



MY NEWS FOR SEPTEMBER 4, 1999
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A CERTAIN FATHER AND HIS SON WOULD PLAY A GAME,
 (THE SON NOW BEING NO LONGER OF A PARTICULARLY YOUTHFUL AGE,,.BUT - STILL),
 WHEREIN THE FATHER WOULD CALL OUT A WORD OR PHRASE,
 AND THE SON WOULD GIVE HIS IMMEDIATE VERABL RESPONSE THERETO,
 AND ONE RECENT DAY THE GAME SOUNDED LIKE THIS:
 THE FATHER SAID: "THIS TIME IT WILL BE ABOUT ATTITUDES, AND
 EMOTIONAL POSITIONS MEN COMMONLY ASSUME": THEN THE OLD MAN YELLED OUT:
 "BEING EARNEST.", AND THE SON LAUGHED,
 HE THEN YELLED OUT: "BEING REFLECTIVE.", AND THE BOY LAUGHED AGAIN,
 THE FATHER THEN ANNOUNCED: "BEING STERN.", AND THE LAD LAUGHED LOUDER,
 AND THE ELDER CALLED OUT: "BEING CONCERNED.", AND THE SON LAUGHED EVEN LOUDER,
 AND THE FATHER DECLARED: "BEING ANXIOUS.", AND THE YOUNGER BENT OVER LAUGHING,
 AND THE FATHER PROCLAIMED: "BEING GRIM, SOLEMN OR IN ANY MANNER -- SERIOUS!",
 AND THIS ONE SENT THE BOY FALLING TO THE FLOOR IN LAUGHTER,
 AND WHILE HE WAS DOWN AND NEAR HELPLESS, HIS FATHER LEANED OVER HIM
 AND YELLED: "BEING PENSIVE, WISTFUL OR IN ANY WAY WHATEVER ---- THOUGHTFUL!",
 AND THE SON WENT INTO GASPING FITS OF CONVULSIVE HYSTERICIS.

.....(IT'S NICE TO FIND FAMILIES WHO STILL DO THINGS TOGETHER?!)

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AND ONE MAN SAYS: "AS REGARDS THE MECHAINSM IN MY BRAIN THAT EITHER SELECTS,
 OR FOCUSES MY ATTENTION ON THE THOUGHT THAT WILL EMPHEMERALLY OCCUPY MY
 CONSCIOUSNESS AT EVERY GIVEN MOMENT,
 I FIND THAT WHAT IT ALLOWS IN UNDER ROUTINE CONDITIONS IS LIKE,
 'RAW, UNANALYZED DATA":
 THE MECHANISM IS LIKE A GATEKEEPER OR SWITCHBOARD FOR
 CRUDE AND UNCRITICAL THOUGHT.

BASED ON WHAT IT SELECTS OR ALLOWS TO OCCUPY MY CONSCIOUSNESS
 I WOULD SAY TO YOU THAT IT HAS NEITHER THE TASTE,
 THE INTELLECTUAL DISPOSITION, THE PERSONAL MORALITY,
 NOR THE AESTHETIC DESCRIMINATION THAT I ATTRIBUTE TO MYSELF,
 (AS STRANGE AS IT SOUNDS TO SPEAK OF "ME" AS BEING SEPERATE FROM MY OWN THOUGHTS)
 ..AND YET THERE IT IS: PLAINLY VISIBLE FOR MY OBSERVATION: MY CONSCIOUSNESS
 BEING CONTINUALLY TAKEN UP BY CRUDE, PREJUDICED, ONE-SIDED, INDESCRIMINATING,
 UNTESTED NEURAL ACTIVITY CONSISTING OF --THOUGHTS. "

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HERE, THE MAN PAUSED FOR A FEW SECONDS, THEN PICKED BACK UP HIS COMMENTS:
 "COULD IT BE THAT WHAT SOME REFER TO AS THEIR DESIRE TO 'AWAKEN'
 IS IN FACT THEIR DESIRE TO REPLACE THIS 'WHATEVER-IT-IS' IN THEIR
 NEURAL ACTIVITY THAT PERMITS TO PASS SUCH CRASS & UNREFINED IDEAS
 WITH SOMETHING THAT IS MORE SELECTIVE, ANALYTICAL, SOPHISTICATED,
 AND INTELLIGENT.

- SOMETHING WHOSE TASTES AND INTERESTS MORE CLOSELY RESEMBLE THEIR OWN?!
 WHAT IF", HE CONCLUDED, "LONGING FOR SUCH A MORE CRITICAL GATEKEEPER
 TO CONSCIOUSNESS IS ACTUALLY WHAT THE HUNGER FOR ENLIGHTENMENT BE?!"

