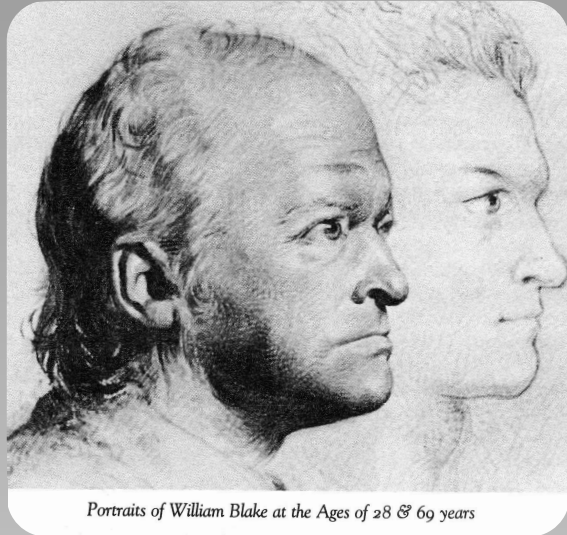


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Blake's Revolutionary "Books"

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The Marriage of Heaven and Hell

1790

Visions of the Daughters of Albion

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America A Prophecy

1793

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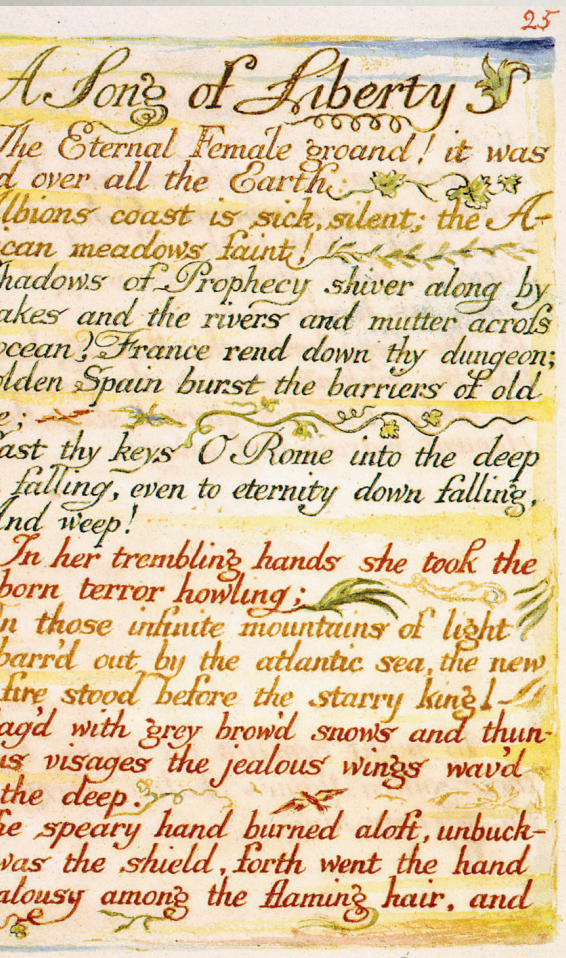
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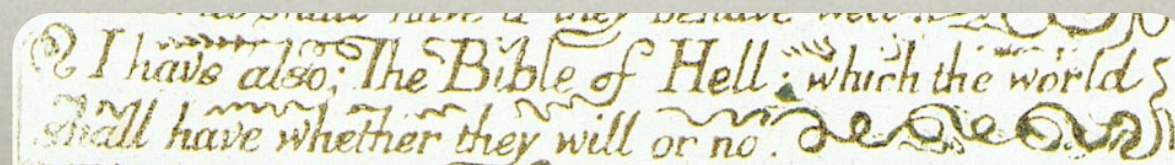
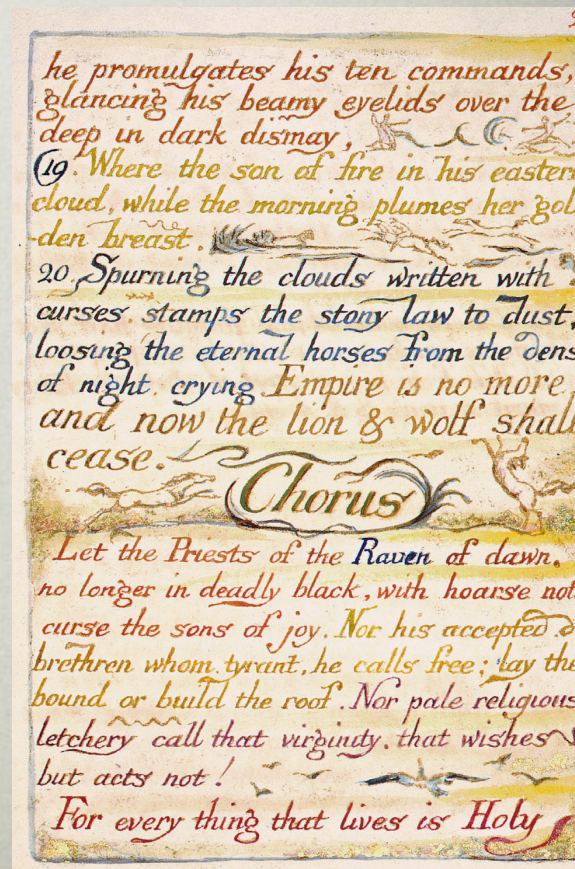


