

EVERYONE WOULD HAVE WHAT THEY'RE LOOKING FOR IF THEIR CONS WAS CONSTANT & CONTINUAL RATHER THAN SPASMODIC & EPISODIC -- - THUS BEING A PERFECT REFLECTION OF HOW LIFE IS.

ONE MAN'S MOST ENDURING PERSONAL MOTTO, (WITHWHICH HE REMINDED HIMSELF DAILY): "WHAT'S NEEDED IS A "NEW VIEW" OF THE PROBLEM."  
...(SOME THINGS YOU CAN'T GET TOO MUCH OF, HUH?!)

SPEAKING DERMATOLOGICALLY: BEING "AWAKE" IS TO BE FULL "OF IT" TO THE BURSTING POINT: TO GO BEYOND THAT IS TO BURST AND FINALLY BE EMPTY AND FREE.  
...(YEP, WITH SOME GOOD THINGS YOU JUST CAN'T GO TOO FAR.)

LOOKING AT HIMSELF AS A "SOLAR SYSTEM", ONE MAN THEN SAW HIS BODY AS THE SUN, AND HIS CONS AS EARTH.

..(A METAPHORICAL PICTURE, PREGNANT WITH USEFUL POTENTIAL, [WHICH I GUESS COULD BE OF INTEREST TO THOSE OF YOU STILL SLIPPIN' THE OLD JOHNSON TO METAPHORS.]

AND A BOY ASKED HIS FATHER: "JUST WHEN DOES ONE," "GROW-OUT-OF" THE NEED FOR ALLEGORICAL SPEECH?", AND THE OLD MAN REPLIED: "WHEN ONE OUT GROWS THE NEED TO SPEAK."

...AND AFTER A MOMENT, THE LAD SAID: "I EXPECT THAT ALSO INCLUDES THE NEED TO LISTEN?!", "HURMP!", GRUNTED THE ELDER IN POSITIVE REPLY.

ONE MAN HAD A SNAKE IN HIS YARD WHICH HE WANTED TO BE RID OF: HE WOULD OFTEN LEAN OUT OF HIS DOOR AND YELL: "SHOO, SNAKE!, GO AWAY!", BUT RATHER THAN CAUSING THE SNAKE TO LEAVE, HIS EXHORTATIONS FOR IT TO DO SO ONLY SEEMED TO MAKE THE CREATURE MORE ACTIVE, AND SECURE IN ITS RESIDENCY.

IN REACTION TO SUCH A TALE, SOME MIGHT THING: "WHAT A STRANGE SNAKE.", OR "HOW STRANGE, FOR LANGUAGE WITH A SPECIFIC, OBVIOUS INTENT TO PRODUCE THE OPPOSITE RESULT.",

BUT IN THE "YARDS-OF-THE-MIND", (JUST OUTSIDE OF EVERYONE'S DOOR), LURKS EVERYTHING YOU CAN IMAGINE:

BE IT, "STRANGE & UNEXPECTED", OR "FAMILIAR & ROUTINE" --

-- BUT WHERE ELSE CAN THINGS OF THE MIND RESIDE?! -- WHERE ELSE IN THIS UNIVERS (THAT BIRTHED ALL THE PLANETS), DO YOU EXPECT THE PLANETS TO LIVE?!

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CONT).... WHO BUT THE DENSER OF SIAMESE TWINS ATTEMPTS FRATRICIDE?!  
YET THE ALLEGORICAL BONE YARDS ARE LITTERED WITH THOSE MOANING:  
"BUT I WAS ONLY TRYING TO "AWAKEN" MY OWN SLEEPING FOOT."  
AND A LAD ASKED HIS DAD: "WHEN DOES ONE GET OVER NEEDING ALLEGORIES  
TO EXPRESS SOME PARTICULAR THOUGHT?", AND HIS FATHER REPLIED:  
"WHEN ONE GETS OVER NEEDING TO THINK."

