The secret of man's being is not only to live but to have something to live for. **Independent clause. Complex sentence. Series without a conjunction. Repetition of a key term.** Nothing is more seductive for a man than his freedom of conscience, but nothing is a greater cause of suffering. And yet, notwithstanding this undeniable truth, **Series of balanced pairs. Independent clause, participial phrase, participial phrase. Full sentence interrupting modifier. Compound sentence with elliptical construction.** My soul bleeds and the blood steadily, silently, disturbingly slowly, swallows me whole.