

OFTEN THROUGHOUT HISTORY
THOSE TRYING TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THINGS HAVE BEEN CALLED:
"SEEKERS OF THE TRUTH.", (WHICH WOULD BE A BUNCH OF MINOR LEAGUERS);
THE BIG TIMERS WOULD BE THOSE WITH NOTHING ANY LONGER IN THEM THAT,
"SEEKS THE TRUTH".

WHAT SENSE IS THERE IN THE TRUTH SEEKING ITSELF?

A MIRROR IS BLANK UNTIL SOMETHING COMES BEFORE IT TO CAUSE A REFLECTION -- BUT:
QUESTION: WHEN THE MIRROR IS SHOWING A REFLECTION
WHERE DID ITS ORIGINAL BLANKNESS GO?

(WHEN HE WOULD LOOK, "JUST SO",
ONE MAN WOULD OFTEN SEE A FISH LURKING IN THE BUSHES.)

ALL LIVING CREATURES HAVE A FEED-BACK SYSTEM
WHEREBY ONE PHYSICAL FUNCTION MONITORS THE FUNCTIONING OF ANOTHER.

MEN ALSO HAVE A MENTAL SUCH SYSTEM
WHICH IN LARGE PART ACCOUNTS FOR OUR SUPREMACY AMONGST ALL THE CREATURES,
BUT WHICH IS ALSO AN UNRECOGNIZED, LARGE PART OF WHAT MOTIVATES THE FEW
TO SEARCH FOR SOME NEW WAY TO MENTALLY FUNCTION.

AT ONE TIME, ONE MAN HAD A SLOGAN THAT WAS HIS PRIVATE JOY,
AND WHICH HE WOULD OFT REPEAT TO HIMSELF:
"ONLY THE INTELLIGENT SURVIVE."

HE LATER CAME TO REPLACE IT WITH ANOTHER ONE:
"ONLY THE STRONG SURVIVE.", WHICH HE LATER DROPPED IN FAVOR OF:
"ONLY THE DETERMINED SURVIVE.", WHICH WAS THEN PUSHED ASIDE FOR:
"ONLY THE FULLY AWAKENED SURVIVE.", WHICH HE RECENTLY REPLACED WITH:
"ONLY THE DAZED SURVIVE.",
BUT THEN YESTERDAY, WHILE ATTENDING A FUNERAL THE OBVIOUS HIT HIM:
"NO BODY SURVIVES -- AND ONLY THE AWAKENED "KNOW-THE-TRICK"."

ONLY THOSE NOT YET FULLY DEAD CONTINUE TO CRY OUT FOR SOME
NEW WAY TO MENTALLY FUNCTION.
(YOU SEE, THE TRICK IS TO: BE BOTH DEAD -- AND NOT CARE.)

IF YOU ASK A MAN IF HE "KNOWS HIMSELF",
AND HE ANSWERS IN THE FIRM AFFIRMATIVE
YOU MAY BE SURE THAT HE HAS NO IDEA OF WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.

A MONK WROTE HOME FROM HIS MONESTARY:

"DEAR MAMA: THEY TELL ME THAT I WILL FINALLY "KNOW MYSELF"
JUST AS SOON AS I LEARN TO
NAIL MY SHADOW TO THE WALL.

LOVE,
HUBIE."

IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT TO EVER REALIZE YOUR OWN TRUE NATURE
YOU MUST HAVE A MIND LIKE AN IRON WALL,
BUT I OFFER AN ALTERNATIVE DESCRIPTION AND SAY THAT YOU SHOULD HAVE A MIND THAT IS
"ALWAYS JUST OUT OF HEARING" --
JUST OUT OF FULL EXISTANCE IN THE INSTANT MOMENT.

NOT A MIND FILLED WITH STEELY RESISTANCE,
BUT ONE THAT IS CONSTRUCTIVELY VACANT,
AT LEAST SUFFICIENTLY VACANT THAT NO THOUGHTS DISTURB YOUR
FEELING OF PEACE.