TO BELIEVE IN THE PROPOSED "EXAMPLES" THAT THE MIND SAYS REFLECTS THEIR CAUSATION  
IS LIKE THINKING THAT SHADOWS AND THE OBJECTS THAT CAUSE THEM ARE THE SAME THING.  
...YOU MAY AS WELL BRACE-UP AND FACE IT -- "DOUBLE-VISION" SCREWS UP EVERYTHING!

THOUGHT IS LIKE A CATARACT SEARCHING FOR THE CAUSE OF ITS BLINDNESS.

THOSE AWAITING EGRESS FROM AN IMAGINARY CARROUSEL ARE IN FOR,  
(LET'S ALL SAY IT TOGETHER NOW): "A HELLAVA LONG WAIT."

ONE MAN HAS THIS THEORY: "IF IT WASN'T FOR CONS -- I COULD BE MORE CONS."  
...(HE SAYS HE HOPES TO TURN THIS INTO FACT...& PRACTICAL APPLICATION.  
..[LET'S ALL SAY IT TOGETHER NOW: "GOOD LUCK TO YOU, SIR.")]

A MAN SAID TO A MYSTIC: "SOME OF WHAT YOU SAY MAKES SENSE TO ME,  
AND SOME OF IT DOESN'T. WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO SAY ABOUT THIS?", AND THE MYSTIC  
REPLIED: "I HAVE THIS TO SAY: THAT THE PARTS THAT YOU SAY, "MAKE SENSE TO YOU"  
ARE THE MOST POTENTIALLY DAMAGING.

NOW! - YOU TELL ME: DID THAT MAKE SENSE TO YOU OR NOT?"

AND A WOMAN SAID TO THE MAN WHO WROTE THE ABOVE TALE: "SOME OF YOUR  
STORIES, "KIDLE MY CURDILIES",, TOWHICH THE AUTHOR REPLIED: "I ASSUME, MADAME THAT  
YOU MEAN THEY, "CURDLE YOUR KIDILIES".", TOWHICH SHE REPLIED: "OH, YOU WRITERS!"

NOW TELL ME: DID THAT MAKE SENSE TO YOU OR NOT? ...AND IF IT'S STILL NOT CLEAR,  
ASK YOURSELF THIS: JUST WHAT IS ONE HALF OF A SIAMESE TWIN!  
DOING ON A MERRY GO ROUND IN THE FIRST PLACE?! ,,,HUH?!...  
..NOW THERE'S SOMETHING TO TURN YOUR MIND TO!

UNKNOWN BUT TO A SCARCE FEW MEN: THERE IS IN THIS UNIVERSE, A PLACE WHERE ALL IDEA  
AND KNOWLEDGE ARE STORED FOR FUTURE DISTRIBUTION.

QUESTION: IF EVERYONE KNEW THIS, WOULD IT MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE?

ONCE, (AS REGARDS THE "KNOWLEDGE" SIDE OF THINGS), YOU ARE AWAKE AND PRESSING  
ONWARD, THE ONLY REASONABLE THING LEFT TO DO WITH YOUR MIND IS TO USE IT WILFULLY,  
AND SPECIFICALLY AS A FORM OF PERSONAL ENTERTAINMENT. ...(NOT FORGETTING THE FAC  
THAT ENTERTAINMENT & EDUCATION ARE JOINED AT THE HIP...(ONE AND THE SAME).

IN ONE PART OF HIS HOUSE, A MAN DISCOVERED A MOTOR THAT WAS ALWAYS RUNNING, AND NO MATTER WHAT HE TRIED, HE COULDN'T GET IT TO STOP.

HIS FINAL ATTEMPT WAS TO DISCOVER WHAT FUEL IT RAN ON

SO THAT HE COULD HALT ITS INTRODUCTION AND THUS CLOSE DOWN THE MOTOR'S OPERATION.

