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ANOTHER ACCOUNTING OF WHAT IT IS THAT SOME CALL: "BEING ASLEEP":

IT IS IN THINKING THAT THE PART OF YOUR FRONTAL LOBE'S ACTIVITY KNOWN AS, "CONSCIOUSNESS" IS SOMETHING -- SPECIAL --
 -- REALLY AND TRULY "SPECIAL"AND -- PERSONAL,
 (AS COMPARED TO THE REST OF YOUR BRAIN'S OPERATIONS.)

NOTE HOWEVER THAT IT IS CONSCIOUSNESS ITSELF THAT HOLDS SUCH A BELIEF, AND IN IT BEING THE SINGULARITY THAT IT IS, IT HAS NOTHING TOWHICH TO COMPARE ITSELF, AND MAKE AN OBJECTIVE JUDGEMENT.

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ONE MAN, RATHER THAN TRYING TO: COUNT EACH BREATH, OR ENDLESSLY REPEAT THE NAME OF GOD, OR CONTINUALLY OBSERVE HIS OWN THOUGHTS, INSTEAD ADOPTED THIS APPROACH:
 HE CONSTANTLY ASKS HIMSELF: "OKAY, WHAT'S WRONG THIS VERY SECOND?"

A BOY ASKED HIS FATHER: "WHAT WOULD YOU SAY ARE THE THREE GREATEST INTELLECTUAL DISTRACTIONS TO AWAKENING, AND HE REPLIED:
 "THE STUDY OF: PSYCHOLOGY, SOCIOLOGY AND WAYS TO AWAKEN."

STRING OF RELATED FACTS:

FACT: THE REAL STUDY OF AWAKENING IS NOTHING BUT THE STUDY OF CONSCIOUSNESS:

FACT: THE STUDY OF CONSCIOUSNES IS NOTHING BUT A WASTE OF TIME

SINCE IT IS UNDERTAKEN BY CONSCIOUSNESS:

FACT: THE REAL STUDY OF AWAKENING DOES NOT NOW, NOR NEVER HAS EXISTED:

FACT: ANYONE INTERESTED IN THE STUDY OF AWAKENING, (PAST A CERTAIN POINT), DOESN'T REALLY WANT TO AWAKEN.

DEFINITION: ACTUAL AWAKENING OCCURS IN A MAN WHO HAS: STRUGGLED TO AWAKEN, AND THEN GOTTEN OVER IT. (AND, "GOTTEN OVER IT", NOT HAVING ITS ROUTINE MEANING.)

FACT, (OH NO, NOT THIS ONE AGAIN): WANTING TO AWAKEN WILL ULTIMATELY BE THE BAR TO YOUR AWAKENING.

QUESTION: FOR HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO TOLERATE YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS PLAYING WITH ITSELF?.....YOU SHOULD FINALLY SAY TO IT:

"GOOD GOD MAN, YOU'RE NOT A CHILD ANY MORE -- STOP THAT AND GET YOURSELF A REAL GIRL FRIEND!", (OR SOME SUCH METAPHOR.)

HEARING NOISES ON THE TOP OF YOUR HOUSE CAN INDICATE THE PRESENCE OF ONE OF THREE THINGS: EITHER: SQUIRRELS, ROOFERS, OR PLUMBERS WHO'VE LOST THEIR WAY.

.....A SIMILAR SITUATION CAN OCCUR IF YOU LET THOSE AREAS AT THE TOP OF YOUR BRAIN TOO COMMONLY ENGAGE IN WHAT SEEMS TO BE, "SELF REFLECTION."

...(AND SEVERAL NEAR-BY SQUIRRELS GAVE A LOOK, OBVIOUSLY INTENDED TO CONVEY THE MESSAGE THAT: "THEY DON'T GET IT".

...SO MUCH FOR CLIMBING RODENTS AND ASPIRATIONS FOR SATORI).

