

## Poetics or Propaganda

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### THE SCRIBE and Men

Thoth the Ibis-head  
records with stylus-reed on papyrus  
the chronicles  
across the sands of Gizeh;  
and on the mountain deities  
masturbate existence  
(ejaculating man) for their own relation  
while  
men's minds differentiate patterns that  
others tinker with and flagellate until  
nothing remains except a  
fox pelt nailed to a wall that  
hides metaphors of idiocy  
disguised as religion or law  
for fear that somnambulists  
should awake and  
realise **that** knowledge is Empty

The symbolists who run semiotic  
relays to validate their dreams  
would have you believe that  
a fool self-crowned is king  
while  
around the Nile  
the Scarab  
traces  
circles  
in the sand.