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Poems

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mathematics described above sustains the privileges of the groups mentioned by favouring their entry, or rather by holding back their complement sets, into higher education and professional occupations, especially where the sciences and technology are involved.

This argument is quite radical, and may involve assumptions unpalatable to some. It may not be accepted that the popular image of mathematics has a hidden agenda or serves particular interests. Even so, it should be conceded that the type of popular image of mathematics described obstructs the full participation of all

sectors of the population in higher education and professional occupations involving mathematics, especially in science and technology. It may also prevent citizens in modern society from developing critical numeracy and the mathematical confidence needed to understand the social uses of mathematics and to question statistics, whatever their source. Thus even from a traditional liberal perspective it can be argued that the common popular image of mathematics impedes both industrial and technological development and the full expression of democracy in a mathematically empowered citizenry.

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Pythagoreanism

Virtual reckoning:
The accounts of the world
Require an inconsistency
To be countermanded
By the presentiment
Of numbers
And by inchoatively
Reforming the tempest
Into files of noological charts.

- 1987

Impedimenta Mathematica

When I am in the differential abandonment
In which I could grasp the probationary thing or facient;
As the thing is less its manner,
Then it may be seized in order
To satisfy the necessary condition;
But, ah, there remains yet that nagging prototaxic bent
To recollect one of English's innominate,
To boot, the set of all nonce elements;
Alas, it mimics itself typically in paradox

- 1989

Mathematics

Naming is a porism
Or the corollary of incidence to the demonstration of the form;
Naming is the producing of that which is, anon, disposed
Or that that communicatively is at the very proven discovery aborn;
And of the mathesis,
For which these denominative typifications of the idea do casually change,
There exists, projectively, the unnamed, particularly, the innominate
manifoldness, or for the nonce, the innominable prospective . . . ,
To which is the mathematical "leap of faith",
Or, ergo, that that symbolically bounds the genetic, nominal world,
insulate, forlorn.

- 1990

Momentaneousness

'Adverb' nounizes;
Mathematics is as the adverb
To the noun per the consciousness of the nounizing,
For the abstract quality
Would be forgotten,
Where it not for the mathematical mnemonic
Of the adverbial side of the instant,
For mathematics is the realism
Of the adverb.

- 1991

Proto-tonality

Manufactory mathematics:
The hand which would write-
Of the abstract structure of things
May miss the measure of its actualizing,
For mathematics is like a drive-
Of the locus of the sense of which words or symbols have already named
things, i.e.,
A 'logaesthesia'- that prior to the annominating,
(Which may happen to the variable a rehearsal), is the fit mathematical
linguaging-
Of an esse prior to calling, or through the manuscript, or per a tone of the
symbols.

- 1992

∃ (There Exists)

Mathematics is concerned with the programs
Of sundrily sonant objects,
And it has fascination ever
Because of its general resemblantness,
Where the programs
Are not affinely dictionarial,
And where such invention is manifest
Through the modular de-individuation,
Miscellaneously, of phenomenal appearance.

- 1992

Psychology

Mathematics begins with the after-mathematics,
Where the latter is prior to the former,
And one may intuit the backwards going under a forward language
That should substitutively be in order:
Indeed, the very expresses of the impassioned representations
In the evolution of a scientific mentation
Are 'over' the after-mathematics as a "mirror" to the fore-mathematics,
Which is the doer,
In 'back' of its inscription as a science.

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On Sense And Reference

Mathematics disagrees with nominant consciousness,
Where the latter might vie to make mathematics incognizant;
Mindedly is there a consciousness possible in the innominology?
It is the prototaxic of unnamed objects,
Of which the mathematics might arise of,
That mathematical consciousness is as feasible
As the sense of the objects of speculation, not having been named, admit a
clear approach,
But where, instead, or in the competing, the nominant consciousness is the
more often spoken:
In mathematics, innominology precedes nominance, when namedness
precedes the innominate.

nominance: the sense in which consciousness relates to things named
innominology: the sense in which consciousness or unconsciousness relates
to things not named.

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