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WHY HAVE MENS' CORTICAL CELLS CONJURED UP THE IDEA OF THERE BEING A "MIND", AND MAKE MENS' TONGUES SAY THAT:

"SUCH AND SUCH WENT THRU MY MIND.", RATHER THAN: "WENT THRU MY BRAIN.", WHEN NO ONE CAN LOCATE, OR SATISFACTORILY DEFINE: "THE MIND", AND EVERYONE KNOWS WHERE THE BRAIN IS, AND UNDERSTAND THAT WHATEVER THOUGHTS ONE HAS OCCUR IN THAT ORGAN?!

WHY DO THESE CELLS ENGAGE IN SUCH VERBAL GAMES AND SUBTERFUGE?

...ARE THEY ATTEMPTING TO IMAGINE THAT THEY ARE OPERATING IN A REALM MORE COMPLEX AND MYSTERIOUS THAN IS ACTUALLY THE CASE?...

...ARE THEY ENGAGED IN SOME SORT OF NEURAL, "SOCIAL CLIMBING?"

LIFE, VIA OUR CORTICAL CELLS, UNDOUBTABLY HAS SOME PURPOSE IN NEURAL ACTIVITY THAT PRODUCES IDEAS WHICH MEN ACCEPT AS VALID REFLECTIONS OF REALITY BUT WHICH HAVE NO OBSERVABLE BASIS, (SUCH AS THE CONCEPTS OF: THE MIND: LIFE AFTER DEATH: A SOUL: FREE WILL & INDEPENDENT-DECISION-MAKING-ABILITY: BUT WHAT MIGHT THIS PURPOSE BE?!

OUR CORTICAL CELLS ARE UNQUESTIONABLY MORE INTELLIGENT THAN WE ARE, SINCE THEY ARE THE SOLE SOURCE OF OUR INTELLIGENCE, SO THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN ALL OF THIS MUST HAVE SOME INTELLECTUALLY SOUND GOAL AFFIXED:

BUT WHAT CAN IT BE?!

QUESTION: WOULD YOU BE: FULL-BLOWN, UPTOWN, BIG-TIME, "AWAKE"

IF SOME SEGMENT OF YOUR CORTICAL CELLS SAID THAT THEY WERE?,

AND ARE YOU "ASLEEP", (BY THE MEANING OF THAT PHRASE AS ESTABLISHED BY THEM), SIMPLY BECAUSE SOME PORTION OF YOUR CORTICAL CELLS SAY THAT YOU, (THEY) ARE?

...IS THIS NOT HOW THE SITUATION MUST LITERALLY BE?! --

...IS NOT YOUR THINKING TOTALLY AT THE MERCY OF THESE CELLS IN YOUR BRAIN?! YOU BELIEVE, THINK, FEEL, ACCEPT THAT YOU ARE "ASLEEP" IN YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS, OR ELSE SOMEHOW, "AWAKENED" THEREIN, BUT IT IS YOUR OWN CORTICAL, CONSCIOUSNESS-PRODUCING CELLS WHO'VE CAUSED YOU TO BELIEVE THIS, NOT SOME MYSTICAL TEACHING.

ASK YOURSELF, AND LOOK INTO THE MATTER RELENTLESSLY: FOR WHAT POSSIBLE PURPOSE HAVE CELLS IN MY CORTEX PRODUCED THOUGHTS IN MY BRAIN THAT SPEAK OF MY "MIND", WHEN I HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF SUCH A THING, AND FURTHERMORE: WHY DO THEY RAISE UP IN SOME PEOPLE THE IDEA THAT THIS "MIND" IS NOT FUNCTIONING AS IT SHOULD BE, BUT IS IN SOME SORT OF DISREPUTABLE STATE THEY HAVE LABELED AS, "BEING ASLEEP"?

FOR ALL ILLS SAVE THIS ONE,
 YOU CAN TAKE MORPHINE AND GO TO BED,
 WHILE WITH THIS, (ON THE CONTRARY)
 YOU MUST STAY CLEAR-HEADED AND ON THE MOVE.

