

A MAN SAID TO A MYSTIC: "YOU HAVE FUNNY LOOKING EYES."; THE WISE ONE LOOKED IN A MIRROR AND THEN BEGAN TO BEAT THE MAN SEVERELY; WHEN HE PAUSED FOR A MOMENT THE MAN SAID: "ALL I DID WAS STATE THE TRUTH; DON'T YOUR EYES LOOK FUNNY?", AND THE MYSTIC AGREED THAT THEY DID, THEN THE MAN ASKED: "THEN WHY DO YOU ASSAULT ME SO VIGOROUSLY?", AND THE MYSTIC REPLIED: "'CAUSE I DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT IT 'TIL YOU TOLD ME." ... (I REALLY SEE NO NEED FOR ME TO OFFER A METPAHORICAL APPLICATION OF THIS TO THE MATTER OF INTEREST TO US....WAY-Y-Y TOO OBVIOUS ALREADY.)

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FACT 1: IF THE MIND COULDN'T DECEIVE ITSELF WE COULDN'T THINK.

FACT 2: IF THE MIND COULDN'T DECEIVE ITSELF REGARDING WHAT IT ACTUALLY IS WE WOULDN'T BELIEVE THAT WE HAD A MIND.

FACT 3: NOW FORGET ABOUT "US" AND OUR "MIND", TELL ME THIS:

HOW CAN THE LIVING CELLS THAT PRODUCE OUR MIND SO DECEIVE THEMSELVES? -- ...SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT HERE, AND I AM AT A LOSS AS TO WHY NO ONE EVER CONSDIERS THE MATTER IN ITS MOST BASIC CONTEXT.

AT A MUCH LESS SPECIFIC LEVEL MEN ACCEPT THE IDEA THAT THEY CAN AND DO, "FOOL THEMSELVES" IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS, BUT NO ONE SEEMS INCLINED TO NOTICE THAT THE NEURAL ACTIVITY THAT CONSTITUTES OUR INNER, PRIVATE "SELF", (OUR MIND), IS ITSELF ENGAGED IN WIDESPREAD "FOOLING-OF-ITSELF", AND MOREOVER: AND MOREOVER: UNLIKE MEN, IT SHOWS NO ABILITY OR ELSE INTEREST TO BE AWARE OF ITS OWN SELF DECEPTIONS.

WHEN SO VIEWED, HOW CAN ANY INSIGHTFUL PERSON NO TURN CURIOUS?!

CONSIDER THE MATTER SIMPLY AND DIRECTLY: MENS' MINDS READILY PERCEIVE AND ADMIT THAT THEY, (THE MEN), ENGAGE IN THOUGHT-&-WORD THAT IS A DECEIVING OF ONESELF AND ONE'S MIND, AND YET THE PHYSICAL, NEURAL ACTIVITY IN OUR BRAIN THAT PRODUCES THE MIND AND MAKES THIS "SELF DECEPTION" POSSIBLE EVINCES NO EVIDENCE THAT IT IS LIKEWISE ENTANGLED IN THAT IT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY INCIDENCE OF A MAN'S, FOOLING-OF-HIMSELF.

I CAN SEE IT, YET MY NEURAL ACTIVITY SEEMS NOT TO;

I CAN DESCRIBE THE SITUATION TO MY GENERAL SATISFACTION WHILE THE ACTIVITY APPEARS IGNORANT THEREOF.

HOW CAN THIS BE?!

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CAN A SHADOW BE MORE SUBSTANTIAL THAN THE OBJECT THAT CASTS IT? --
 WILL A DUMMY TURN OUR TO BE MORE INTELLIGENT THAN THE VENTRILOQUIST? --
 -- SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE, YET IF YOU INVESTIGATE THOROUGHLY WHAT I HAVE JUST
 OUTLINED YOU WILL FIND SUCH A SITUATION ALIVE AND ACTIVE IN YOU.

LET A MAN WHO HAS HAD AWAKENED GLIMPSES OF HIS OWN MIND TELL ME THAT
 WHAT I HAVE DESCRIBED IS INVALID --

SEE IF HE WILL NOT HAVE TO AGREE THAT ----- "THE PROGRAM",
 THAT IS THE MOUTHPIECE ----- THE OPERATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PROGRAMER IS,
 IN THE MATTER OF UNDERSTANDING THE REALTIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO,
 MORE INSIGHTFUL AND COMPREHENDING OF THE SITUATION.

ONLY THE PROGRAM MANIFESTS AN UNDERSTANDING THAT IT IS THE PROGRAMER ALONE
 THAT IS THE SOURCE, AUTHOR AND ENERGY OF ITS ACTIVITIES.

