

## Ulver

# "The Argument"

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(plate 2)

Rintrah roars & shakes his fires in the burden'd air;  
hungry clouds swag on the deep, once meek, and in a  
perilous path,  
the just man kept his course along the vale of death.  
Roses are planted where thorns grow, and on the  
barren heath  
sing the honey bees, then the perilous path was  
planted:  
and a riverland a spring on every cliff and tomb:  
and on the bleached bones red clay brought forth.  
Till the villain left the paths of ease, to walk in perilous  
paths,  
and drive the just man into barren climes.  
Now the sneaking serpent walks in mild humility,  
and the just man rages in the wilds where lions roam.  
Rintrah roars & shakes his fires in the burden'd air;  
hungry clouds swag on the deep.

(plate 3)

As a new heaven is begun,  
and it is now thirty-three years since its advent:  
the eternal hell revives.  
And lo! Swedenborg is the angel sitting at the tomb:  
his writings are the linen clothes folded up.  
Now is the dominion of Edom, & the return of Adam into  
Paradise;  
see Isaiah XXXIV & XXXV chap: without contraries is no  
progression.  
Attraction and repulsion, reason and energy,  
love and hate, are necessary to human existence.  
From these contraries spring what the religious call  
good & evil.  
Good is the passive that obeys reason.  
Evil is the active springing from energy.  
Good is heaven, evil is hell

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