

CREATIVE SPACE

## Ethical distancing in the pandemic

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While science is busy,  
Breaking new ground;  
The lie has a field day.

Before truth,  
Can find maps,  
Rumour roams the world.

Before the fact  
Is conceived,  
Misconception is born.

Before the bona fide  
Tests the water,  
The bogus soaks your senses.

Before evidence is served,  
Half-baked truths  
Are sold out.

All this is absurd,  
The "infodemic"

Is a parallel war.  
For all to see,  
Inside posts, tweets,  
Apps or blogs.

That we can  
Fight with nothing...  
But distance.

Let's not fall  
Before those facts;  
False and fickle.

With data,  
Sanitised,  
And ethically clean.

Let being ethical block  
The viral stream,  
Be the new normal.

As our searing rejection,  
Breaks the chain,  
Of everything mala fide.

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