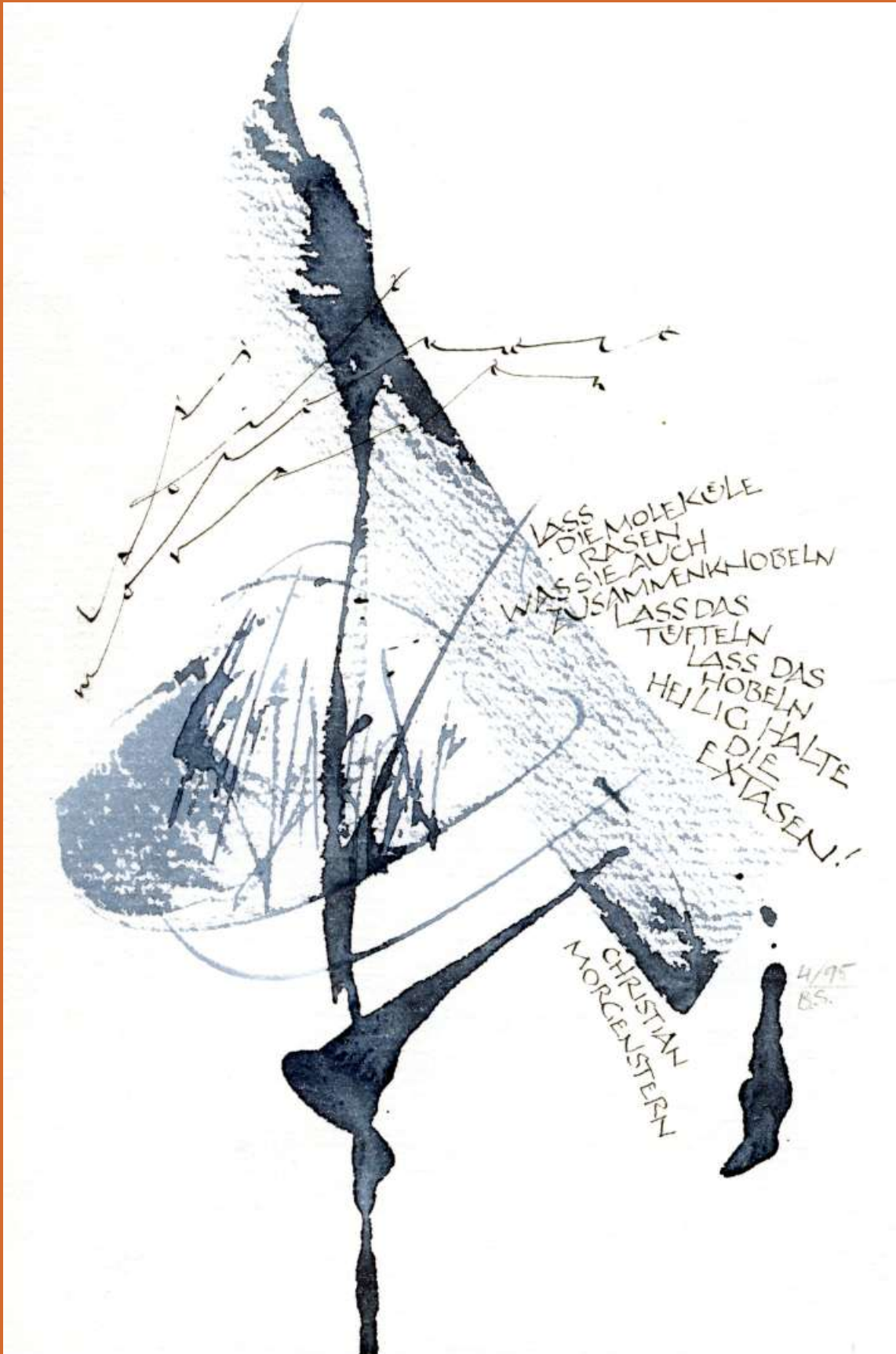


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1. Neutrophil granulocytes and monocytes/macrophages play distinctive roles during anti-Thy-1.1 antibody induced mesangial cell proliferative glomerulonephritis in rats (dit proefschrift).
2. Binding of IgA to human MC occurs via an IgA receptor distinct from CD89 (dit proefschrift).
3. IL-6 is not an important mediator of mesangial cell proliferation and matrix overproduction in vivo (dit proefschrift).
4. The myeloid FcRI/CD89 is released as a 30-kDa soluble molecule. The release of sCD89, which can bind IgA, is induced upon activation of myeloid cells by the receptors' own ligand (dit proefschrift).
5. Increased prevalence of the CCR5wt/delta 32 genotype in a high-risk HIV-seronegative cohort in West Africa results in reduced susceptibility to HIV-1 infection among heterozygous individuals.
Kokkotou E et al, *J Hum Virol* 1998 Nov-Dec;1(7):469-74
6. Seasonal climate forecasts, predicting the likelihood of weather patterns several months in advance, provide helpful early indicators of epidemic risk, particularly for malaria.
Kovats RS, *Bull World Health Organ* 2000;78(9):1127-35
7. High-dose riboflavin has been shown to be effective in migraine prophylaxis with high efficacy, excellent tolerability, and low cost.
Schoenen J et al, *Neurology* 1998 Feb;50(2):466-70
8. Blood donated by symptom-free variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (vCJD)-infected human beings may represent a risk to spread this disease because it has been shown that bovine spongiform encephalopathy was transmitted by transfusion with whole blood taken from a sheep during the symptom-free phase of an experimental BSE infection.
Houston F et al, *Lancet* 2000 Sep 16;356(9234):999-1000
9. Opportunism is the art to sail with the wind produced by others.
Alessandro Manzoni
10. If you want to become a real scientist, half an hour a day think the opposite of what your colleagues think.
Albert Einstein