

There are some phenomena,  
however, that strongly  
suggest (to me) that language  
generation will turn out to  
involve Pandemonium –  
opportunistic, parallel,  
evolutionary processes – almost  
all the way down. (241-242)

The demise of the Central  
Meander is more generally the  
demise of the Central Intender,  
but the Boss still lives on in other  
disguises. (252)

-- *Consciousness Explained*

# *Of pan- demonium*

*On some days  
at the office  
I let chaos reign*

and it is on those days  
I realize that precisely  
because there is so much  
chaos I like the office:  
lots of duplicated efforts  
periods of layabout  
and interference by  
machines that don't  
work  
as well as mine does

The whole office reminds  
me of pandemonium,  
a place where fallen  
angels argue their way to  
war, or congressional  
reps impair the latest  
attempts of citizens  
to serve the state...

So let chaos reign  
for at least eight hours  
of every day  
confounding  
the supposed order  
so that the way  
we process thoughts  
separately  
also becomes the  
diversity by the way we  
process them together.