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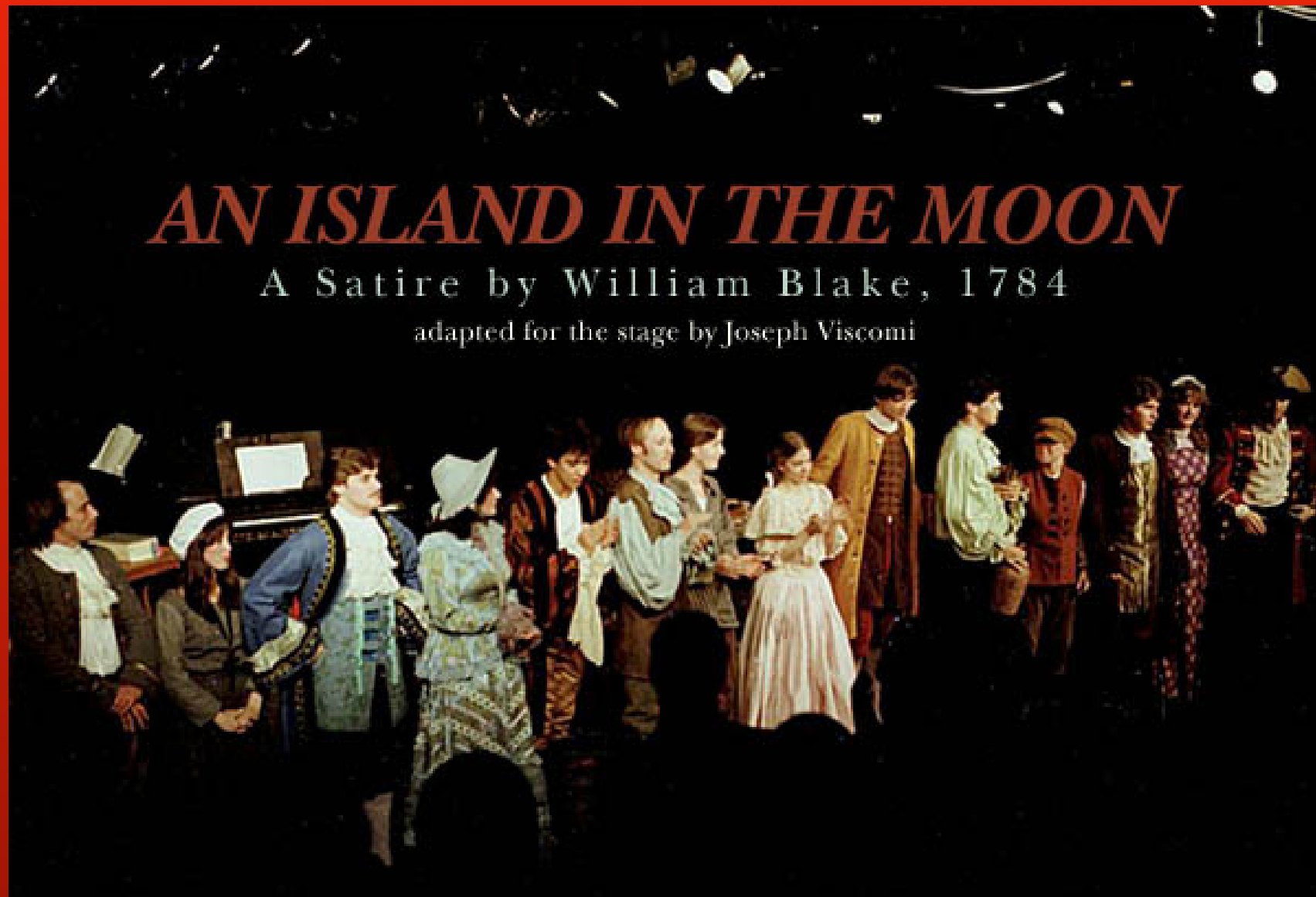
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- “A scrap-book of Blake’s philosophy”
- “fractured discontinuities”
- “a structureless structure”
- “a kind of holy satire”



