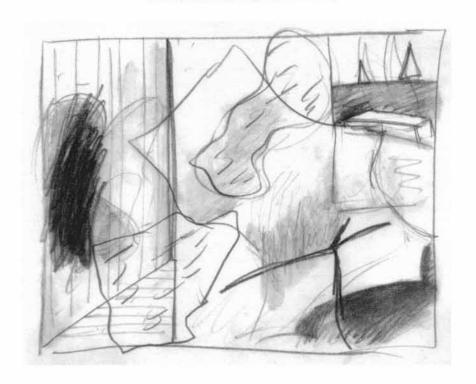
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11/28/99: two tubes of tooth paste, one curled into a roll, the other with a glass squeegee, two methods to force the paste to the top, the "Colg" of the "Colgate" visible on one and the glass rod over the "s" of "Crest" of the other:

Christ

Our

Lord

God

and

Savior;

11/29/99

two white trucks parked side by side in the parking lot of St. Mary's Church in Stamford, the one on the left with a black grill and the other with a white grill, seemingly linked together by a tube at the rear;

11/30/99

on a road sign: "Connecticut", with 4 earthly vowels and 7 heavenly consonants, split in half on the middle "c" and left on the side of the road, leaving 3 trinitarian consonants on either side; the positions in the alphabet of the "c" and "n" and "n" on the left totals 31 which further totals 4; the positions of the "t" and "c" and "t" on the right total 43 which further totals 7;

12/01/99

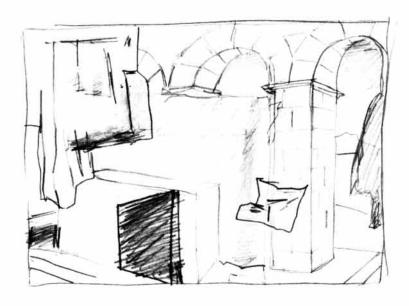
thinking of the substantial amount of money a particular computer program would generate; then, stepping on what seems to be a palm in the shape of a "c"; later in the Norwalk Hospital, on a piece of paper, pointing to a picture on the wall titled "Desert Garden", "If you have any problem, please call us";



12/02/99 a foot long piece of yarn points to a
Connecticut license plate of a parked car: "W13 1TE": the
"w" of world, with its numerical symbol in the sum of the
digits, 4, on the left and the "t" and "e" of the eternal and its
symbol of 1 on the right;

12/03/99 in a corridor of the Stamford Hospital, a living symbol of Christ, a woman talking to a colleague, her left arm on her hip akimbo and her legs crossed, an inverted ₱;

- 12/04/99 a flashing red light on an ambulance, parked beside an assisted living facility, and, glancing in the same direction a second later, a green evergreen tree had replaced the ambulance;
- 12/05/99 driving by the sign for the Amity
 Wine Shop at the right the lights are on for "Friendship" and
 are off for "Indulgence", as the musical piece on Public
 Radio reaches a crescendo;
- 12/06/99 pasted on the saltlike sidewalk in New Haven a "Lot" decal: a Lot of Terra; confirmed later when Mike from Fidelity Investments described the "T" mutual funds as those with no sales charges, except a 50 basis point trail, he whose wife looked back;
- 12/07/99 a scarf tossed onto a pew in St. Stanislaus Church forms a expressionistic circle, a missal within it and a brown fedora on the outside;
- 12/08/99 a billboard "A1 Toyota" with the invitation to "stop inside" beside nothing: a cutout square in the lower right hand corner exposing the gray metal background support: the world's auto vs the divine nothingness of Meister Eckhart;
- 12/09/99 the only two letters of "Cocktail" sign, the "k" and the "t", are lit: their position in the alphabet total 31, which adds up to 4; the position of the others total 43 which adds up to 7; more evidence of the secular/sacred tension;
- 12/10/99 thinking of the "don't"s which i emphasized to my children when they were growing up and how that was too exhausting to emphasize the "do"s, when the windshield fogged up while driving, preventing visibility;
- 12/11/99 in the morning, the "43", whose sum is 7, painted on a fire hydrant; in the evening, the bottom two words on a sign, "Spirit" and "Company" are lit, while the "Amity" and the "Wine" are not;



12/12/99 in the morning, below the "Sales" sign in the middle of a parking lot, a small square box painted bright red; in the evening, the box is gone but on the telephone pole in front, the numbers "1072", which add to 10 and again to 1, to unity;

