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VERBAL NARCOTIC  
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Illegal is all the rage lately.  
Rage is mostly illegal, too.

*How can a brand name signify love?  
How can a cluster of letters & sounds  
signify anything?*

Yeah.

If I were Jesus, I would've asked  
for a crown that was:

- a) greater in size
- b) made of something softer than thorns.

Or, if they couldn't do that, I would've asked  
that they put the crown  
on top of—not underneath—  
my Starter baseball cap.

A sign of the times.

That way, everything would've been  
just fine—  
the punishment as meaningless  
as the words that caused it.