A YET TO BE SCIENTIFICALLY DISCOVERED FACT:
 ANY TREATMENT OF A "MYSTIC'S SLEEP" WILL ONLY MAKE IT WORSE.
 ...AT LEAST THIS GREATLY SIMPLIFIES THE QUESTION OF EXACTLY WHAT IS
 THE PROPER TREATMENT.

AHH, THE STRANGE LIFE OF HE SEEKING TO AWAKE FROM THIS ROUTINE DREAM!

IT STARTS OFF BEING MORE COMPLICATED THAN ORDINARY MINDS CAN EVEN IMAGINE:
 AND THEN...AND THEN, LATER HE FINDS THE CHALLENGE TO BE OF SHOCKING SIMPLICITY.

NOTED ONE FELLOW ONCE HE BEGAN TO REALIZE WHAT THIS AFFAIR IS ACTUALLY ABOUT:
 "IF THE WHOLE THING WAS JUST THE LEAST BIT SIMPLIER THAN IT'S PROVEN TO BE,
 I WOULD NOW PROBABLY BE DYING FROM EMBARRASSMENT OVER ALL OF THE
 NEEDLESSLY CONVOLUTED AND MISDIRECTED EFFORTS I SPENT SO MANY YEARS MAKING.

WHEW!, THANK GOD NOBODY KNOWS ABOUT IT BUT ME."

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YOU'RE GETTING BETTER AT IT WHEN YOUR INNER RESPONSE TO WHAT YOU OBSERVE
 IN LIFE IS: "NO COMMENT.",
 BUT YOU'RE GETTING MUCH BETTER STILL WHEN YOUR INNER: "NO COMMENT" COMMENT
 BECOMES UNSPOKEN.

ONE MAN DEVELOPED HIS OWN PRIVATE APPROACH TO AWAKENING
 WHICH HE CALLED BY THE NAME: "B.C. -- BEYOND COMPREHENSION.",
 AND WHENEVER SOMEONE WOULD SAY TO HIM:
 "OH, YOU MEAN THAT YOUR WAY CAN'T BE PUT INTO WORDS AND TALKED ABOUT?!",
 HE'D REPLY: "OH NO, I COULD CERTAINLY TALK TO YOU ABOUT IT,
 AND IT WOULD SOUND COMPREHENSIBLE,
 BUT IN SO DOING, I'D RENDER IT USELESS TO MYSELF.

THE ONLY WAY THAT MY WAY REMAINS POTENT FOR ME IS FOR IT TO REMAIN SILENT --
 -- AND THUS: 'BEYOND COMPREHENSION'."

(NOTE: NOT A HELL OF A LOT OF PEOPLE EVER SEEMED TO GET MUCH FROM HIS
 EXPLANATION.)

NO MATTER HOW MANY BOOKS YOU READ ON THE SUBJECT:
 NO MATTER HOW MANY TEACHERS YOU HEAR SPEAK ABOUT IT,
 AND NO MATTER HOW SPLENDID MAY BE YOUR DREAMS CONCERNING IT,
 UNTIL YOU TURN YOUR OWN BRAIN INTO YOUR PRIVATE, PERSONAL LABORATORY
 YOU WILL NEVER GAIN THE KNOWLEDGE YOU NEED, OR UNDERSTAND THE NATURE OF
 WHAT YOU'VE BEEN ATTEMPTING TO STUDY.

ONE MAN EVENTUALLY ACCEPTED AS THE WIDEST COMPLIMENT THAT HE'D EVER
 GIVEN HIMSELF IS WHEN HE SAID TO HIMSELF:
 "YOU COULDN'T THINK YOUR WAY OUT OF A WET PAPER SACK!",
 WHILE AWARE THAT EVEN THOUGH HE HAD APPARENTLY MADE THIS THINKING-BRAIN-CELLS
 THINK THIS, THE TRUTH WAS THAT THEY HAD MADE HIM THINK THAT HE HAD THOUGHT IT,
 AND THEN MADE THEM THINK IT.
 ...SO YOU SEE HOW THIS CONCLUSIVELY PROVED HIS ORIGINAL COMMENT, RIGHT?!....
 ...HUH?!....YOU DO FOLLOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT, RIGHT?!.....

