We are Formlessness living in the service of a form that we ourselves are creating. We serve the form that we ourselves are creating by defending it from that which appears to cause its diminishment. And we also serve the form that we ourselves are creating by clinging to that which appears to cause its enhancement. And it is in identifying with and then serving the form that we ourselves create that we hide from ourselves our Nature as That which both creates and apprehends form.

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And we also serve the form that we ourselves are creating by clinging to that which appears to cause its enhancement.

And what is it that appears to cause the diminishment of the form?
to which we are enthralled?

Only that which seems to threaten
that to which we cling
in our effort to enhance the form
that we are ourselves creating.

And what is it that appears
to cause the enhancement of the form
to which we are chained?

Only that which seems to protect
the form that is our master,
the form that we ourselves are creating,
from that which would seem to cause its diminishment.

We build up the form-master
to protect it from threats,
and we protect the form-master from threats
to preserve that which we have built up.

A self-perpetuating cycle
that goes nowhere
and accomplishes nothing
other than to keep hidden our formless Self
and so perpetuate the illusion of form-identity
that keeps the cycle going.

The height of futility.
The human condition.

But I have misspoke.
The cycle of self-ignorance
does accomplish something
other than its own perpetuation.

What else does it accomplish?
It creates suffering.

And the suffering it creates
places a limit upon
how lost to our Self
we can become.

If you are so completely insane
that you try to suffocate yourself
with your own hands,
you will pass out before the deed is done
and will once again be able to breath.

Likewise, while in the insane state that is called normal,
we can oppose and so stifle our own Flow with our Flow
as we serve the form-master,
so much so that our suffering becomes so great,
as our Flow becomes so diminished,
that we must either Awaken or commit suicide
before we are able to completely cut off
our own Flow.

Either way, Self-opposition ceases,
or is greatly diminished,
and so either way we Awaken,
to some degree,
from the dream of form-identity
to what we truly Are.

Suffering is sort of like Slugworth
who only pretends to be
in competition with Wonka,
to help Wonka identify
those who are ready to run his factory.

That is, suffering only appears to be
in competition with Awakening,
while all the while
actually working for Awakening.

And if one can realize this
while in the midst of the suffering
that is caused by the Self-opposition
that arises when one serves the form-master,
then the reflexive resistance to suffering decreases,
allowing another way to appear
that does not require increasing suffering
in order to Awaken.

One path may not be
better than the other,
since both lead
to the same destination,
but one is certainly
more enjoyable than the other.