BUT, NO LUCK THERE EITHER! ....WHICH BEGAN TO TROUBLE HIM MUCH:

IT WAS ONE THING NOT TO BE ABLE TO LOCATE A MACHINE'S, OFF/ON SWITCH, BUT SOMETHING ELSE ENTIRELY - (AND STRANGE) -

NOT TO EASILY SEE WHERE THE FUEL FLOWED IN TO POWER IT.

WHAT THE MAN DID NOT REALIZE WAS THAT HE WAS ENGAGED IN AN IMPOSSIBLE TASK:

HIS EFFORTS TO SHUT OFF THE MOTOR WERE BASED ON AN ANCIENT FALACY,

WHICH ITSELF WAS DERIVED FROM AN EVEN OLDER, VISUAL DECEPTION,

THAT OF A MIRROR ATTEMPTING-TO -- AND BELIEVEING-THAT-IT-CAN --

PONDER ITS OWN REFLECTION SOMEHOW, WITHIN ITSELF.

THE MOTOR WITHIN HIM THAT THE MAN WANTED TO SILENCE,

WAS ALSO THE SOURCE OF HIS DESIRE TO DO SO.

AND CONTINUING HIS STRUGGLE AGAINST COMPLETE "EXASPERATION", A BOY INQUIRED OF HIS PATER: "HOW CAN YOU PERSONALLY BE CERTAIN THAT, "THE-JIG-IS-UP"? --

I CERTAINLY WOULDN'T WANT TO KEEP ON MAKING EFFORT

WANTING-TO-BE-ENLIGHTENED, IS -- "WANTING TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON";

WANTING TO GO BEYOND MERE "ENLIGHTENMENT" IS WANTING TO GET OVER "KNOWING"

AND A MAN ASKED A MYSTIC: "IF A PERSON WAS FRIGHTENED, LET US SAY, OF GOLIATH, WOULD IT HELP IF HE CALLED HIM, "PEE WEE"?", AND THE MYSTIC SADLY SHOOK HIS HEAD,

SAYING: "THE WAY YOU PEOPLE COME IN HERE -- WASTING MY TIME -- ASKING QUESTIONS IN CODE -- LACKING SUFFICIENT REAL INTEREST & FORTITUDE TO FACE UP TO

WHAT'S TRULY BOTHERING YOUR MIND. YOU ARE LIKE MIRRORS ON A MERRY GO ROUND, BABBLING OUT THINGS YOU'VE READ & HEARD ABOUT LIFE OFF OF THE CORROUSEL,

BUT WITHOUT THE NERVE...OR, SENSE...OR SOMETHING - TO MAKE THE LITERAL EFFORT TO STEP OFF. AT THE VERY LEAST, (SINCE I AM JUST THE MIRRORED REFLECTION OF YOU

SPEAK TO ME ONLY REGARDING IDEAS THAT YOU UNDERSTAND, AND DO NOT ENTERTAIN QUESTIONS BETWEEN US, ABOUTWHICH YOU HAVE NO UNDERSTANDING TO BEGIN WITH."

WELL...I GUESS ABOUT THE ONLY THING THAT HE DIDN'T COVER IN THAT,

"INTER-BRAIN COMMUNIQUE" WITH HIMSELF WAS THE FINAL FACT THAT: BEHIND NO QUESTION STANDS ANY,"UNDERSTANDING" -- THE TWO ARE TOTALLY INCOMPATABLE.

AND YET: THOSE STILL SOMEWHERE BETWEEN PARIS & ISTANBUL, CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT IT'S JUST A MATTER OF,"A BIT MORE KNOWLEDGE" THAT WILL ULTIMATELY CONCLUDE

THEIR JOURNEY. DON'T SEEK ADVICE FROM A FOOL, AND THE TIME HAS COME THAT WHEN YOUR LEFT "HAND" TRIES TO SEE WHAT YOUR RIGHT ONE IS DOING, IT SHOULD,"STICK HIM

ONE MAN'S "PRIVATE-SCHOOL" - PRIVATE, "FIGHT SONG":  
"I GO TO SLEEP IN A SWEAT - I WAKE UP IN A SWEAT:  
MY THOUGHTS ARE MY SWEAT."

