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## So the Truth Suffers

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Dark angels have men allowed - for long ages to silhouette and spoil the scene  
In shadows of beguiling portraits - they cause men to lie, suppose, and scheme  
Teaching fear to all for whom they speak - by disallowing that one's true voice  
So the truth suffers - for those who permit the intrusion - deny it's by their choice

Conflict in interest and misguided assumption - becomes the war or the debate  
Instead of proper view in light face to face - men choose character to assassinate  
Cowards prefer the darkness in which to hide their illiteracy of mind and soul  
So the truth suffers - while deplorable tactics and unfair conniving - takes the toll

These staining phantoms by demonic pledge take others to bid and boost the plan  
Of the collective and increasing cohorts - who lack the courage for truth to stand  
With honesty denied a voice - integrity shifts its posture - and guile finds its place  
So the truth suffers - for men will not simply speak in light - of honesty -face -to face