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David,

I spoke to Sara; she's leaving Friday.

That ~~business~~ irony about Nixon was a gem to uncover in these loyalty oath meditations. I think I've uncovered something even funkier,

Do you remember the halcyon days of Berkeley, and around then? Mrs. Emerson said to me once, "Won't they be surprised when it all collapses one day?" I don't know what halcyon means.

These funny words, conscience and constitution, "to know together" and "to place together". The religion exercised by the loyalty oath--- is apocalyptic.

What would you defend against all enemies? "Only one thing," says Socrates, "my soul." What if I believe that our souls will awaken in our bodies, and all the nonsense of human law, dividing man from man, and man from beast, will vanish before God, and that there are angelic battles to be fought on behalf of this process?

"Besides," says Socrates, "how can I tell, even though the Constitution is very good, that something shall not come between them, and set them upon one another?"

Human, "belonging to man".

Mike