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Chained or we would long ago  
have made our way to a more desired World  
more sharing, more beautiful, women safe,  
sustainable.  
celebrating diversity of cultures, music, dance  
friendships without borders  
Peace and Happiness all the Lands

Chained it must be  
or we would be caring for One Another  
listening more closely and responding to each Other's needs  
given the Climate Crisis  
we'd be doing something about it  
we certainly wouldn't be waging War,  
Gone the motivation to even threaten Another.

Chained to the Self-as-Separate idea  
a Master Narrative that keeps us from Ourselves.  
a mistake based on limited perception;  
handed-down Medieval explanations;  
and pre-Twentieth Century Science.  
reinforced as Language does its work  
delivering the World and Others as Object  
to be acted upon.

Minds capable of infinite possibility  
will always be curious, susceptible to error, never finished.  
But we're not talking mere Selfishness here;  
the Self-as-Separate Narrative can justify the otherwise unthinkable.  
It serves power. Assumes violence. Makes the rules.  
Its modalities of sexism, racism, classism, nationalism  
do not let us see the tear in another's eye.