Your text, p.360



Core Theme
Enlarged Sense
Perception:
pages 71-75

See Nurmi 554 ff

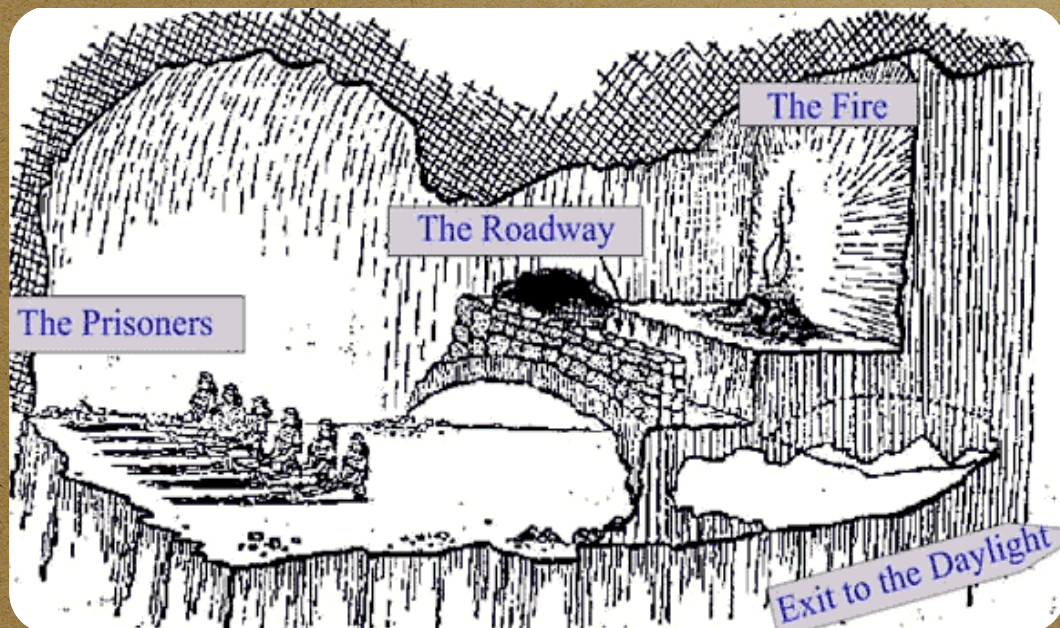
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How do you know but ev'ry Bird that cuts the airy way,
Is an immense world of delight, clos'd by your senses five?

Proverbs of Hell

Plate 7



The ancient tradition that the world will be consumed in fire at the end of six thousand years is true, as I have heard from Hell.

For the cherub with his flaming sword is hereby commanded to leave his guard at tree of life, and when he does, the whole creation will be consumed, and appear infinite, and Holy whereas it now appears finite & corrupt.