SOME EMPLOYEMENT NEWS: WHEN PEOPLE WHO WANT TO AWAKEN GET LAID OFF, MOST WILL TAKE PART TIME WORK -- THINKING-ABOUT-IT, AND MANY OF THEM ARE SO PLEASED WITH THE ARRANGEMENT THAT THEY NEVER RETURN TO FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT IN THIS AREA,

...(AND SEVERAL NEAR-BY HOMELESS PEOPLE GAVE A LOOK THAT OBVIOUSLY ASKED THE QUESTION: "WHAT TIME DOES THE BLOOD BANK OPEN?")

AND A MAN ASKED A MYSTIC: "TELL ME AGAIN, PLEASE, HOW THERE IS NO SLAVE COMPARABLE TO HE WHO THINKS HE CAN SOME DAY BE FREE.", AND THE MYSTIC IMMEDIATELY BEGAN TO RESPOND -- OBVIOUSLY HELPLESS TO RESIST THE MAN'S REQUEST.

...(AND MANY NEAR-BY JUNIOR MYSTICS GAVE A LOOK THAT TRANSPARENTLY EXPRESSED THE ANXIETY KNOWN AS: "SO WHAT DO WE DO NOW?!?!")

FACT: A SLAVE WITH FULL SCIENTIFIC UNDERSTANDING OF HIS POSITION

NO LONGER BEARS THE DESCRIPTION, "SLAVE",

IN THAT SUCH A MAN IS NO LONGER A SLAVE TO

THINKING ABOUT SUCH TOTALLY IRRELEVANT MATTERS.

THAT ACTIVITY CONSTANTLY GOING ON IN THE FRONTAL LOBES OF YOUR BRAIN, KNOWN AS, "CONSCIOUSNESS"

IS THE SOLE SITE ON THIS PLANET OF ANY NOTIONS WHATSOEVER OF SOME ACTIVITIES BEING DONE DUE TO INESCAPABLE INSTINCTIVE FORCES, AND OTHER BEING DONE "FREELY", OF ONE'S OWN CHOICE.

...WERE IT NOT FOR THIS NOTION, "WANTING TO AWAKEN" WOULD NOT EXIST --

-- IT COULD NOT EXIST --

AND RIGHT HERE AMIDST THESE LAST 50 ODD WORDS HIDES THE SCIENTIFIC BASIS FOR WHAT PRODUCES THE IDEAS OF MAN BEING ASLEEP IN CONSCIOUSNESS, BUT ABLE TO CHANGE AND AROUSE HIMSELF THEREFROM.

THE ROAD TO AWAKENING IS LITTERED WITH THE BODIES OF THOSE WHO WERE IRREDEEMABLE "SLAVES" TO ONE NOTION OR THE OTHER REGARDING -- AWAKENING.

HISTORY QUIZ: WHAT WAS THE TOWER OF BABEL'S REAL NAME?
 "THE MIDEASTERN SCHOOL OF SERIOUS PHILOSOPHY,
 AND METAPHYSICAL SPECULATION."

AND RATHER THAN HOLDING A LOW OPINION OF FICTION,
 ONE MYSTIC SAYS THAT IT IS IN FACT SUPERIOR TO ALL MYSTICAL WRITINGS
 IN THAT IT IS HONEST, RIGHT UP FRONT
 IN STATING CLEARLY JUST WHAT IT IS.

A POEM

FICTION IS FICTION, AND FICTION IS FICTION:
 FICTION IS FICTION, AND SO'S EVERYTHING ELSE.

A POEM ABOUT CONSCIOUSNESS

THINKING IS FICTION -- THINKING IS FICTION:
 THINKING IS FICTION, AND THAT ABOUT COVERS IT.

A POEM ABOUT: "WHAT'S GOING ON"

NOBODY KNOWS -- NOBODY KNOWS:
 NOBODY KNOWS, BUT ESPECIALLY NOT YOUR THINKING.

ONE GUY MAKES NOTE: "EVEN THOUGH I'M CONVINCED THAT I TRULY DO,
 'WANT TO WAKE UP', TRUTH IS, I AM STILL FAIRLY CONTENT TO 'BE ASLEEP'
 AS LONG AS I AM THINKING ABOUT BEING AWAKE.",
 AND HE HAS PUT HIS STICKY LITTLE FINGER RIGHT ON WHAT SHOULD BE A
 SORE AND TOUCHY PLACE IN YOU --

-- WE HAVE HERE AGAIN A CHANCE TO DEVINE THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN
 MERE MYSTICS AND ONE, ACTUALLY AWAKE:
 A MYSTIC STILL ENTERTAINS THOUGHTS ABOUT IT.