(AND THE TIME IS RIPE FOR ME TO AGAIN SUGGEST YOU CONSIDER THE IDEA OF THERE
 BEING AN UNREALIZED, FLOATING, COMMON POOL OF THOUGHTS, TOTALLY BEYOND MAN'S
 CONTROL AND FROMWHICH COMES EVERYTHING THAT EVER POSSIBLY OCCUPIES HIS MIND.)

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IT HAS BEEN CLAIMED THAT A MAN WILL EASILY FALL MADLY IN LOVE WITH A GIRL
 IN LIGHT SO DIM THAT HE WOULDN'T BUY A SUIT IN IT,
 BUT IT IS A MAN'S CELLS -- NOT HIS SIGHT -- THAT DIRECT HIS SEXUAL ATTRACTION,
 (SAME AS ALL HIS OTHER, NON-SEXUAL ONES),
 BUT PEOPLE CONTINUE TO ACCEPT THE THOUGHTS THAT THE NEURAL CELLS PLACE
 IN THEIR CONSCIOUSNESS THAT TELL THEM THAT THEY PERSONALLY -- INDIVIDUALLY --
 ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INTERESTS THEY HAVE AND THE CHOICES THEY MAKE.

ALSO NOTE, AS REAGRDS THE OPENING OF THIS PARTICULAR NEWS ITEM CONCERNING
 MEN FALLING IN LOVE IN BARELY VISIBLE LIGHT:

CELLS SEE AND OPERATE JUST AS WELL IN THE DARKNESS OF MIDNIGHT
 AS THEY DO THE LIGHT OF HIGH NOON.

..AND THE DOCTOR SAID TO THE PATIENT:

"IF AT FIRST YOU CAN'T SWALLOW THE BALDERDASH: TRY, TRY AGAIN.", AND WITH A
 WAVE OF HIS HAND, THE PATIENT DISMISSED THE COMMENT: "OH, NO NEED TO
 SO ADVISE ME FOR I HAVE NOT THE SLIGHTEST DIFFICULTY IN ACCEPTING AND
 SWALLOWING ANY AND ALL BALDERDASH AS SOON AS IT IS PRESENTED TO ME."

FROM YOUR OWN EXPERIENCE, DOES THIS COMMENT SEEM VALID:
 ONE THING ABOUT THE RAW, UNANALYZED THOUGHTS THAT ATTENTION IS
 NORMALLY FOCUSED ON IN CONSCIOUSNESS
 IS THAT THEY ARE CONSISTANTLY, ON-THEIR-FACE -- HUMORLESS,
 ...POTENTIALLY GRIM, EVEN THREATENING,
 AND THEREIN, (FROM MY PERSONAL POSITION),
 IS THE BASIS OF THEIR LUNACY AND ANNOYANCE.

AND NOW FOR ANOTHER: "PROVERB UPDATE & CLARIFICATION FOR THE FEW":
 "HE WHOM THE GODS WOULD, (NOT 'DESTROY', BUT 'BAMBOOZLE'), THEY FIRST MAKE STERN, SOLEMN
 LONG-FACED, SEVERE, GRUMPY, SULLEN, MOROSE, EARNEST AND CANTANEROUS."
 (AND MIGHT I NOTE: FROM MY OWN PRIVATE PERSPECTIVE, THE USE OF
 THE WORD "DESTROY" HEREIN IS SYNONOMOUS WITH, "ANNOY BEYOND ACCEPTABLE BOUNDS".)

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ALTHOUGH THEY WILL DENY IT IN PUBLIC,
 I SAY THAT IN PRIVATE, ALL MEN BELIEVE IN, "INEXPLICABLE, COSMIC LUCK",
 FOR THIS IS THE ONLY WAY THEY CAN EXPLAIN TO THMSELVES THEIR OWN,
 UNDESERVED FAILURES, AND
 THE IRRITATING SUCCESSES OF PEOPLE THEY DISLIKE.

WOULD YOU CARE TO TURN ALL I HAVE JUST SAID ONTO THE MATTER OF THE
 PARTICULAR RAW, UNREFINED THOUGHTS THAT THE ATTENTION-SELECTION MECHANISM
 OF THE BRAIN ALLOWS TO FILL UP YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS, MOMENT-BY-MOMENT?!?!?

AND NOW OUR BLATENT: "JOKE FOR THE DAY":
 THE INSTRUCTOR IN A COURSE ON: "COGNITIVE NEUROBIOLOGY"
 ANNOUNCED TO THE CLASS:
 "WE WILL NOW TURN OUR ATTENTION TO THE INVESTIGATION OF THE QUESTION:
 'WHAT IS ATTENTION?'"HUH?!, YOU DON'T FIND THAT FUNNY?!.....

ORDINARY MEN SAY THAT THEY ARE CONSCIOUS,
 AND SOME DEAD MYSTICS, (AND DECEASED ONES STILL STANDING) SAY THAT
 THEY ARE "SUPER CONSCIOUS" -- SO: WHERE DOES THAT PLACE THOSE WHO
 NO LONGER LOOK AT THE OBJECT IN THE SPOTLIGHT, BUT WHO HAVE CUT THEIR
 EYES TOWARD WHATEVER IT IS PRODUCING THE LIGHT.

