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Again today we braced ourselves for news,
Expecting what we'd not expected. Certainly
We got it, watching hundreds and their cities
Blown to bits by missiles in Ukraine, a driver
Mowing down Wisconsin Whites at Christmas
Just because, a shooter shooting Blacks in Boston
Just because, a young man shooting Grandma
In the face before destroying 19 children
And two teachers, just because. Psychopathy,
Which manifests itself in mass destruction
Of the innocent, is tagged politically as "Racist
Hate," suggesting cures through policy. But more
Than policy is needed now. If "God is Dead,"
As Nietzsche claimed, then we have killed Him
By our unbelief. Or rather, we have killed belief
In God, his laws, and his redemptive power,
By narcissistic hoarding of the truth or worse,
Deciding good and evil for ourselves. Our progress
Toward equality and equity, normality
Of every gender, group, opinion, way of life,
Our walls or porous borders, gun laws, masks
Or no masks, vaccines/no vaccines, relief checks,
debt-free university, technology, and green new deals
Are not resulting in Utopia, salvation, hoped for
Human flourishing—just empty loneliness, confusion,
Conflict, even with the ones we love. We're tired
Of news. It keeps us in the dark, away from one
Essential truth: the Son has brought us light and life,
Commanding, "go and make disciples of all nations..."