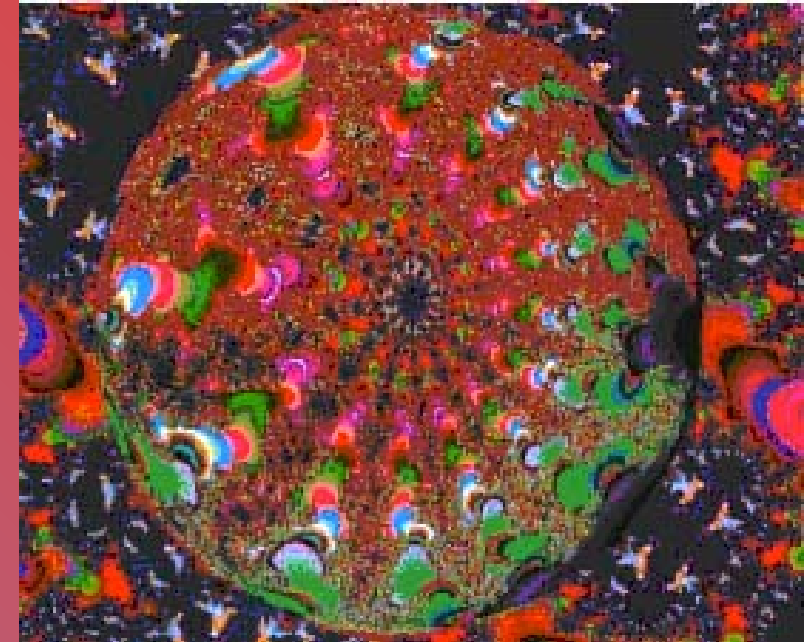
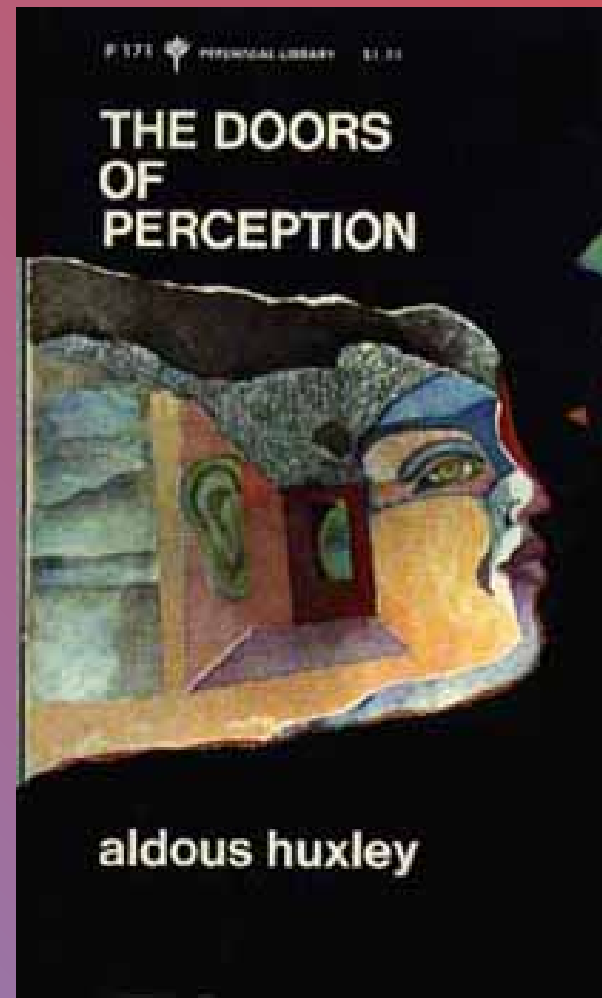
This will come to pass by an improvement of sensual enjoyment.

But first the notion that man has a body distinct from his soul, is to be expunged; this I shall do, by printing in the infernal method, by corrosives, which in Hell are salutary and medicinal, melting apparent surfaces away, and displaying the infinite which was hid.

If the doors of perception were cleansed every thing would appear to man as it is, infinite.

For man has closed himself up, till he sees all things thro' narrow chinks of his cavern.

Visionary Imagination & The Craft of the Artist & Plato's Cave



William Blake: The Marriage of Heaven & Hell Plate 14 (75)

A Memorable Fancy

I was in a Printing house in Hell & saw the method in which knowledge is transmitted from generation to generation.

In the first chamber was a Dragon-Man, clearing away the rubbish from a caves mouth; within, a number of Dragons were hollowing the cave.

In the second chamber was a Viper folding round the rock & the cave, and others adorning it with gold silver and precious stones.

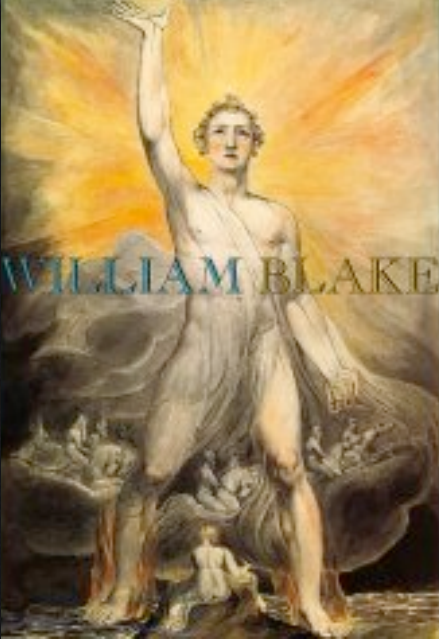
In the third chamber was an Eagle with wings and feathers of air, he caused the inside of the cave to be infinite, around were numbers of Eagle like men, who built palaces in the immense cliffs.

