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Neurocriminology
How to spot a murderer's brain
Can science teach us how to live?
Samuel Beckett au cigare, 1970. Avigdor Arikha
GUILT
Guilt-specific processing in the prefrontal cortex

Wagner et al, 2011, Cerebral Cortex, 21, 2461-2470
David with the Head of Goliath, Caravaggio, 1609
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Wagner et al, 2011
ANXIETY
Anxiety as an essential part of existence
JOY
Suspended in such spell, we ...?
The truth descended from our yearning eyes
?...Resisting afterthoughts,...?
Suspended in such spell, we won high tides
Embraced the water, gazed upon the stars
The truth descended from our yearning eyes
Resisting afterthoughts, erasing scars

Here, tears are sweet, well then what gives to cry?
At sea, through the night, you and I fly high
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JOY
LOVE
Sonnet #148

O me, what eyes hath love put in my head
Which have no correspondence with true sight!
Or if the have, where is my judgment fled,
That censures falsely what they sense aright?
...
Levels of maternal care

Carola, Frazzetto and Gross, 2006
They fuck you up, your mum and dad. They may not mean to, but they do. They fill you with the faults they had and add some extra, just for you.

But they were fucked up in their turn by fools in old-style hats and coats, who half the time were soppy-stern and half at one another’s throats.

Man hands on misery to man. It deepens like a coastal shelf. Get out as early as you can, and don’t have any kids yourself.

Philip Larkin

Carola, Frazzetto and Gross, 2006
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