12/13/99 four MetLife performance flyers for October, 1999, folded 8 3/4" by 3 3/8" fall at random to the floor: one forms a triangle with the bookcase, the other three form an arrow pointing to the triangle;

12/14/99 five flags at the Shell
Oil Company service station, four fluttering in the wind,
fully secured to their respective poles; the other fastened
only at the bottom, in the shape of a tube, making a triangle
with the ground and the pole;

12/15/99 a reverse sign in the evening: the "Friendly" half of a billboard is dark, while the "Breakfast" half is clothed with light;

12/16/99

the parking space in the garage of the Stamford Mall was 3580 which adds to 16 which in turn adds to 7; in front of a car with the bumper sticker: "Lady Warriors";

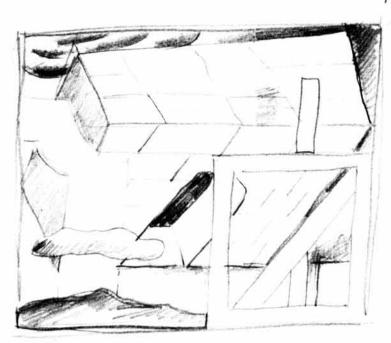
12/17/99

thinking of trivia, then thinking of not being open to visitations, and seeing in the fourth section of the grill of a Dodge truck a "G", the other strips of chrome missing; later, the American flag flying upside down beside the white "Mobil" flag, in a Mobil service station, the red "O" predominant, echoed immediately by the 0 to the power "c", the temperature in Celsius, which flashes on a nearby temperature/time electric sign;

12/18/99

glancing at a sign, which seems to have a red "A" with other indistinguishable red letters, as if a trailer, confirmed moments later in the reading with the light of one half of a sign, the other half in darkness, in Letter to the Hebrews (18,22©24) of Abel shedding his blood, amid the surrounding sounds of horns, perhaps sirens,

2/96



12/19/99

thinking of an imprinting error, "g" for the "h" of "hospital", changing it to "gospital", both healing agents, when on Public Radio is heard "and a child is born" to us from the "Messiah", on the channel with the 911 frequency, which is the telephone number for "help";

12/20/99

in a dream there is an announcement that arrangements have been made with a second company to maintain a full supply of water, and one of my son's friends tells me he had \$4 million but the IRS came and took one quarter of it away; later, awake, one of three chandelier lights began to flicker to call attention to them;

12/21/99

after a meeting with a blind lady earlier in the morning, the sound of a truck calls to mind that the transcendental can also appear in sounds, and, then, a bird begins to sing; and,in evening, meditating on a passage of St Ambrose: "Every soul who has believed both conceives and generates the Word of God . . ." when there was a long low all pervading rumble, as if many cars were driving around the house;

12/22/99

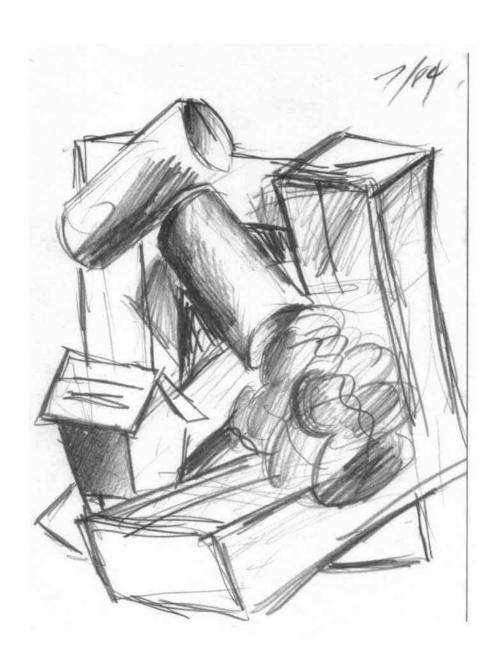
a curled grocery store label for chicken breasts, stuck on the support bar in the men's room at the Stamford Hospital, as though a message in a treasure hunt, with the lower left hand cut to form a missing triangle;

12/23/99

at an Exxon station, the 4 and the 7 of the price per gallon of gas, "1.47 9/10", were highlighted with a dark blue panel above each;

12/24/99

in the back yard, in darkness, the unusual and strange voice of a bird from the direction of an apple tree, when, upon closer inspection, what was thought to be a bird on a branch was a triangle, probably the formation of various branches;



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