

## **The Sea of Uncertainty**

On the ISLE OF CERTITUDE  
Citizens with Answers  
display an omnipresent scarlet “A,”  
On class rings, tie-dyed T-shirts, and baseball caps,  
On amulets, billboards, and street signs.

ORTHODOXY quashes budding queries,  
Corrects language, and enforces laws.  
In libraries overflowing with scriptures,  
Creeds, and how-to books,  
Gives guided tours of chiseled tombstones:  
THOUGHT, CONJECTURE, DISCUSSION,  
And the most fearsome, QUESTIONS.

HERESY laps at shores  
Where bikini-clad DOCTRINES  
Lounge on CANONICAL blankets  
Beneath ECCLESIASTICAL umbrellas,  
Sending siren calls across the waves:  
“Come back . . . Be safe . . . Be saved.”

From a parapet atop the city wall,  
North, south, east, and west,  
DOGMA scans the SEA OF UNCERTAINTY,  
Tracking vessels named FEARLESS and INTREPID,  
Disappearing in troughs of DESPAIR,  
Riding 100-foot crests of HOPE.