IT DEFIES ALL HUMAN SENSE OF REASON AND POSSIBILITY -- AND YET THERE IT IS,
 PLAIN FOR ANYONE WHO'S INTERESTED TO SEE.

I SAY TO YOU THAT IN THIS GENERAL AREA IS WHERE THE PIECE MISSING IN
 ALL PSYCHOLOGICAL AND METAPHYSICAL MAPPINGS OF MAN AWAITS YOUR DISCOVERY,
 AND FURTHER SUGGEST THAT PERTINENT THERETO YOU RECONSIDER THE IDEA THAT THE
 WHOLE OF A THING CAN SOMETTIMES, SOME HOW BE "GREATER THAN" OR EVEN "DIFFERENT THAN"
 THE PARTS OFWHICH IT CONSISTS, VIS-A-VIS "I" & THE NEURAL ACTIVITY THAT PRODUCES IT.

 THE LOVE SOME MEN HAVE OF WRITING IS DUE TO IT AFFORDING THEM A GREATER
 ILLUSION OF CONTROLLING THE WORDS AND THOUGHTS COMING FROM THEM
 THAN IS POSSIBLE IN THEIR OVERT SPEECH.

PLUS, WHEN THEIR WORDS AND IDEAS ARE PRINTED ON PAPER AND BOUND UP NICELY
 IN BOOKS, THEY SEEM TO BE MORE "SUBSTANTIAL" THAN ARE THE EMPEHERAL SOUNDS
 MEN MAKE WHEN THEY SPEAK.

"YES', SAYS MR. AUTHOR, "MY IDEAS MAY BE NONSENSE,
 BUT AT LEAST THEY'RE HERE PERMANENTLY ON PAPER FOR GENERATIONS TO SEE."

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NON-ENLIGHTENED SEEKERS LONG FOR A MYSTICAL SYSTEM THEY CAN USE AS AN INVESTIGATORY TOOL; A MAGNIFYING GLASS; A TELESCOPE; AN X-RAY MACHINE, AN AUTOMATIC MAP-READER, ETC., WHILE NEVER EVEN CONSIDERING THAT THE NATURE OF SUCH TOOLS THAT THEY THINK ESSENTIAL FOR THEIR SEARCH SHOULD ITSELF BE STUDIED.

IT'S AKIN TO BELIEVING THAT THE SECRET TO AWAKENING WILL COME FROM YOUR PERCISELY CORRECT MEASUREMENT OF SOME OBSCURE, MYSTICAL ARTIFACT WITHOUT EVER CHECKING TO SEE IF THE YARDSTICK YOU PLAN TO USE IS ACTUALLY THIRTY-SIX INCHES IN LENGTH.

ALL MYSTICS CLAIM TO WANT TO "KNOW THE TRUTH" ABOUT EVERYTHING IMAGINABLE -- -- EXCEPT FOR THEIR OWN MIND THE VERY THING RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR "WANTING TO KNOW".

WHAT CAN POSSIBLY BE THE ULTIMATE RESULT OF A SEARCH WHOSE FIRST STEPS ARE SO ILL FOUNDED?!

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ANY TIME THAT YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT OR TALKING ABOUT MANS' OR YOUR BEHAVIOR

YOU'RE NOT TAKING THE PROPER PERSPECTIVE TO EVER AWAKEN TO THE CELLULAR DECEPTION INVOLVED IN YOUR CONCEPTION OF YOUR MIND, FOR BEHAVIOR IS TOO DRIVEN AND CONTROLLED BY THE SILENT, INSTINCTIVE NEURAL SYSTEM TO BE VERBALLY ANALYZED PROFITABLY.

BEGIN YOUR INVESTIGATION WITH THE TALAKTIVE, ANALYTICAL NEURAL SYSTEM, THEN WORK YOUR WAY AROUND THEM BOTH AND THEIR INSUPERABLE NEXUS...

ALWAYS: PRIMERO THINGS PRIMERO; LET THE INTELLIGENT INVESTIGATOR STUDY FIRST THE MEANS AT HAND TO UNDERTAKE HIS INVESTIGATION.

ANALYZE FIRST YOUR ANALYZATIONS;

STUDY WHAT IT IS THAT MAKES YOU BELIEVE THAT YOU CAN "STUDY" SOMETHING.

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WHEN ASKED IF HE'D HEARD A CERTAIN RADIO SHOW, A MAN REPLIED THAT HE HADN'T, AND ADDED THAT THE ONLY TIMES HE EVER TURNED ON THE RADIO WAS WHEN HE WANTED TO KEEP HIMSELF FROM TURNING ON THE TV....(NOTES HE):

"BETTER TO DISFIGURE ONE OF MY SENSES THAN TWO."

