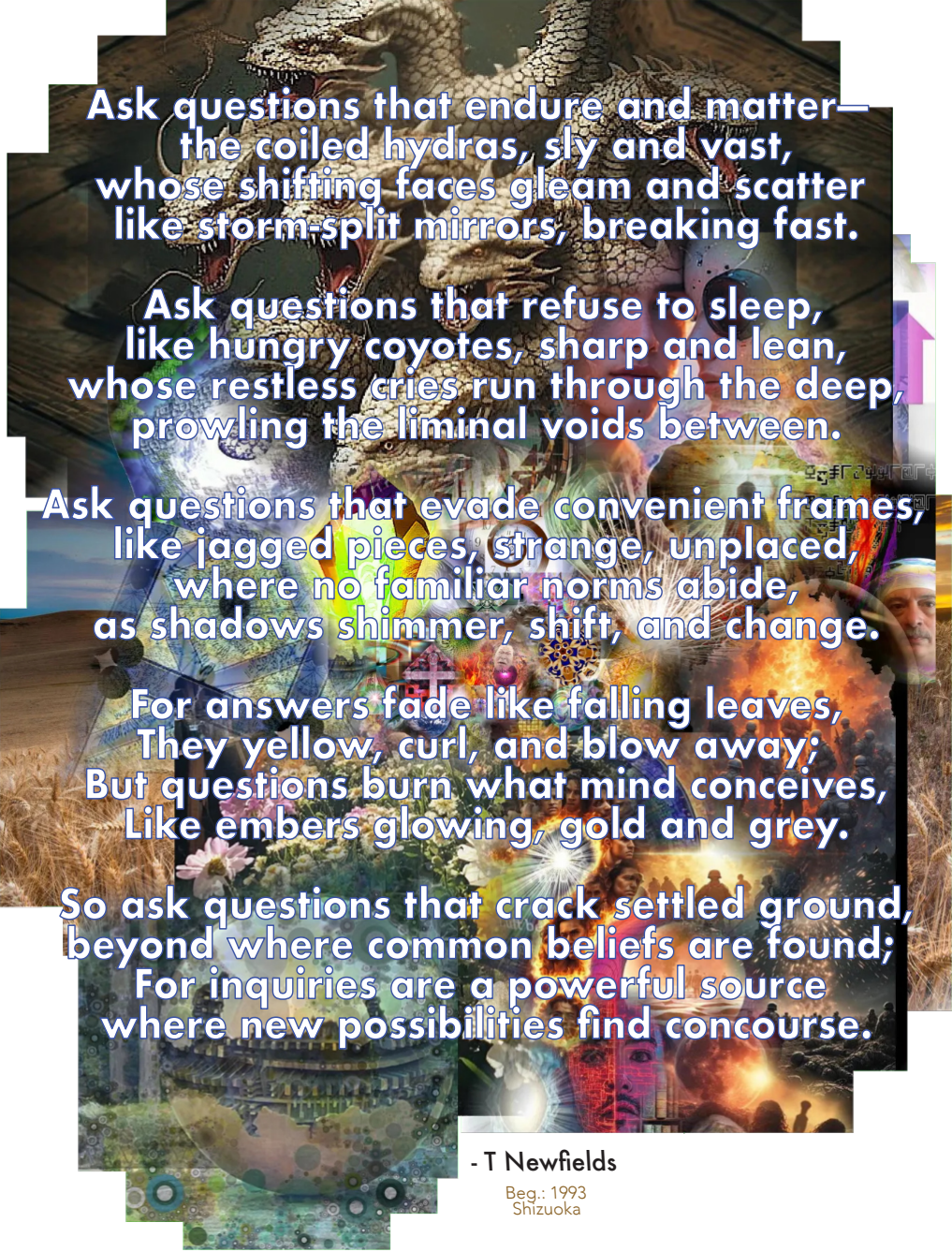


ASK YOURSELF:

Reflections on the Questions Worth Keeping



Ask questions that endure and matter—
the coiled hydras, sly and vast,
whose shifting faces gleam and scatter
like storm-split mirrors, breaking fast.

Ask questions that refuse to sleep,
like hungry coyotes, sharp and lean,
whose restless cries run through the deep,
prowling the liminal voids between.

Ask questions that evade convenient frames,
like jagged pieces, strange, unplaced,
where no familiar norms abide,
as shadows shimmer, shift, and change.

For answers fade like falling leaves,
They yellow, curl, and blow away;
But questions burn what mind conceives,
Like embers glowing, gold and grey.

So ask questions that crack settled ground,
beyond where common beliefs are found;
For inquiries are a powerful source
where new possibilities find concourse.

- T Newfields

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