Job 3:1-26

Lament

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Lament

- Call out to God
- Plea for help.
- One or more complaints
- Confession of sin or a man's innocence
- Criticism of enemies
- Confidence that God will respond
- Hymn/blessing.

Moral Therapeutic

- 'Nothing comes from nothing, nothing ever could. Somewhere in my youth or childhood I must have done something good'.

The most tragic, sublime and beautiful expression of loneliness which I have ever read is the Book of Job.

Thomas Wolfe

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Curses his birth v 3-10

Longs for death v 11-19

Deplores life v 20-23

Moan v 24-26

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- I wish I'd never been born 3:1-10
- I wish I could die 3:11-19
- Why is life so futile 3:20-23?
- Job's moan 3:24-26

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William Safire

If the book of Job reaches across two and half millennia to teach anything to men and women who consider themselves normal, decent human beings, it is this: Human beings are sure to wander in ignorance and to fall into error, and it is better – more righteous in the eyes of God – for them to react by questioning rather than accepting. Confronted with inexplicable injustice, it is better to be irate than resigned' .