AFTER REALIZING CERTAIN REALITIES, ONE MAN MUSED:
 "SINCE I DO NOT KNOW WHAT CONSCIOUSNESS, OR 'MY MIND' ARE,
 WHY DO I CONTINUE TO USE SUCH WORDS AND DECEIVE MYSELF,
 WHEN I DO KNOW WHAT I MEAN BY THE WORDS, 'MY THINKING'
 WHICH IS THE PLAINLY OBSERVABLE ACTIVITY TAKING PLACE IN THE AREAS
 IN MY HEAD I AM WANT TO CALL, 'MY MIND AND CONSCIOUSNESS'
 WHY DO I SO MIS-SPEAK AND CONFUSE MYSELF WHEN A CLEAR ALTERNATIVE
 IS AVAILABLE?!...
 ...WHY DO I CONTINUE TO TALK ABOUT 'CONSCIOUSNESS AND MY MIND'
 WHEN NO ONE, INCLUDING ME, KNOWS WHAT THE WORDS ACTUALLY SIGNIFY?!
 AND YET I DO KNOW WHAT 'THOUGHTS' ARE IN MY HEAD,
 WHICH I AM ABLE TO THINK ABOUT, PICTURE AND EVEN DESCRIBE QUITE ADEQUATELY:
 SO WHY AM I SO DRIVEN TO PURSUE ANOTHER FAR FROM ACCURATE MENTAL COURSE?
 TO WHAT POSSIBLE PROFITABLE ENDS DO THE THINKING, TALKING CELLS IN MAN'S CORTEX
 CAUSE HIM TO BLITHELY BLABBER ON IN UNINVESTIGATED CERTAINLY ABOUT MATTERS
 WHICH NO ONE HAS UNDERSTANDING OF, AND IGNORE THE POTENTIAL OF KEEPING HIS
 VERBAL ATTENTION TO AN AREA PLAINLY IN VIEW?!
 WHY CAN NOT MEN STAY MENTALLY FOCUSED ON MATTERS ABOUTWHICH THEY CAN HAVE
SOME CLARITY?!
 WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT CONSCIOUSNESS IS, OR WHAT WE MEAN BY THE WORD, "MIND",
 BUT EVERYONE WHO SPEAKS OF SUCH THINGS HAS "THOUGHTS" AND KNOW QUITE WELL
 WHAT THAT WORD MEANS.

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THUS A MAN WITH AN INTEREST IN THE MATTERS WE ARE DISCUSSING HERE SHOULD SAY TO HIMSELF:

"WHY DO I NOT DUMP PERMANENTLY, ALL SUCH VERBALIZED NOTIONS I HEAR SAID IN MY HEAD ABOUT ME BEING IN SOME OTHER 'STATE OF CONSCIOUSNESS', OR, 'HAVING AN ENLIGHTENED MIND', WHEN I HAVE NO UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT THEY MEAN?!

WHY DO I NOT THINK OF MYSELF IN ALL OF THIS ON THE BASIS OF WHAT I DO KNOW AND CAN PLAINLY OBSERVE IN MYSELF, (WHICH IS THAT):

I AM NOT SATISFIED WITH THE ACTIVITY OF THINKING THAT AUTOMATICALLY GOES ON IN MY BRAIN, AND WANT IT REPLACED WITH SOME OTHER SORT.

THIS IS A MORE ACCURATE TELLING OF WHAT IS ACTUALLY TAKING PLACE, BUT WHY ARE THE CELLS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL OF MY THINKING SO INSISTANT THAT I THINK ABOUT THIS AFFAIR REGARDING MY THINKING IN WAYS THAT POINT IN EVERY POSSIBLE DIRECTION SAVE TO THE POINT?! "

THE GREAT, UNSPEAKABLE ILLNESS USFFERED BY PEOPLE SUCH AS US IS IN ACCEPTING THAT THERE IS PROFIT IN OUR "MINDS, OR CONSCIOUSNESS", (WHATEVER THEY MAY BE), CRITICIZING ITSELF, WITH NEVER A QUESTION OF:

ON WHAT INFORMED BASIS HAS ONE PART OF CONSCIOUSNESS TO CRITICIZE ITSELF?!.....AND IF IT BE NOT CRITICISM OF THE WHOLE, THEN:

WHICH PART IS CRITICISING WHICH OTHER PART?

