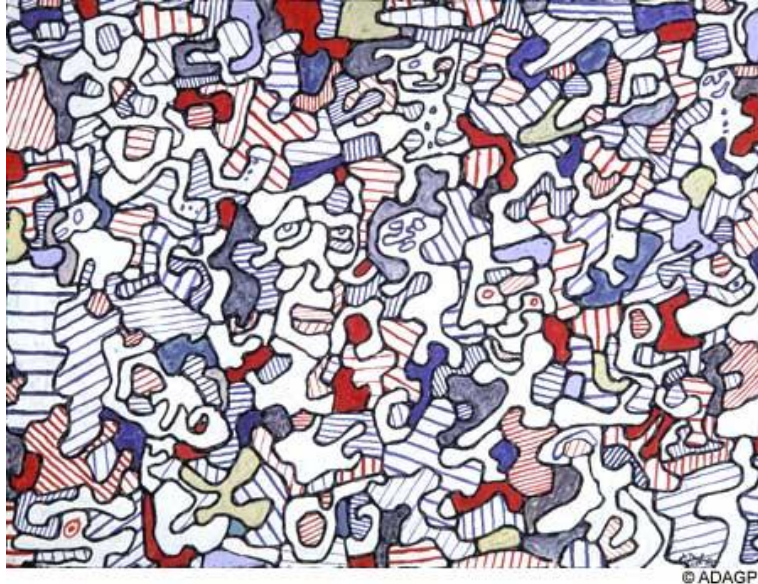


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1. וַיֹּאמֶר יְיָ אֶל־מֹשֶׁה בֹּא אֶל־פַּרְעֹה (Exodus 10:1)

Why does it say, “Come to Pharaoh”? It should have said, “Go to Pharaoh.” God brought Moses into a chamber within a chamber, to the supernal and mighty serpent from which many levels evolve which Moses feared to approach himself... When the blessed Holy One saw that Moses was afraid, the blessed Holy One waged war against him [Pharaoh]. (Zohar 2:34a)

2. Thus said the Eternal God:

I am going to deal with you, O Pharaoh king of Egypt,
Mighty sea serpent, sprawling in your streams,
Who said,
“My Nile is my own;
I made it for myself.”
(Ezekiel 29:3)

3. Searching out the underground was what Dubuffet relished in; he loved uncovering what was beneath the surface. (Nadja Sayej, [Forbes](#) 01/04/21)

4. Unless one says goodbye to what one loves, and unless one travels to completely new territories, one can expect merely a long wearing away of oneself and an eventual extinction. (Jean Dubuffet)