



MADNESS: A FORM OF LOVE

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Born crown-prince of Hell, aka the dreary and poverty-stricken South Wales valleys, Max J. Lewy (1983 –) spent an eternity in limbo before arising to take his proper and rightful throne. As he was scaling the almighty steps of the empyreal palace, called the Word, a beast most foul and uncouth, in the garb of a physician, cast itself upon him. The chemical-wielding barbarian known to the slumbering masses respectfully as a 'psychiatrist' slew by dint of overwhelming idiocy what a million petty hours of boredom (and computer games) had only mildly arrested. He lingers on merely as a memento to this unhappy happening, worshipping and picking over the ever-fragrant corpses of his spiritual ancestors, such as the great and lonely Friedrich Nietzsche, the wily Leo Strauss, the exquisite fanatic Yukio Mishima, and the electrocuted yet graceful Townes Van Zandt.

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“One must still have chaos inside oneself to give birth to a
dancing star”

– F.W. Nietzsche

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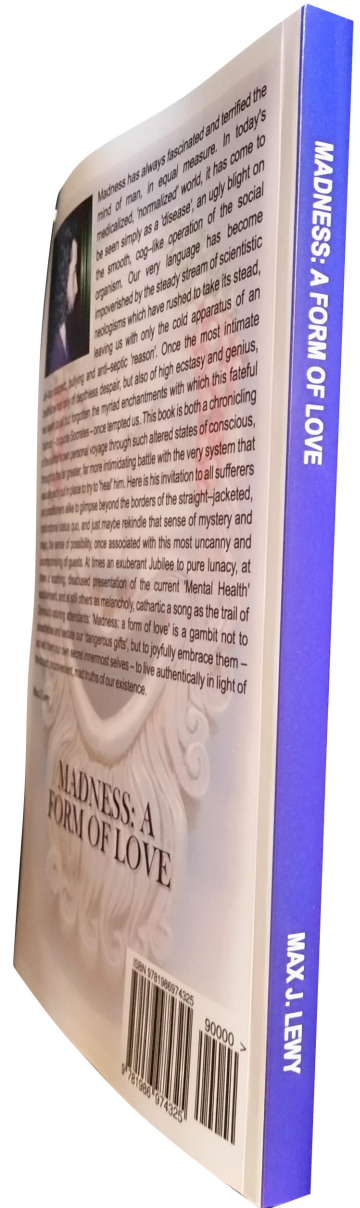
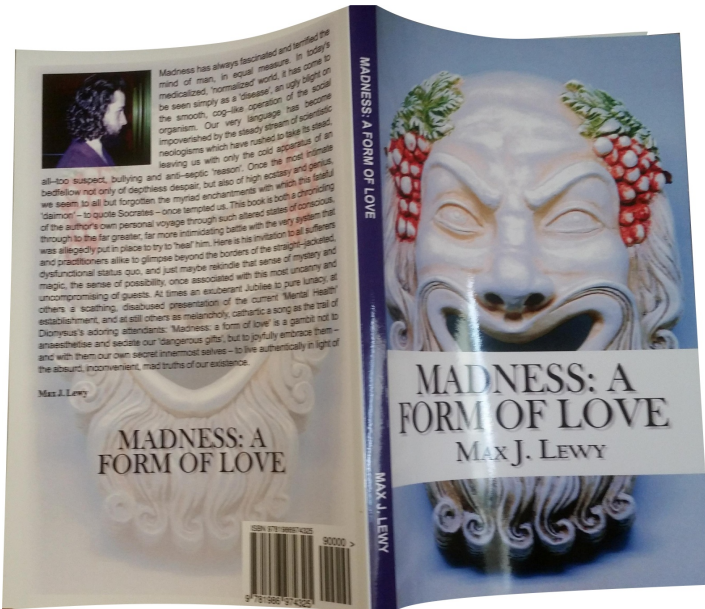
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What My Madness Brings

Confession is not in my disposition,
Humility isn't for me.
I have too much accusation,
To stoop to mutual sympathy-
To offer up in supplication,
My rightful property,
Or stand before adjudication,
Bowing my head as if I were guilty.
Even if I too have failed in perfection...
It is probably due to thee.

Moreover, it is for the criminals to come forth,
Not for me to bring them to justice.
After all they've done to murder my mirth,
I deserve a medal for my mere lingering existence.

So I don't come before you humbly...
All stuttering, all mumbly.
And though I might like to play the minstrel knight,
I am not one who is made for easy delight.
Though I may often seem only to want to punish grumpily,
In reality, by beating this proverbial shield of tin,
I beseech you to alter course that we may yet win.

Hear me now! I am not casting a stone,
Let alone the first. 'tis no violence to merely intone:
I just searchingly bemoan.
(In a forum less likely to get me in the bin thrown)

Like a damaged bird, or dragon hoarding ruby
Rings with its lovely clipped wings,
That from pride and pity
Still breathes fire and sings;
Thus my Judgement Bell loudly

Yet subtly, insidiously dings-

May whatever God lurks see that this tragic ditty
Your lackadaisical consciences sorely stings!

..For the sake of society..
..for the sake of your souls..
..for the sake of your sins..

Pray: Do not refuse me, still less consider me an enemy;
It is only with repentance that true redemption begins.

..Not before me..
..But before each other..
..And, moreover, within..

Oh I know you're working hard, that you've been busy...
But save one more glance for what my "madness" brings!-
If you listen or sleep through it soundly, this is still my duty.
What do I care if you balk or cringe?
Poets - ONLY poets - are PERMITTED to be crazy.

Thus do I sombrely rant and rave,
For in these verses lurks the bitter reconciliation I crave.

Madness Is A Form Of Love

A lunatic, according to its true definition, is he who is possessed by an amorous intoxication with the moon: In other words, with the unconscious motive principle of all Life on earth. To others, he can be identified as he who dances to, what is to them, an inaudible, non-existent tune. In reality, his jig is as inwardly necessary as are the fields of hops at their annual time of rebirth. Meddling with its natural course can cause tidal waves big enough to drown a seahorse.

For he still carries the strength, that others have lost, for wild flights of ecstasy, home-brewed by his own gallant imagination. He would repudiate the very dirt we walk on if it stirs not the desire in his breast. But in his proud pursuit of self-realization comes abandonment to self-revelation, to unflinching honesty in a world of war and deception, that makes him the naked-infant-on-a-doorstep target of all well-trained busy-bodies, conformity enforcers. How they long to divorce him from the warm light of Nature's hearth! In his beautiful simplicity, this Noble Savage disregards the wisdom of Christ's time-honoured tale, and asks against the entire tide of human history, against the insipid simulacra of everyday thoughts and gestures, against the stupid, iron-clad rules of the State, against the nonsensical taboos of society, against every bitter betrayal that has crushed the heart of man- simply to love and be loved for who he truly is.

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