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At war, pretty vacant
Pinned down at my station
I am transfixed by the wood grain
The veneer
Betwixt mouse & knuckle.

Then notice the time
And then the date -
Time on the screen,
Yet date on the cascading desk calendar -
Its daily quote etched below the numericals:
“Flowers are restful to look at. They have
Neither emotions nor conflicts.”
Sigmund Freud.

This makes me think of D.H. Lawrence’s
Bavarian Gentians
& almost simultaneously of a blue plastic shopping bag
I saw on my break
Caught in a ghost gum
In the New World car park.
It is Spring! And I am infected at root
With ennui.

Unlike Freud & his Bavarian Gentians...
Hang on, wasn’t that D.H. Lawrence?
Whomever
Unlike those last century types
I don’t
   a) have a special relationship with flowers

   b) feel the subcutaneous sap rising in interconnectedness

I have no strange communion it seems
With flower, tree, beast, nature.
They yield no essence to me
& yet...what do I see?

Only the new material century consumptive way –
The fatal mark of the human ego –
*That now knows better!*
Yet still without fourth thought
Let alone second
Inserts electronic towers on top of sand dunes
Ravaging melaleuca & fragile tuart,
And polluting in total
The deeper life of place??

Ostensibly, insanely
*So we can enjoy better connection!*?

And my complacent part in this –
The complicit ego –
That thinks & perceives &
*only* writes
Of this very serious loss
Perhaps the greatest loss possible??
Yes, *writes* of this real disconnect
& of a blue plastic shopping bag
Stuck in a friggin’ tree!?
I feel nothing...really.
I do nothing.
I am alone but I fear
Not in this regard.

“Hello! Wakey, wakey!”

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Perceptions blocked
It’s back to the date, the clock
And time to knock off -
Another day, another dollar!
Tomorrow’s quote (again from last century):
“There is no such thing as society”

Hi fucking ho!