

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)

Of pan- demonium

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

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

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.