

## **Third Commandment**

**Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.**

The Name of Names  
is What Was,  
What Is,  
and What Shall Be.  
Who but a thimblebrain  
would arrogate that Name  
to his own lust,  
his own anger,  
his own power over others,  
his own slanderous speech?

The Name of Names  
is a fountain of peace,  
a strength in the heart.  
Pervert that Name  
for self-gain or show,  
for pyrotechnic cursing  
of the twiddling tongue,  
and ultimately you will feel  
nagging loneliness  
when you cannot call on that Name  
for succor in some desert.

The Name of Names  
speaks itself in every instant,  
billions of times in every light wave--  
but usurp the Name of Names  
for flippancy or anger,  
and your light will gradually fade  
until you babble in the darkness.