NOTE TO THOSE WHO BY NOW, SHOULD BE "ADULT" MYSTICS:
 EVEN THOUGH YOU CAN HAVE GREAT FUN IN YOUR ROOM ALONE,
 REMEMBER AN EARLIER ADMONISHMENT IN TONIGHT'S NEWS
 WHEREIN YOU WERE URGED TO SAY TO YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS:

"GOOD GOD MAN, YOU'RE NO LONGER A CHILD --
 -- STOP THAT AND GET YOURSELF A REAL LIVE GIRLFRIEND!"

COMPARED TO THE REALITY OF BEING AWAKE,
 MERE "WANTING TO" IS MENTAL PORNOGRAPHY.

ONE MAN OFFERS THIS THEORY: "IF A DOG, (OR PERHAPS, ANY CREATURE)
 CHASES ITS TAIL LONG ENOUGH,
 IT'LL GET SO DIZZY THAT ENLIGHTENMENT WILL SURELY ENSUE."

A POEM

LIVING ALONE,
 LIVING ALONE,
 DROVE ME CRAZY. THEN,
 DROVE ME BACK SANE:
 NO ONE TO TALK TO,
 ONLY MYSELF,
 I WAS LUCKY TO GET OUT, STILL IN TACT.

MORAL: A MAN WHOSE BEST FRIEND IS HIS OWN FRONTAL LOBE CONSCIOUSNESS
 SHOULD RE-THINK THE MATTER OF JUST WHO MIGHT BE HIS WORST ENEMY (!?!)
 ... (COURSE ALL YOU GOTTA DO IS COME OUTTA YOUR ROOM AND SEE FOR YOURSELF
 WHAT'S GOING ON, AND THEN ALL QUESTIONS OF, "FRIENDS AND FOES"
 BECOME AS PERSONALLY IRRELEVANT AS THE HUMIDITY.

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GRAFITTI FOUND ON A WALL:
 "I GET UP EACH MORNING, ASLEEP,
 AND THEN GO TO BED, AWAKE. WHO AM I?",
 AND UNDERNEATH SOMEONE ELSE WROTE: "SURE AS HELL NOT ME!"
 ...AND HERE IS A RELATED MATH FACT FOR YOU:
 "NO ONE IS ME" PLUS, "EVERYONE IS A LOT LIKE ME" EQUALS,
 "I'VE FORGOTTEN NOW WHO IT WAS THAT I USED TO THINK I WAS !?!"
 AND UPON AWAKENING TO WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON, ONE MAN'S CONSCIOUSNESS,
 (RATHER THAN BECOMING "ENLIGHTENED",
 BECAME MERE "GRAFITTI ON A WALL".
 .."HEY", SAYS A VOICE, "I CAN READ THE WORDS,
 BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT THEY'RE SAYING." --
 SEE, NOW THAT VOICE IS STARTING TO GET THE RIGHT IDEA REGARDING WHAT
THINKING IS ALL ABOUT.

WHEN IT COMES TO THE MATTER OF, "WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON",
THERE ARE TWO ASPECTS INVOLVED:

WHAT'S GOING ON OUTSIDE OF YOU IS JUST WHAT YOU SEE IS GOING ON,
AND WHAT'S GOING ON INSIDE OF YOU IS JUST WHAT YOU THINK IS GOING ON --
...WHICH IS A MEANINGLESS PHENOMENON WITHOUT ANY OBJECTIVE BASIS.

...(AND IN FACT, YET ANOTHER DEFINITION OF AN ENLIGHTENED MAN IS:
ONE WHO HAS COME TO IGNORE ALL OF WHAT I'VE JUST DESCRIBED.)

