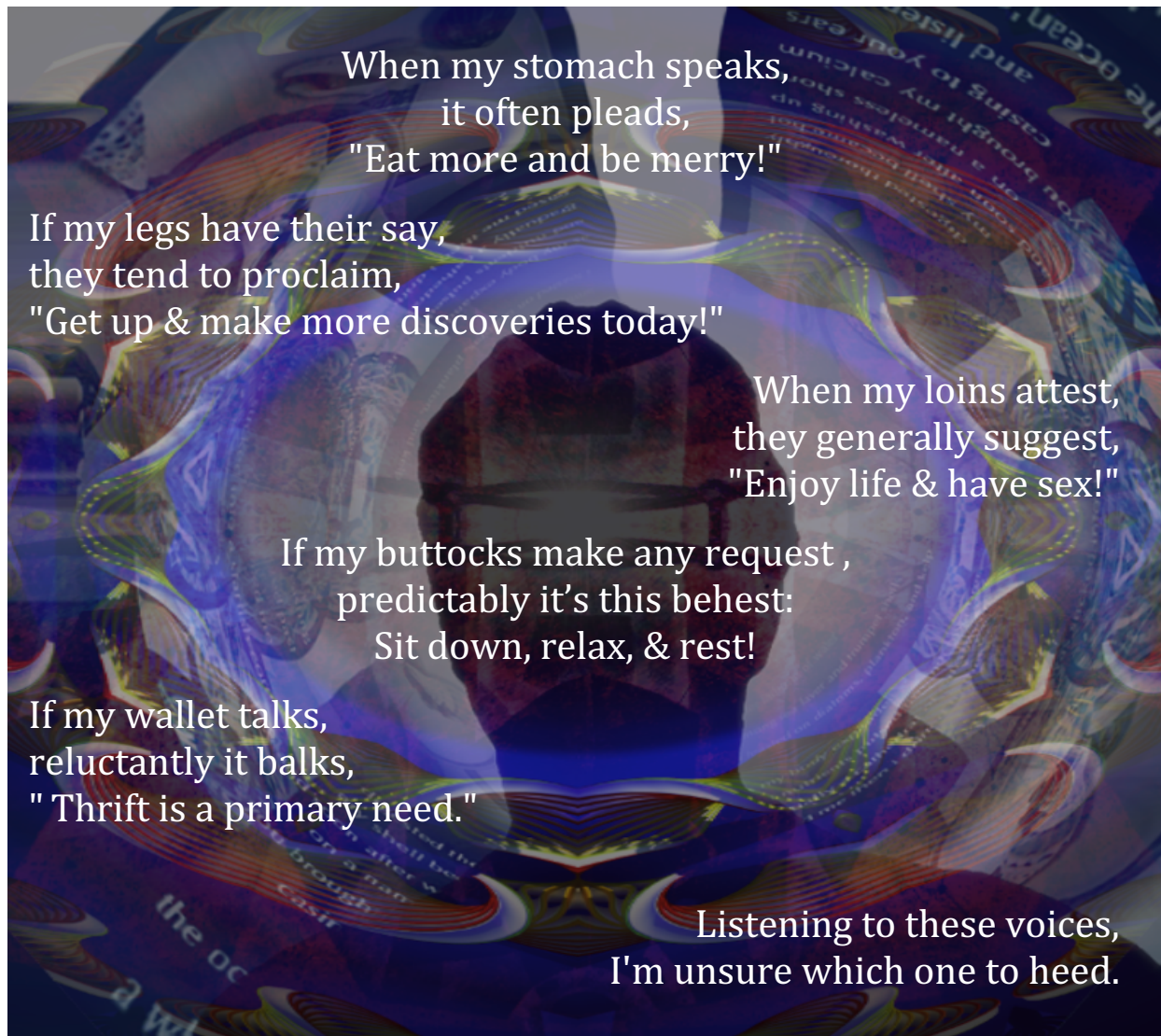


MANY VOICES, MANY SELVES



When my stomach speaks,
it often pleads,
"Eat more and be merry!"

If my legs have their say,
they tend to proclaim,
"Get up & make more discoveries today!"

When my loins attest,
they generally suggest,
"Enjoy life & have sex!"

If my buttocks make any request ,
predictably it's this behest:
Sit down, relax, & rest!

If my wallet talks,
reluctantly it balks,
" Thrift is a primary need."

Listening to these voices,
I'm unsure which one to heed.

To which voice is my allegiance due?
Is there any way this discordant chorus
can become a coherent crew?

- T Newfields

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