TO "BE ASLEEP" AND CONFUSED COMES FROM ALLOWING YOUR ANALYTICAL NEURAL SYSTEM
 TO PERCEIVE OF THERE BEING TWO MINDS IN YOU, I.E.;

THAT THERE IS "YOU",

AND THEN THERE IS YOUR "MIND."

THIS IS THE SUPREME ERROR.

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A MAN WHO FOR MANY YEARS HAD BEEN ASSUMED TO BE DELIVERING GREAT
 MYSTICAL INSTURCTION

WAS FINALLY REALIZED TO BE SIMPLY A COMMON ENTERTAINER,

...AND IF YOU THINK THAT THOSE WHO'D BEEN LISTENING TO HIM WERE
 UPSET, DISTURBED, AND AMAZED,

BEYOND YOUR BELIEF,

WAS HIS RELIEF.

ONE MAN DECIDED THAT WHAT HAD ONCE BEEN HIS FRIEND WAS NOW HIS FOE;

HE LATER DECIDED THAT HAD ONCE BEEN HIS FOE WAS NOW HIS FRIEND;

AFTER THAT HE DECIDED THAT HE HAD NO FRIENDS,

AND EVEN LATER THAN THAT HE DECIDED THAT HE HAD NO FOES,

AND BY THE NEXT TIME HE TOOK A QUICK PEEK,(INSIDE HIMSELF, THAT IS),

HE FOUND THAT NO ONE WAS THERE,

AND TO AN EXCEEDING DEGREE,

GLAD WAS HE.

PARTIALLY WAKING UP IS ALWAYS EXCITING;

BEYOND THAT -- THE CONDITIONS CHANGE -- (THAT IS):

THE DESCRIBABLE CONDITIONS BREAK DOWN.

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THE MYSTERY THE MYSTIC CRAVES LIES WITHIN THE MECHANISM THAT DRIVES HIS DESIRE.

HOW OBVIOUS CAN IT BE

THAT THE MIND SPELLS "OBVIOUS" WITH AN "O" AND A "B" (& THE OTHER LETTERS NECESSAR

A CERTAIN MAN MUSED: "NO ONE THINKS AS HIGHLY OF POETRY AS DO POETS;
...IN FACT, FEW BUT THEY EVEN THINK ABOUT IT.

HUMMM, I WONDER", THOUGHT HE, WHO WAS A SCULPTOR HIMSELF,
"IF THE SAME BE TRUE OF STATUARY?"

FACT: A MAN'S OWN THOUGHTS ARE THE TRUEST REFLECTION OF THEMSELVES POSSIBLE.

...AND A PASSING COMPOSER OVERHEARING THIS, STOPPED LONG ENOUGH TO PONDER:

"WHAT IN WOLFGAN'S HOLY NAME DOES THIS ALL MEAN?!",

AND MR. AUTHOR INJECTED: "INDEED, MY FELLOW WORDSMITHS: WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN?!

.....BUT GO FURTHER AND REFLECT ON THIS:

NONE THINK AS HIGHLY OF THE MYSTICAL ENDEAVOR AS DO MYSTICS, AND IN FACT,
FEW EVEN THINK ABOUT THE MATTER, BUT THEM,

WHAT DOES IT MEAN? - WHAT DOES IT PROVE? -- WHAT MIGHT IT SIGNIFY? "

THEN MR. AUTHOR SERVED UP ONE OF HIS CONCOCTIONS:

"I MAY NOT BE AN ELK,
I MAY NOT BE A BRUIN,
BUT COFFEE IN YOUR TEA,
I KNOW'S THE ROAD TO URINE."

...INDEED -- WHAT CAN IT ALL MEAN?!

ONE NEURAL SYSTEM RHYMES; THE OTHER TAKES THE FIRM POSITION OF
IGNORING IT.

WHENEVER A MEDICAL EMERGENCY VEHICLE WOULD COME ROARING DOWN HIS STREET,
WITH LIGHTS FLASHING AND SIREN WAILING,

THIS ONE MAN WOULD RUN FROM HIS HOUSE, JUMPING UP AND DOWN,
WAVING HIS ARMS AND YELLING: "OH, ME -- ME!"

THE SOUNDING OF A FALSE ALARM
RESULTS IN CAUSING YOU FALSE HARM.

YOU CAN'T THINK WHILE THINKING: "THIS IS ME THINKING." --

THERE IS NOTHING ELSE TO KNOW, THERE IS NOTHING ELSE TO REALIZE.

THOSE WHO BELIEVE: "ONWARD TO CARIO I TRUDGE",

EGYPT, WILL NEVER SEE.

THERE IS NOTHING LEFT TO SEE BUT: "THIS IS ME THINKING, AND

THIS THINKING IS ME."