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RELATED & REFINED FACT:

EVERYONE IS GENETICALLY WIRED UP TO TAKE CERTAIN THINGS IN THEIR CONSCIOUSNESS -- SERIOUSLY! -- AND:

IF YOU DO NOT LAUGH WHEN YOU'RE AWARE OF SUCH TENDENCIES THESE THINGS WILL, IN A MYSTICAL SENSE, DESTROY YOU.

WHERE THERE IS ENLIGHTENMENT THERE IS NO SOLEMNITY TO BE FOUND. ...NO CONCERN, NO VEXATION, NOTHING WITH ANY TASTE OF SERIOUSNESS, (WHICH IS A BY PRODUCT OF NEURAL ENERGY THAT IS CRUDE AND UNCRITICALLY ANALYZED.)

PERMIT NOT YOURSELF TO BE BAMBOOZLED BY THE THOUGHTS THAT THE CELLS IN YOUR CORTEX MANUFACTURE AND PUSH INTO THE SPOTLIGHT OF CONSCIOUSNESS:

ISN'T IT ENOUGH THAT THEY ARE DOING THIS TO THEMSELVES,

(ALTHOUGH THEY APPARENTLY DON'T REALIZE THAT THEY ARE)... [ALTHOUGH THEY ARE CAPABLE OF ALLOWING ME TO POINT IT OUT]... (WHICH ITSELF IS DELICIOUSLY & INVITINGLY PONDERABLE)],

BUT WHY LET THEM DRAG YOU INTO IT ALSO:

IF THOSE CORTICAL CELLS,

WHICH COLLECTIVELY ARE MORE INTELLIGENT THAN ANY OF US, (BEING AS THEY ALONE CONSTITUTE OUR INTELLIGENCE),

IF THEY WANT TO SO DECEIVE THEMSELVES BY "BELIEVING" IN THE VARIOUS IDEAS THAT THEY KNOW FULL WELL, THEY MANUFACTURED, THEN -- LET 'EM HAVE IT! --

BUT TO WHAT BENEFIT SHOULD YOU PLAY ALONG?!

THE PERTINENT FACT RESTATED:

EVERYONE IS GENETICALLY WIRED UP TO TAKE CERTAIN THINGS IN THEIR CONSCIOUSNESS -- SERIOUSLY, AND SOLEMNLY,

AND THESE THINGS THAT PASS THRU YOUR ATTENTION WILL EFFECTIVELY BAR ANY CHANCE OF YOU REALIZING THE AIM OF THIS ACTIVITY UNLESS YOU LAUGH AT THEM.

UPON HEARING MY JUST SAID COMMENT ON THIS MATTER, SOMEONE ASKED:

"SO HOW DO YOU COME TO THE UNDERSTANDING THAT SUCH THINGS SHOULD BE LAUGHED AT?", AND I REPLY: "I MADE NO MENTION OF THE NEED FOR ANY SUCH KNOWLEDGE, ALL I SAID WAS: "LAUGH AT THEM."

THE PROPER EXERCISE OF WHAT I SPEAK OF IS LAUGHING WITH NO OBJECT OF YOUR LAUGHING: NO REASON FOR YOUR LAUGHING, AND ABOVE ALL IT IS: LAUGHING WITH NO THOUGHT ATTACHED TO IT.

AND ONE MAN EXPRESSES THIS POSITION:

"I LAUGH AT THE INNER CHAOS!;

I LAUGH AT THE IDEA OF, 'BEING ASLEEP';

I LAUGH AT THE NOTION OF, 'ACHIEVING ENLIGHTENMENT",

AND ABOVE ALL:

I LAUGH AT MY GRIM, SOLEMN ATTITUDE TOWARD THE WHOLE AFFAIR."

THE MIXTURE OF BEING A, "MENTALLY ACTIVE" HUMAN. -- AND:

"WANTING TO AWAKEN"

CAN BE A STEW. -- SO SERIOUS --

THAT TO IT SHOULD CONSTANTLY BE ADDED

SUBSTANTIAL SERVINGS OF SILLY PUTTY.

WHEN BUDDHA FINALLY REMOVED HIS FALSE FACE

IT REVEALED HIM TO BE NONE OTHER THAN: THE MASK OF BOZO THE CLOWN.

BENEATH THE HUMORLESS, "CONSCIOUSNESS-OF-THOUGHT --

-- THE LAUGHTER OF, "ATTENTION-PUT-TO-GOOD-USE".

SOME THINGS YOU KNOW,

SOME THINGS YOU THINK ABOUT, AND

SOME THINGS YOU JUST DO.