CAN YOU RATIONALLY IMAGINE AN EAR CRITICISM A TOE?!...ON WHAT POSSIBLE BASIS?!

CONSIDER IT FURTHER:

EVEN IF WE UNDERSTOOD WHAT CONSCIOUSNESS IS, AND IT NEEDED CRITICISING,

HOW IS CONSCIOUSNESS ITSELF CAPABLE OF BEING THE PROPER ONE TO DO SO?!, YOURS OR ANYONE ELSE'S?!....

...WHAT PRAY TELL DOES CONSCIOUSNESS KNOW ABOUT ITSELF THAT GIVES IT THE ABILITY TO MAKE ANY INTELLIGENT CRITICISM? - CLEARLY, NOTHING, AND CAN KNOW NOTHING, ANY MORE THAN ANY EYEBALL CAN EVER SEE ITSELF.

JUST THINK: EVERYBODY KNOWS SOMETHING!,

EVEN THE DUMBEST OF ORDINARY MEN KNOW A FEW THINGS,

WHILE HE WHO IS FINALLY SUCCESSFUL IN THIS ENDEAVOR KNOWS NOTHING - NOTHING!, (WELL, OKAY, MAYBE ONE LITTLE THING... BUT IT'S NOT WORTH MENTIONING.)

IF THE QUESTION OF: "WHAT AM I GOING TO SAY NEXT?",
HAS BECOME TOO EASY FOR YOU, TRY ONE THIS ONE, (ASK YOURSELF):
"WHERE IN MY BRAIN IS THE DECISION BEING MADE AS TO WHICH THOUGHT,
OUT OF ALL THE ONES AVAILABLE,
WILL OCCUPY MY ATTENTION NEXT...AND NEXT, AND SO ON?

IS THERE A 'ME' IN ME THAT HAS A 'MIND' THAT HAS THOUGHTS, AND IF SO
THEN ON WHAT ALREADY PRESENT BASIS DOES THIS 'ME' SELECT WHICH THOUGHT
WILL NEXT, 'BE-ON-MY-MIND', (SO TO SPEAK)?"

LET'S BE BLUNT HERE, SHALL WE:
IF YOU CANNOT ANSWER THIS QUESTION THEN YOU ARE ALSEEP EVEN IF
YOUR NAME IS" ZOROASTER THE FOURTEENTH", OR:
"SON OF A SON OF A BUDDHA-MAN".

NO ONE CAN BE CONSIDERED AWAKE WHO HAS NOT PRIVATELY BLOWN UP HIS OWN
CONSCIOUSNESS, HIS OWN MIND, HIS OWN IGNORNACE AND MISTAKEN BELIEF THAT HE
EVER UNDERSTOOD WHAT HIS CONSCIOUSNESS AND MIND WERE.

IT IS TO SUCH A MATTER THAT YOU MUST GIVE YOUR "SPECIFIC ATTENTION" -- OPPS!.
DID I SAY, "ATTENTION"?!.....

SO, OKAY...I GUESS WE GOT THAT ONE COVERED...SO....OKAY, TRY THIS ONE:
IS THINKING ACTUALLY LINEAR?!, IS IT REALLY TAKING PLACE SERIALY AS IT SEEMS?,
OR IS THINKING, (CONSCIOUSNESS ITSELF EVEN) SOME "EVERY-WHERE-AT-ONCE"
KIND OF THING GOING ON IN THE BRAIN WITH SOME UNIDENTIFIED AREA IN CHARGE
OF FOCUSING IN OUR ATTENTION TO JUST ONE THOUGHT AT A TIME?!

AND IF THIS IS SO THEN YOU HAVE THE QUESTION:
WHAT IS IN CHARGE OF THE AREA THAT MAKES THE SELECTION OF WHICH THOUGHT
I'LL FOCUS ON FOR THE MOMENT?!,
AND WHAT IS THEN IN CHARGE OF DIRECTING THAT AREA IN ITS CHOICES OF
WHICH THOUGHT I'LL FOCUS ON FOR A TIME?!

