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***The Marriage of
Heaven and Hell***

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The Argument

Without Contraries is no progression.
Attraction and Repulsion, Reason and
Energy, Love and Hate, are
necessary to Human existence.

From these contraries spring what the
religious call Good & Evil. Good is the
passive that obeys Reason, Evil is the
active springing from Energy.
Good is Heaven. Evil is Hell.

The Voice of the Devil

Energy is the only life and is from the Body,
and Reason is the bound or outward
circumference of Energy.

Energy is Eternal Delight.

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The reason Milton wrote in fetters when he
wrote of Angels & God, and at liberty
when of Devils & Hell, is because he was
a true Poet and of the Devil's party
without knowing it.

Proverbs of Hell

The road of excess leads to the palace of
wisdom.

Prisons are built with stones of Law,
Brothels with bricks of Religion.

As the caterpillar chooses the fairest
leaves to lay her eggs on, so the priest
lays his curse on the fairest joys

One thought fills immensity.

Exuberance is Beauty.