....(WHAT?! NO: "YEA-A-A, TEAM"

IN A DAMP MOMENT ONE DAY, A MYSTIC LOOKED BACK FOR A MOMENT AND THOUGHT:  
"IF I HAD KEPT MY ATTENTION ON THE MATTER OF "BEHAVIOR", (LIKE EVERYONE ELSE),  
WHY JUST THINK: I COULD HAVE WASTED EVEN MORE OF MY LIFE THAN I DID."  
...(DO NOTE THAT ORDINARY PEOPLE SEE THE SITUATION EXACTLY OPPOSITE --  
... WHICH I GUESS PROVES.....WELL, WHATEVER YOU WANT IT TO PROVE.)

A MAN WENT TO, "THE BOARD OF MYSTICALLY-BASED COMPLAINTS" AND SAID:  
"JUST - WHO DO I COMPLAIN TO ABOUT THE INCREASING LACK OF CERTAINTY  
REGARDING MY EFFORTS TO AWAKEN & ACHIEVE ENLIGHTENMENT?", AND THE OFFICIAL  
OF THE BOARD LOOKED THE MAN OVER CAREFULLY - AND REPLIED:  
"WHERE DO YOU GET YOUR SUITS?",

.... A RESPONSE, I RECKON, (IF WE'RE GOING TO TAKE THE STORY SERIOUSLY),  
INTENDED TO REMIND THE COMPLAINANT THAT: ALL RESPONSES ARE...WELL,  
WHATEVER YOU WANT THEM TO BE.

(TELL ME THE TRUTH: ISN'T ALL OF THIS -- EVERY TEENSY LITTLE BIT OF IT --  
BEGINING TO SOUND, "DIZZYINGLY FAMILIAR & SELF-REFERENTIAL"?! -- YEAH!,  
SURE IT IS! -- BUT, HEY!, SUCH ARE THE CONDITIONS IN:

"THE LAND OF THE MIND, AND THE HOME OF WORDS."

..("SAY, I HEARD THEM SING THAT ONE AT THE GAME THE OTHER NIGHT --  
...WHAT'D YA THINK THAT MEANS?! -- HUH?, HUH?...")

AS A WEARY WARRIOR KNELT BY A POND TO PARTAKE OF DRINK,  
UPON SEEING HIS REFLECTION, SIGHED: "AH!, IF I WERE BUT AS AWAKE,  
AND QUIET AS I APPEAR THEREIN.", AN EXPRESSION OF THE VERY, "MISTAKEN-IMPRESSION"  
THAT KEEPS A WARRIOR WEARY, AND ALWAYS FEELING IN NEED OF ADDITIONAL REFRESHMENT.  
CLIMB UP ON YOUR HORSE, ONCE -- "GALLANT-KNIGHT" -- AND PRESS ON --  
WHILEST THY RIDE - WHAT IS THERE TO "SAY" OR THINK ABOUT.  
JUST -- RIDE.

ANOTHER: "HOW TO TELL": IF IT "MAKES SENSE" TO YOU, THEN EITHER:  
IT IS NOT MYSTICAL -- OR: YOU ARE NOT A MYSTIC.

....SEE-E-E-E?

AND SPEAKING OF, "THE RIDE": HOW TO FIND THE REAL WAY THERE:  
IF YOU MUST MOVE, EVEN THE SLIGHTEST AMOUNT, TO GET ON IT,  
IT IS NOT THE REAL WAY.

AND SENSE WE WERE ALSO JUST TALKING ABOUT, "THINGS MAKING SENSE", LOOK SEE:  
IF YOUR THOUGHTS MUST MOVE FROM ONE PLACE TO ANOTHER FOR WHATEVER IT IS THAT  
... YOU WANT TO "MAKE SENSE" THEN YOU'RE OFF RIDING ON A FOOL'S ERRAND

THERE WAS ONCE A MAN WHO HAD THE "KNOWLEDGE" OF ENLIGHTENMENT -- AND YET HE STILL FELT MUCH FRUSTRATION AND DISSATISFACTION.

