

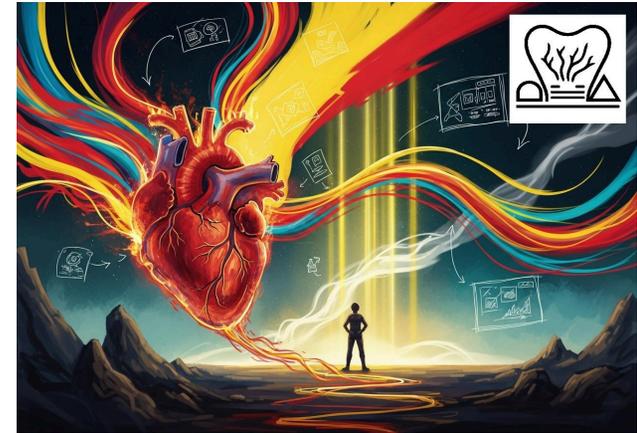
Family, my communities, and circumstance
crafted me, one of their herd.

Much of my experience can stay, but some
parts just aren't in tune.

These poems are new tales we tell ourselves,
and then begin to live.

The analyzer and dreamer in me work in union.

Eight realms, eight ways to be aware; into one I
go!



My heart is guide in Passion's realm.

A project, The Great Work, calls.

Muse runs from heart through mind, I
strategize.

Hot, brave, and bold!

Through desire and effort, my bright future
unfolds.



Like a pinprick of light through the keyhole of
my heart.

Passion is first spotted as the faintest trace.

I'll burst through the door, fervent to bask in my
passion's light.

I yearn for an integrated whole self and this light
is my beacon.

Like a maple, spreading long arms to fan wide
leaves, I grow in Passion's light, into my Ideal
Self.



Like a compass, passion spurs my heart toward
noble pursuits.

Embolden my thoughts and deeds!

I know that the fire is sometimes an inferno and
sometimes hardly a flicker.

In those cool moments, rationalizing away my
sacred pursuit is a smiling threat.

Conviction, keep me fixed on the North Star
that is my life's true purpose!



I know my Ideal Self is a wall built one brick at a time, but its tempting to dive deep into making bricks and even pulverizing stone first.

I need a daily practice for wellness, but if unchecked, it can become a whole day.

I strike a balance! My wall rings the whole self, and I build toward union!



Hear your Ego, dear Psyche, that we may stand in union!

Out of Chaos, we know our realm, our virtue's champion, our shadow, and our helpers.

May my actions ever match these aspirations.

May other bearers of these virtues ally in common goals.

May this knowledge and action move me ever closer to my Ideal Self!



I bless myself for my efforts on this sacred path.

I bless the Order of Book Builders, sticking
apart with me in stride!

Joy from the future I KNOW I manifest by
magnetizing virtues, fills me now!

My life, my actions, when channeled through
virtues, give strength to my communities.

Grow in wisdom and compassion.