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Whose love is given over-well,
Shall look on Helen’s face in hell,
Whilst those whose love is thin and wise
May glimpse John Knox in paradise.
―Dorothy Parker

We cannot be sure of the master-cause, so we pile
cause upon cause, hoping that it may be among
them.
―Montaigne

The degree and kind of a man’s sexuality reach up
into the ultimate pinnacle of his spirit.
―Nietzsche