

## progress

to finally arrive at a point of departure,  
to get nowhere sooner rather than later,  
to move forward while going backward,  
to learn the lessons of the past in the future,  
to mark the signs of the times,  
to advance modern theories of ancient ideas,  
to discover the old anew,  
to rewrite history again,  
to memorialize time immemorial,  
to foretell the ultimate fate of destiny,  
to establish the permanence of change,  
to arrest the transience of eternity,  
to prolong a temporary condition,  
to fix an image in the blink of an eye,  
to expect the all of a sudden,  
to begin to forgo bygone conclusions,  
to recover a sense of loss,  
to make the most of less,  
to work harder for greater comfort,  
to have in order to not be had,  
to be good-natured but possess an evil disposition,  
to appeal to ethics without values,  
to unite under divisive banners,  
to promote freedom without a choice,  
to suspect innocence until proven guilty,  
to justify the right to be wrong,  
to minimize the threat of maximum security,  
to enable the powerless through force,  
to champion the battles of the defeated,  
to erect the pillars of a fallen empire,  
to lay the foundations for ruin,  
to save a condemned world from judgment,  
to praise the scorn of foolish elders,  
to convert to a faith in reason,  
to believe in a fundamental skepticism,  
to doubt the principle of uncertainty,  
to subvert the order of chaos,  
to determine the probability of chance,  
to exercise control at random,  
to totally relativize each and every absolute,  
to grasp everything with empty hands,  
to create nothing out of something,  
to form God in the image and likeness of man,  
to strive to succeed to the point of failure.