

Goethe: *Faust*

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The Numinous (748)



- A feeling of the mysterious, all-inspiring, holy or sacred, which is present without reason.
 - Union with self and soul (748)
- People are born with the ability to have this perception. It enables one to become part of the Divine.
- The numinous cannot be grasped conceptually; it must be awakened.
- The numinous necessitates an emotional response: fear, passion, awe.

Leit Motifs



- (Mis)perceiving the self
 - Youth (727)
 - Monkeys (728, 749, 754)
 - The woman in the mirror (729, 733)

- Word / mind / force / act (702, 718-719)
- Freedom v. Slavery (703, 710, 724)
- Bonds / rules / law / contracts (711, 713)
 - False witness (743)
- Resurrection (infinite) v. rebirth (finite) (761)
 - Infinite tied to finite (705)
- Macrocosm v. Microcosm (766)

And more *leit motifs*

- The Damned: April 30th & Walpurgis Night
- Love v. lust (736, 739, 750, 765)
 - Eternal love (746) & Holy Sacraments (752)
 - Ensnaring sexuality: the Lilith Myth (768)
- Despair: sin against the holy spirit
 - Margaret's fall (759-60, 761, 770)
 - Out of human reach (774-775)
 - Margaret's crimes (778)
- Salvation (780)