AND UPON DISCOVERING A "STUNNING DEVELOPEMENT" IN HIS EFFORTS TO AWAKEN,
ONE MAN'S ONLY IMMEDIATE RESPONSE WAS:

"I SAY -- THIS IS A 'STUNNING DEVELOPEMENT'!"

FACT: AS ULTIMATELY IRRELEVANT AS ANY NEW DEVELOPEMENT IN YOUR EFFORTS
MAY BE,

A MAN SHOULD, NONETHELESS

BE ABLE TO BRING FORTH -- EACH AND EVERY DAY -- SOME

-- "STUNNING NEW DEVELOPEMENT" IN HIS EFFORTS.

YOU CAN: PLAY THE CELLO; YOU CAN PLAY THE HORSES; YOU CAN EVEN
PLAY WITH IDEAS ABOUT BEING ENLIGHTENED,
BUT THERE IS ONLY ONE THING THAT,
IF PLAYED WITH TOO LONG,
CAN TURN ON YOU AND BE DANGEROUS.

FOLLOW UP FACT: NOTHING, (FOR CHRISAKE, IS "DANGEROUS" EXCEPT DEATH,
SO WHAT SAY WE JUST DROP ALL TALK ABOUT NON-EXISTANT "DANGERS"
...(YEAHHHH, BUT STILL REMEMBER WHAT I SAID ABOUT IT TO BEGIN WITH.)

OH, OKAY, ANOTHER RELATED FACT, ALWAYS AVAILABLE FOR USE:

IF YOU DO THINK THAT THERE ARE "DANGERS" IN LIFE,

YOU ARE ALREADY HALF WAY TO BELIEVING THAT LIFE HAS SOME "PURPOSE",

AND ONCE YOU FALL INTO THAT LITTLE TAR PIT, YOU'RE JUST A HAIR'S BREADTH
FROM BEING EITHER: RELIGIOUS, MYSTICAL, OR EXTREMELY CONFUSED,

(ALTHOUGH AT TIMES I'M HARD PRESSED TO DEVINE A DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE 3.)

MR. SCIENCE SPEAKS: "UNDER THE CONDITIONS INWHICH MEN ORDINARY LIVE,
TEN PER CENT OF THEIR BRAIN CELLS DO
TEN PER CENT OF ALL THE WORK!

DO NOT LET YOURSELF -- FALL INTO THIS TRAP!",
AND A VOICE ASKS: "EXACTLY WHICH TRAP IS THAT, MR. SCIENCE?",
AND HE REPLIES: "THE TRAP OF BEING OF ORDINARY CONSCIOUSNESS,
AND BELIEVING THAT YOU'RE ABLE TO HEAR THAT WHICH IS EXTRA ORDINARY."
...(HUMM, IS MR. SCIENCE ACTUALLY RESPONDING TO SOMEONE'S QUESTION,
OR IS HE JUST TALKING TO HIMSELF AGAIN?!....)

FACT: THE SPEAKERS IN A STEREO SYSTEM WILL ONLY BROADCAST THE SOUNDS
FED TO THEM BY THE SOURCE, SUCH AS THE RADIO STATION TOWHICH IT IS TUNED,
AND MAKE NO MISTAKE,
YOUR OWN APPARENTLY, PERSONAL AND INDIVIDUAL, FRONTAL-LOBE-THINKING-AND
CONSCIOUSNESS IS "TUNED" TO SOME STATION OR THE OTHER,
AND YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS THEN ATTEMPTING TO PONDER AND ANAYLZE ITS OPERATION
ON THE BASIS OF IT BEING, "PERSONAL AND INDIVIDAL" TO YOU
IS, (SHALL WE SAY, AT-RISK-OF-CLICHE), CLOSE TO THE ZENITH OF FOLLY.

...AS A REMINDER, PERIDOICALLY INQUIRE OF YOURSELF:

"ARE THERE ANY CONDITIONS POSSIBLE WHEREIN I WOULD QUESTION OR DOUBT
THE NORMAL OPERATIONS OF MY LIVER?, MY LUNGS, MY HEART? (ETC)"

FROM ONE QUITE VALID VIEW: THE CURSE OF THE MYSTIC IS IN THE INITIAL
BELIEF THAT THE ACTIVITY IN THE FRONTAL LOBES KNOWN AS "CONSCIOUSNESS"
IS -- SPECIAL.

