

Heller Levinson

“depletives”

My relationship was obeying the Second Law of Thermodynamics: “In all energy exchanges, if no energy enters or leaves the system, the potential energy of the state will always be less than that of the initial state.”

I had choices: live with this decline, ride it downward; leave the relationship; or, attempt add-ons, furbish the deficiencies by enlisting fresh energy.

None of the options were particularly desirable. Given the overwhelming theme of disintegration. An add-on, at best, would only defer the pain, offer nothing but a short-term solution. Resulting in an acutely depleting relationship with another relationship on the road to depletion.

Which left the solitary route. Another route condemned to dissipation. A sinking into limbo. Without the support of mutual agonization. A slow slide into the depths of the abyss.

I look up the third law of thermodynamics. Then the first.

I return to Aristotle.