

## BATHING IN THE NILE

Pictures drawn of ancient ages suffer from the fruit  
Eve and Adam stole when making fig-leaf wraps to wear.  
None today take baths or showers in a bathing suit,  
Yet we dress ancestors, so they won't be bathing bare!

Nakedness of old knew not this modern moral shame.  
They had public bathing places used by one and all.  
Egypt's princess, stripped as always, did not levy blame  
When approached by Moses' sister, answering her call.

“I've just found this Hebrew baby! Can you find a nurse?”  
Miriam, undressed as she was, answered, “Sure I can!”  
But our artists—bound by prudish fallout from the curse—  
Though well-skilled to paint the figure, bend beneath its ban.

When our children, see these stories illustrated well,  
They're protected from the truth of skin's reality.  
Later on, they swallow foul deceptions spun in Hell—  
Lies about the body's goodness mouthed by prudery.

How can tales from Holy Bible be so misconstrued?  
Pastor, rabbi, priest and porn in unison agree,  
“Skin is sin! Its sight entices lust, for nude is lewd!”  
While forgetting God's “It's good!” and facts from history.

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