‘‘Corona’s potential challenges’’

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Why do some reject belief
In an unseen God
When concealed viruses
Don’t strike them as odd,
Although their very nature
Defies definition—
Are they replicator, parasite,
Or life-form in transition?

Trillions times trillions
Wage war against man—
Saturation-bombing
To a super-power’s plan?—
Their design encoded
To hack into a cell;
To multiply, then move on
To a wider clientele.

There’s a world of mystery
Beyond human purview,
Which mystical circles
Would dip into;
While the existence of evil
Prompts others to negate
The notion of a God who cares
For man’s happy estate.

Fear of the virus,
But not of the One Above!
Belief in a destructive force,
But not in a God of love!
O, man, how selective
Are the choices you make;
How frequently you put your trust
In values that prove fake!

If God is a parent
And man, His child,
His love is not diluted
If he or she runs wild;
But if they are censured
To bring them into line,
That He’s not despaired of them,
Perhaps is a sure sign.

Was Corona a reminder
That mankind had strayed,
And through its transgressions,
God’s patience had frayed?
To tell you the truth—
I really don’t know;
Though many affirm that
‘We reap what we sow!’

But there must be merit
In a regular review
Of the thoughtful and the thoughtless
Deeds that we do.

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