

Great is Law—great are the few old¹ land-marks of the law,
They are the same in all times, and shall not be disturb'd.²

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Great is Justice !

Justice is not settled by legislators and laws—it is in the Soul ;
It cannot be varied by statutes, any more than love, pride, the
attraction of gravity, can ;
It is immutable—it does not depend on majorities—majorities or
what not, come at last before the same passionless and
exact tribunal.

For justice are the grand natural lawyers, and perfect judges—is
it³ in their Souls ;
It is well assorted—they have not studied for nothing—the great
includes the less ;
They rule on the highest grounds—they oversee all eras, states,
administrations.

The perfect judge fears nothing—he could go front to front be-
fore God ;
Before the perfect judge all shall stand back—life and death shall
stand back—heaven and hell shall stand back.⁴

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Great is Life, real and mystical, wherever and whoever ;
Great is Death—sure as life holds all parts together, Death holds
all parts together.

Has Life much purport ?—Ah, Death has the greatest purport.

¹ 1855 '56 '60 '67 for "few old" read "old few."

² 1855 '56. After line 37 read "Great are marriage, commerce, news-
papers, books, free-trade, railroads, steamers, international mails, telegraphs,
exchanges." 1860 reads as above, omitting "marriage."

³ 1855 '56 '60 for "is it" read "it is,"

⁴ After line 46, 1855 '56 '60 read :

"Great is Goodness !

I do not know what it is, any more than I know what health is—but I know
it is great.

Great is Wickedness—I find I often admire it, just as much as I admire good-
ness.

Do you call that a paradox ? It certainly is a paradox.