MYSTICALLY INCLINED MINDS GO FAR BEYOND THE ADVERTISING HYPE THAT SAYS:
"INQUIRING MINDS WANT TO KNOW.", WITH THEM IT'S A MATTER OF:
"THEY'VE GOT TO KNOW", (OR AT LEAST HAVE THE DISTINCTION OF DRIVING THEMSELVES
TO DAMN NEAR TOTAL MENTAL DISINTEGRATION BEFORE FINALLY REALIZING WHAT
THEY'VE ACTUALLY BEEN ENTANGLED WITH.

THE TRUTH OF THIS MATTER MAY NOT"SET YOU FREE", BUT AT LEAST IT'LL AFFORD YOU
THE PLEASURE OF FEELING LIKE A COMPLETE IDIOT....(WHICH IS JUST AS GOOD).

AND ONE MAN WISHES TO SHARE WITH US HIS VIEW:

"THE ONLY THING THAT 'TRYING-TO-AWAKEN' ACCOMPLISHES IS TO PROTECT YOU FROM FORGETTING THAT YOU ARE ASLEEP."

...WELL NOW...THANK YOU SO VERY, VERY MUCH, SIR FOR THAT MOST ENLIGHTENING OBSERVATION, (AND YOU PEOPLE SHOULD TAKE NOTE HERE THAT: "INSINCERE FLATTERY IS PROOF POSITIVE OF TRUE -- INTELLECTUAL CIVILITY. (NOT TO MENTION, NON-SUBJECTIVE CONCERN FOR YOUR FELLOW MAN).

A CERTAIN MYSTIC'S PHONE RANG, HE PICKED UP THE RECIVER, SAYING,"HELLO?", AND THE CALLER SAID: "YOU HAVE MADE THE STATEMENT THAT IF A MAN NEVER AGAIN THOUGHT ABOUT, 'BEING ASLEEP' THAT HE WOULD THEN NEVER AGAIN BE ASLEEP, BUT I WANT TO KNOW HOW SUCH A MAN WOULD DIFFER FROM SOME ONE WHO HAD NEVER EVEN HEARD ABOUT THE IDEA OF BEING ASLEEP IN THE MYSTICAL SENCE & THUS ALSO WOULD NEVER THINK ABOUT IT --

HOW WOULD THE FIRST MAN BE ANY DIFFERENT FROM THE SECOND?!",

AND THE MYSTIC REPLIED: "OH BELIEVE ME, HE SURE WOULD BE!",

AND THE CALLER SAID: "THEN WILL YOU EXPLAIN TO ME WHAT THE DIFFERENCE WOULD BE?", AND THE MYSTIC REPLIED: "UHH...WELL, THAT'S NOT IMPORTANT, BUT

YOU CAN REST ASSURED THAT THE DIFFERENCE IS THERE.", AND THE CALLED SAID:

"ARE YOU SURE?", AND THE MYSTIC REPLIED: "YES.", AND THE CALLED SAID:

"ARE YOU REALLY SURE?", AND THE MYSTIC REPLIED: "YES, I'M -- 'REALLY SURE'.",

AND THE CALLED PRESSED HIM: "ARE YOU ABSOLUTELY, POSITIVELY SURE?", AND

THE MYSTIC REPLIED: "YES, ABSOLUTELY, POSITIVELY.", AND THE CALLER

PRESSED EVEN MORE INSISTANTLY: "ARE YOU UNCONDITIONALLY, ABSOLUTELY, POSITIVIELY, WITHOUT ANY DOUBT, SURE?", AND THE MYSTIC HESITATED MOMENTARILY,

THEN SAID: "UHHH.....WELL-L-L.....UHHHHH....UHHHH, WELL, YES, DAMMIT!,

I AM REALLY SURE.", AND THE CALLER SAID: "OKAY, THEN IN SIMPLE TERMS

GIVE ME SOME INDICATION AS TO HOW THE TWO MEN WOULD BE DIFFERENT.", AND

THE MYSTIC QUICKLY RESPONDED: "LOOK, THIS WHOLE THING IS FAR TOO COMPLICATED TO GO INTO IN A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION.",

AND HUNG UP.