In the fourth chamber were Lions of flaming fire raging around & melting the metals into living fluids.

In the fifth chamber were Unamid forms, which cast the metals into the expanse.

There they were recieved by Men who occupied the sixth chamber, and took the forms of books & were arranged in libraries.





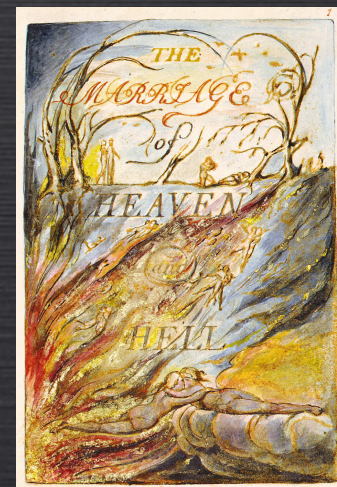
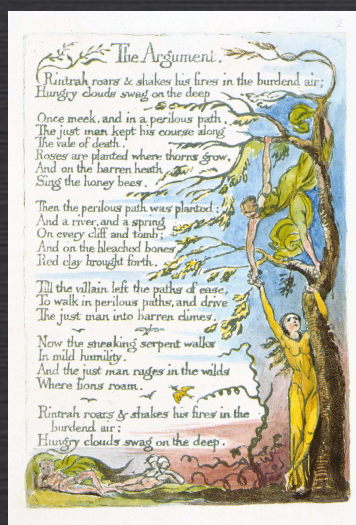
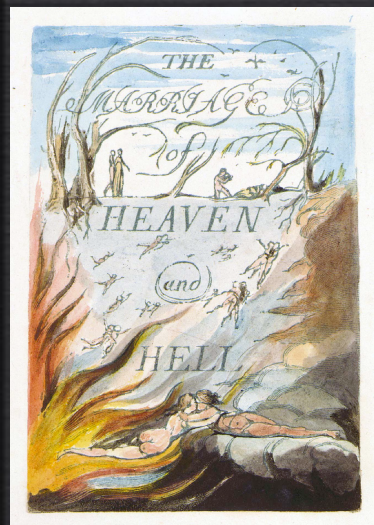
Emanuel Swedenborg
*A Treatise Concerning
Heaven and Hell...* 1784



THE MARRIAGE OF HEAVEN & HELL

PROPHETIC BOOK

“FOR EVERYTHING THAT LIVES IS HOLY”



A Forest Swept by Fire

Couples embracing
rising effortlessly
to the surface

Naked figures swimming
out of flames- unharmed



Birds Soaring

“Marriage” entwining the trees

Couples entwining

STARK

ROMAN - but linked by and

CAPITALS

Mysterious, yet
profoundly
Biblical
Introduction:
Read Isaiah
XXXIV, XXXV

Plate 3



Plate 2



Part A:

Plates 1-6

Theme: The
Doctrine of
Contraries:
pages 69-71

Behmen: See David
Stewart





A woman and child reach toward one another as they are drawn up towards the bird that rises above them



Good and Evil Angels struggling for possession of a child



The Fall of Satan ??
Or are they rising??

Those who restrain desire, do so because theirs
is weak enough to be restrained; and the restrainer or
reason usurps its place & governs the unwilling. ~~And~~
And being restrained it by degrees becomes passive
till it is only the shadow of desire. ~~as in 16. 17.~~

The history of this is written in Paradise Lost. & the
Governor or Reason is call'd Messiah. ~~as in 16. 17.~~

And the original Archangel or possessor of the com-
mand of the heavenly host, is call'd the Devil or Satan
and his children are call'd Sin & Death.

But in the Book of Job Miltons Messiah is call'd
Satan.

For this history has been adopted by both parties
It indeed appear'd to Reason as if Desire was
cast out, but the Devils account is, that the Messi-

-ah

The Blake Society Dramatization of The Marriage of Heaven & Hell

<https://youtu.be/6BqmpmmXw3Q>