NO ONE WOULD EVER BECOME INVOLVED IN THIS ACTIVITY DID THEY NOT FEEL THAT,
"SOMETHING IS WRONG" WITHIN THEM,
BUT FOR YOUR INVOLVEMENT TO PAY OFF IN MAXIMUM TERMS YOU MUST FINALLY FEEL
FOR YOURSELF THAT SOMETHING IS WRONG REGARDING YOUR FEELING THAT,
"SOMETHING IS WRONG WITHIN YOU".

(WE'RE TALKING HERE A SITUATION AKIN TO AN EYE TRYING TO LOOK AT A THUMBNAIL
WHILE THE NAIL IS REFLECTING BACK AN IMAGE OF THE SEARCHING EYE.

AND WHEN YOU FIND YOURSELF GETTING ALL CONFUSED AS YOU RUN THIS MATTER
OVER IN YOUR MIND, JUST REMIND YOURSELF OF THE GROSS INHERENT HUMOR AND ERROR
IN THE IDEA OF A MAN, "TALKING TO HIMSELF",
[CATCHING ON TO THIS IS A QUICK CURE FOR ALL SORTS OF CONFUSION].)

AN UNEXPECTED IDEA ONE DAY ENTERED A MAN'S MIND:

"THERE ARE ONLY TWO TYPES OF PEOPLE WHO CONTINUALLY, "BEAT UP ON THEMSELVES":
THE MENTALLY ILL AND THOSE TRYING TO SHAKE THEMSELVES OUT OF THE TRANCE."

UPON HEARING THIS SENTENCE IN HIS HEAD, HE CHUCKLED, WAS MOTIONLESS FOR A MOMENT,
THEN WENT ON ABOUT HIS BUSINESS, (WHATEVER IT MAY BE).

THE DISTANCE BETWEEN UNDESERVED FEELINGS OF "SELF-IMPORTANCE",
AND OF UNFOUNDED FEELINGS OF, "SELF-CONDEMNATION"
CAN BE MEASURED IN THE HEARTBEATS OF MYSTICS.

IF YOU ASK A MAN THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HIM AND HIS ENVIORNMENT --
-- AND HE STARTS TO ANSWER
YOU MAY BE CERTAIN THAT HE HAS NO IDEA OF WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT

A MONK WROTE HOME TO HIS MAMA FROM THE MONESTARY:
"TOMORROW, ALL OF THOSE WHO WANT TO KNOW HOW MUCH INFLUENCE A MAN'S
EXPERIENCES HAVE ON HIM COMPARED TO HIS GENETIC MAKE UP
CAN SIGN UP FOR CLASSES,
AFTERWHICH I UNDERSTAND
THEY WILL BE SUMMARILY SHOT. . . .

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QUESTION: WHAT IS WRONG IN THE FOLLOWING DEFINITION:

"MAN: A ROBOT PROGRAMMED TO BELIEVE THAT IT IS SELF MOTIVATED?"

...WELL?....WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR, INSTRUCTIONS FROM YOUR PROGRAMMER?

OKAY, AN EASIER ONE:

WAHT IS WRONG IN EVERY DEFINITION?

WITHOUT QUESTION, IN THE BEGINNING THE OVERWHELMING NEED IS TO, "LOOK INWARD", BUT ULTIMATELY THE CHALLENGE IS TO "LOOK AT THE THING IN YOU THAT IS TRYING TO -- "LOOK INWARD"."

AND THEN ASK YOURSELF, (NOT IN ANY EXACT WORDS), AND YET: ASK YOURSELF:
"WHAT IS ALL OF THIS?,
WHAT IS IT PERCISELY THAT I THINK I'M ATTEMPTING?,
AND WHAT IS IT THAT IS ACTUALLY GOING ON HERE?"

THIS IS THE CHALLENGE THAT SEPARATES THE DILETTANTES FROM THE DILIGENT,
AND A MAN FROM HIS FINAL UNCERTAINTY.

