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“And thus, when knowledge has passed through infinity, grace returns; such that it appears in its purest form simultaneously either in that human physique which is none, or in the one that has an infinite consciousness—in the marionette, or in the God.”

“Therefore,” I said a bit confused, “we would have to eat from the tree of knowledge yet again, so as to relapse into a state of innocence?”

“Indeed,” he answered; “this is the last chapter in the history of the world.”

—**Heinrich von Kleist**, “On the Marionette Theater,”
trans. Luce deLire

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For all my scouts and ravens

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