

Les Télévisions!

In --- a human being drew an image on the surface of the cave, spitting ink from mouth to wall. It remained there, trapped in time, until --- when --- discovered it. That image was a hand.

In 1928, Philo Farnsworth was the first to transmit a television image comprised of 60 horizontal lines. That image was a dollar sign.

In 1929 Wall Street crashed.

*Ancient astronaut; great portal of time traveling ever onward out and through
"But how could we have known?"
Earliest lover; erotic address
"what's that?"
"we couldn't have known."
Vertical horizon; Round the World in 100 channels.
Waves oscillating forwards, ever onward
Aura Blasting.*

*At the dawn of television history there were two distinct corridors of technology
"Imagine the possibilities"*

*Les Mains Négatives; frequency from another time. Hand splayed red walled. Waiting.
Warming both hands before the fires of life. Our Cave Brains reacting to the Casablanca Drift.
Endless Rehearsal.
Overflowing, broken drum bloated with water.
Back-lit silhouettes consumed by reflection; refraction
"nobody could have ---- "*

*Beyond comprehension, Cassandra's omission. Our S-shaped messenger.
Dissector tube, cathode ray, photon - beaming
Omnipresent Lady, Tele-balls orbiting
the face in the mirror. Spinning disk rotating
before that moving image
Capturing*

*A portal to past, present and future made by man. The first transmission.
"but how?"*

*Bargain basements, 241, stacked high in the window, black cracks visible from the darkened street, colours pop. Green screen sheen trapping eyeballs and genitals. Swirling futurist diorama.
"we couldn't have known"*

*Another age, freedom from the cube; the image loose to roam.
Tele-freedom for the future human.*

"It all ends eventually; that's the thing about it. Nobody gets out alive"

"build your own TV"

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