

Call It Janus, Call For Janus

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current vernacular lacks a
distinct word for it, that specific
inner voice, the one that decides
not via logic or morality but on
opportunity, no distinct word for
that guidance of opportunity

too broad is the word conscience,
common sense is enmeshed so
deeply with instinct as to offer
nothing near choice

the ancients called it Janus.
the god was the word, the word - the
god, exemplar of opportunity,
of decisions based on advantage

so call it Janus, call for Janus,
an unexpected metric perhaps,
though when advantage is shunned
opportunity gives in to victimization,
mutates into a greed raw and vicious.
decisions are made on smug morality,
personal gain, utterly isolating avarice

so call for Janus, leave behind the
ingrained logic, leave behind the
relentless regret and trepidation,
and choose the sunlit vectors
of hope, of advantage. choose the
sunlit vectors of opportunity above
the tiresome jagged sine wave
of what needs to be left behind

