

damnation

only damnation
in worldly pleasures
if i let them into my life.

they warn me about
the nicely dressed horrors
savagely undressing
to expose their private torments and longings.

there are always people
more than ready
to tell you what you should do.
they want to move into your mind
and take up residence with severe rules
that can save you from pleasure
even in peaceable pleasantville.

i have placed a red blinking sign
at the edge of my
world property line
that says
closed for the season
no vacancies.

i have only taken it down
when it needed to be replaced
because of the shotgun blast holes trying
to make my world less worldly.

i can only guess that they stop
at my place
because they heard about
the brutal infighting at jerusalem.

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