IN A CERTAIN ANCIENT QUARTER IT WAS SAID THAT,
"WITH EVERY BREATHING OUT, AND EVERY BREATHING IN
A SECRET ENTITY LEAVES THEN RE-ENTERS OUR BODY,
> AND THIS ENTITY IS NONE OTHER THAN OUR REAL, ENLIGHTENED SELF."

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

AND A BOY ASKED HIS FATHER:

"WHY DOESN'T ANYONE SAY THINGS LIKE THAT TODAY?",

AND THE ELDER REPLIED:

"A FEW DO, BUT THEY WILL CLAIM THAT IT WAS SOMETHING THAT SOMEONE ELSE SAID
YEARS AGO."

AND A PUP ASKED HIS SIRE:

"WHAT WAS THE ORIGINAL PURPOSE IN US DOGS CHASING OUR TAIL?",

AND HIS ELDER REPLIED:

"IT WAS OUR FOOLISH ATTEMPT TO BE MORE HUMAN-LIKE....I SUPPOSE."

LOOK INTO THIS IDEA:

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AND THE ENTITY IS OUR REAL, OUR ENLIGHTENED
SELF.",

I THINK THAT INVESTIGATION WILL SHOW THIS TO BE SOMETHING FAR BEYOND,
"TAIL CHASING".

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LESS FIGITY; THEN YOU HAVE YOUR ENLIGHTENMENT, AND GENERALLY SPEAKING ARE
NO LONGER CONFUSED, AND ARE MUCH LESS FIGITY -- TO THE POINT OF CALM EVEN,
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ANSWER THIS: WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE IN THESE TWO PLEASURES:

THE PLEASURE A COMPOSER EXPERIENCES WHEN HE COMPLETES A BEAUTIFUL WORK,
AND THE PLEASURE A MUSICIAN LATER EXPERIENCES WHEN HE LEARNS TO PLAY THE WORK?

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE HERE, AND HOW MIGHT THE QUESTION BE APPLICABLE IN A MAN'S
SEARCH TO AWAKE AND OVERCOME SOMEHOW, SOME ASPECT OF HIS NATURE?

OR: HOW MIGHT THIS APPLY TO READING SOMEONE ELSE'S SONG ABOUT, "HOW TO AWAKEN",
COMPARED TO YOU COMPOSING YOUR OWN?

(AND OF COURSE, BEING ABLE TO PERFORM IT GRACEFULLY,

[AND THAT OFTIMES PROVING TO BE THE BIG "OF COURSE"].)

TO SEE THIS MATTER THROUGH TO YOUR PERSONAL SATISFACTION,
THREE THINGS ARE NECESSARY: BELIEF, SUSPICION & DETERMINATION.

YOU MUST FIRST HAVE A SOLID BELIEF THAT THE GOAL IS POSSIBLE,
AND SECOND YOU NEED A SUSPICION THAT THAT THE ANCIENT ONES WHO'VE WRITTEN ABOUT IT
DIDN'T KNOW WHAT THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT,
AND THIRD YOU MUST HAVE THE DETERMINATION TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF IT FOR YOURSELF

WITH THESE THREE IN HAND -- HOW CAN YOU MISS?!

THE MATTER OF "CAPTIVITY" FULLY EXPLAINED

AS SOON AS YOU AGREE WITH ANY IDEA
YOU HAVE BEEN BOUND
HAND AND FOOT.

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THEN SOMEONE SAID:

"IN THAT CASE,

IF YOU DIS-AGREE WITH ALL IDEAS YOU HEAR

THEN YOU WILL NEVER BE BOUND AND CAPTURED. AM I NOT CORRECT?!",

I GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO AGREE WITH HIM.....WHAT D'YOU SAY?.....

ONE PROVISIONAL APPROACH IS TO NOT CONSIDER THAT YOU STRUGGLE AGAINST ALL THOUGHTS
BUT ONLY AGAINST "EMOTIONAL THOUGHTS",

THOSE HAVING TO DO WITH WHAT SEEMS TO BE YOUR PERSONAL PREFERENCES.