..YEAH, YEAH, ORDINARY SANE, SOPHISTICATED PEOPLE, (IF THE SUBJECT'S RAISED),
WILL SAY THAT HUMAN CONSCIOUSNESS IS UNIQUE AND SPECIAL,
BUT GOD KNOWS,
WHAT THEY MEAN BY IT BEING "SPECIAL"
IS NOT EVEN CLOSE TO HOW MYSTICS PERCEIVE IT.

CONSIDER: WHAT ORDINARY, REASONABLE PERSON TAKES SERIOUSLY A MAN'S
IPSIDIXIT BRAGGING ABOUT HIMSELF AND HIS CLAIMS OF SUPERIOR TALENTS?!,
AND YET EVERYONE DOES DO AS REGARDS WHAT THEIR OWN CONSCIOUSNESS
THINKS AND SAYS ABOUT ITSELF,
AND NONE MORE SO, (SAD TO SAY), THAN THOSE STRUGGLING WITH THEIR
CONSCIOUSNESS.

.....DURING A CALM MOMENT, EVERYONE UNDERSTANDS THAT THE
ONLY RESOLUTION TO A INTRIGUE, A CONFLICT WHEREIN ONE OF THE APPARENT
PARTICIPANTS IS ACTUALLY JUST A FIGMENT OF THE SOLE ENTITY'S IMAGINATION,
IS TO SEE THE SITUATION FOR WHAT IT IS & FORGET IT. WHY CAN'T THIS BE REMEMBERED?!

THE WIDELY KNOWN HEAD OF A CERTAIN MONESTARY HAD NOT SPOKEN IN TWENTY YEARS,
 YET HIS REPUTATION WAS SUCH THAT MANY STILL CAME AND STAYED
 JUST TO BE NEAR HIM,

AND WHEN HE LAY DYING, ALL OF THE MONKS GATHERED ROUND HIM,
 AND BEGGED HIM FOR SOME FINAL MESSAGE REGARDING THE GREAT AWAKENING,
 AND HE POINTED TO A PAD AND PEN, AND ONCE THEY WERE IN HIS HANDS,
 HE DREW A CRICLE -- JUST A CIRCLE -- NOTHING ELSE BUT A CIRCLE.

ALL OF THE MONKS LOOKED AT THE CIRCLE, DUMBFOUNDED:

THEN LOOKED AT THEIR DYING LEADER:

THEN LOOKED BACK AT THE CIRCLE -- THEN BACK AND THEIR TEACEHR --

THEN LOOKED BLANKLY BACK AT THE CIRCEL -- THEN BACK AT THEIR LEADER --

THEN BACK AT THE CIRCLE, THEN BACK TO THEIR LEADER, THEN BACK AT THE CIRCLE,

'TIL HE FINALLY PICKED UP THE PEN AGAIN AND IN THE CENTER OF THE CIRCLE

PUT A DOT -- THEN INSTANTLY! --

ALL OF THE MONKS BROKE INTO BROAD GRINS, --) THEY ALL SHOUTED, "YES!",

AND BEGAN SLAPPING ONE ANOTHER ON THE BACK, 'TIL THEIR DYING LEADER

SUDDENLY BROUGHT SILENCE TO THE ROOM BY SPEAKING:

" I HOPE YOU'RE HAPPY --

JUST TO PLEASE YOU,

HERE IN MY FINAL MOMENTS YOU MADE ME SCREW THE WHOLE THING UP."

...AND THE WILL OF ANOTHER PARTICULAR MYSTIC LEFT THESE DIRECTIONS:

"THE FIRST THING TO DO AFTER AWAKENING IS:

'DESTROY ALL OF THE EVIDENCE!'"

...AND I MIGHT ADD: YOU IMPROVE YOUR CHANCES OF AWAKENING BEFORE YOU DIE
 IF YOU WILL DESTROY ALL EVIDENCE AS SOON AS IT COMES TO MIND.