they are utterly estranged.

vv.4-5

What to me is the multitude of your
sacrifices?

says the LORD;

I have had enough of burnt offerings of
rams

and the fat of well-fed beasts

v. 11

Bring no more vain offerings;
incense is an abomination to me.

v. 13

Your new moons and your appointed
feasts my soul hates;

v. 14

even though you make many prayers,
I will not listen

v. 15

...your hands are full of blood.

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Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees,
hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and
cumin, and have neglected the weightier
matters of the law: justice and mercy and
faithfulness. These you ought to have
done, without neglecting the others.

Matthew 25:23

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees,
hypocrites! For you clean the outside of
the cup and the plate, but inside they are
full of greed and self-indulgence.

Matthew 25:25

learn to do good;
seek justice,
correct oppression;
bring justice to the fatherless,
plead the widow's cause. v.17

Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;
remove the evil of your deeds from
before my eyes;
cease to do evil

v.16

Come now, let us reason together, says
the LORD:

though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.

v. 18

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For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

2 Corinthians 5:14-15