(WHAT A JOKE! -- WHAT A WORLD-WIDE, UNRECOGNIZED JOKE!)

AND A MAN DECLARED: "WORDS ARE NOTHING BUT -- WORDS!",
TOWHICH A MYSTIC COUNTERED: "EXCEPT WHEN A MYSTIC SAYS THEM.",
WHICH STRATLED THE MAN INTO MOMENTARY SILENCE, THEN HE ASKED THE MYSTIC:
"IS THAT TRUE?", AND THE MYSTIC REPLIED: "WOULD I SPEAK WITH YOU... WITH YOU...
ON SUCH AN IMPORTANT MATTER AND LIE TO YOU?!"

TAKE A QUIZ:

IF YOU HEAR MAN A INSULT MAN B -- WHAT DO YOU THINK OCCURED:
THAT MAN A MALICIOUSLY & PURPOSEFULLY INSULTED MAN B,
OR THAT MAN B DID SOMETHING THAT PROVOKED MAN A TO INSULT HIM? -- OR,
WHY DIDN'T YOU CONSIDER THAT IT WAS YOUR OWN THINKING THAT CAUSED IT ALL?

...AND WHY DO YOU STILL BELIEVE YOU SEE A DISTINCTION BETWEEN
"IN HERE" AND "OUT THERE"?


..WHAT'S RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR OWN DISTORTED SIGHT?,
IS IT BECAUSE OF YOUR CHILDHOOD, OR IS THERE SOMETHING FUNNY IN YOUR GENES?

IN COMPARING THE IMPORTANCE OF FEELING TO THINKING IN YOUR MOMENT TO MOMENT
EXISTANCE -- THERE IS NONE.

THOUGHT DOES NOT BEGIN TO COMPARE WITH FEELING IN ITS IMPORTANCE TO YOUR LIFE.

(DOES ANYONE EXPECT THEIR THOUGHT TO EVER MAKE THIS DISCOVERY?)

THE REASON THAT MEN LOVE TO READ THE WORDS OF OTHERS REGARDING HOW TO,
"RECOGNIZE SELF"
IS BECAUSE NO ONE CAN DO IT THEMSELF.



HERE'S A MAKE-UP QUIZ:

IF YOU SET OUT TO "FIND YOUR SELF", WHERE SHOULD YOU LOOK:
IN HERE -- OR -- OUT THERE?

SINCE PEOPLE DON'T SAY WHAT THEY THINK, (WHEN THEY "SAY WHAT THEY THINK"),
BUT RATHER SAY WHAT THEY FEEL,
ONCE YOU REALIZE THIS, (EVEN IF THEY PROBABLY DON'T),
YOU'RE FREED FROM YET ANOTHER USELESS ENTANGLEMENT.

THE KINDA GUY WHO'S ULTIMATELY GONNA GET SOME WHERE WITH ALL OF THIS
IS THE KINDA GUY WHO'D SAY:

"IF I WANT TO STUDY A REALLY GOOD MYSTICAL SYSTEM --
I'LL MAKE ONE UP."

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THERE IS NOTHING SO TRIVIAL, SO UNIMPORTANT THAT IT CANNOT BE EITHER SAID,
OR PUT INTO WRITING.

ALL PROBLEMS AND UNSOLVED MYSTERIES THAT BESET AN INVESTIGATOR
ARE HOME GROWN;
THEY COME FROM HIS OWN HOUSE.

FOR A MAN SEEKING THE GOAL

ALL OF LIFE SEEMS TO BE A PREPARATION FOR LIFE.

(WHETHER THIS IS A PROPER APPROACH OR NOT IS A QUESTION ONE SHOULD CONSIDER.)

ONE MAN LIMITED HIS DAY DREAMS TO THESE TWO AREAS:
EMPTY SKIES AND MATHEMATICS.