

## Ulver

# "A Memorable Fancy 5"

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(plates 22-24)

Once I saw a Devil in a flame of fire. Who arose before  
an angel that sat  
on a cloud, and the devil utter'd these words: 'The  
worship of God is:  
honouring His gifts in other men. Each according to his  
genius, and loving  
the greatest men best: those who envy or caluminate  
great men hate God;  
for there is no other God, ' The angel hearing this  
became almost blue,  
but mastering himself grew yellow.& at last white,  
pink,& smiling, and  
then replied: 'Thou idolater, is not God one? & Is not  
He visible in  
Jesus Christ? And has not Jesus Christ given his  
sanction to the law of  
ten commandments, and are not all other men fools,  
sinners & nothings? '  
The devil answer'd: 'Bray a fool in a mother with wheat.  
Yet shall not his  
folly be beaten out of him; if Jesus Christ is the greatest  
man, you ought  
to love him in the greatest degree; now hear how He  
has given His sanction  
to the law of ten commandments: did He not mock at  
the Sabbath, and so  
mock the sabbath's god? Murder those who were  
murdered because of Him?  
Turn away the law from the woman taken in adultery?  
Steal the labour of  
others to support him? Bear false witness when He  
omitted making a defence  
before Pilate? Covet when He pray'd for His disciples,  
and when He bid  
them shake off the dust of their feet against such as  
refused to lodge  
them? I tell you, no virtue can exist without breaking  
these ten  
commandments. Jesus was all virtue, and acted from  
impulse, not from  
rules! When He had so spoken, I beheld the angel who

stretched out his  
arms, embracing the flame of fire & he was consumed  
and arose as Elijah.

Note: this angel who is now become a devil, is my  
particular friend; we  
often read the bible together in its infernal or diabolical  
sense which  
the world shall have if they behave well. I have also the  
bible of hell,  
which the world shall have whether they will or no. One  
law for the lion &  
ox is oppression.

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