THEN ONE DAY HE SUDDENLY REALIZED THAT HE NEVER FELT ANY FRUSTRATION & DISSATISFACTION IN HIS BODY! -- ONLY IN HIS THOUGHTS. "HU!M-M-M-", SAID HE, AS HE PONDERED ON THIS REALIZATION -- THEN ADDED "BUT I KNEW THAT ALREADY!",

SO, WAS I WRONG?! -- DID HE NOT HAVE THE FULL KNOWLEDGE THAT COMES OF ENLIGHTENMENT THE ANSWER TO THAT IS SIMPLE, (ONCE YOU SEE IT):

THE ACTUAL "KNOWLEDGE-OF-ENLIGHTENMENT" IS THE AWARENESS OF WHAT KNOWLEDGE IS -- BUT ANY TIME AFTER THAT, IF YOU ARE BACK IN YOUR INNER WORLD OF KNOWLEDGE, YOUR AWARENESS OF ITS EMPTINESS, IS FOR THE MOMENT, LOST -- AND THERE YOU ARE ONCE AGAIN, BACK IN THE FEELINGS OF FRUSTRATION, AND DISSATISFACTION.

SO! -- NOW THAT YOU HAVE THIS ADDITIONAL "KNOWLEDGE" -- JUST LOOK HOW SIMPLE THE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM IS !! ....(LIKE IT WAS EVER DIFFICULT TO BEGIN WITH

AND ONE MAN JUGGLES THIS PROPOSAL: "IF IT WEREN'T FOR MY THOUGHTS, MY MIND WOULDN'T BE SO CONSTANTLY DISTURBED."

...(YOU KNOW, IF THERE ACTUALLY WAS SOME WHERE TO, "GET TO", THEN AT LEAST HAVING GUYS LIKE THAT AROUND WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO BELIEVE THAT WE MIGHT REALLY -- GET THERE!)

AND A MAN SAID TO A MYSTIC: "SOME TIMES I CAN'T TELL IF YOU'RE JOKING, OR BEING SERIOUS.", AND THE MYSTIC SADLY REPLIED: "THEN YOU HAVE A SERIOUS -- PROBLEM.", AND AS THE MAN'S FACE DROPPED IN DISAPPOINTEMENT, THE MYSTIC SLAPPED HIM ON THE BACK AND SAID: "AH, BUT: WHAT THE HELL! -- NO PROBLEM IS, "SERIOUS"-- 'GO-ON-WITH-YOU', AND FORGET ABOUT IT.", (COURSE IF THE GENTLEMAN PRESENTLY POSSESSED THAT ABILITY, HE WOULDN'T'AVE BEEN THERE TALKIN' TO THE MYSTIC ABOUT IN THE FIRST PLACE -- WOULD HE!? ....OHOO, NOW LOOK WHAT WE'VE DONE! - NOW YOU'RE LOOKIN' ALL, "DOWN-IN-THE-THOAT" ABOUT IT....GUESS ITS ABOUT TIME THAT YOU FORGOT ABOUT IT ALSO. NOW --"GO-ON-WITH-YER-OLE-MOSTLY-AWAKENED-SELF", AND FINISH OUT THAT PLEASANT HORSEBACK RIDE THAT LIFE HAS MADE AVAILABLE.

ADIOS! -- SEE YOU AGAIN NEXT LAP.

..AND AS THE HEARTY, CLEAR-SIGHTED BAND RODE AWAY, THE MYSTIC RETURNED TO HIS TENT THINKING: "DOES ANY OF WHAT I SAY EVEN MAKE SENSE TO ME?!", AND WAS RELIEVED TO REALIZE THAT, "NO.", IT STILL DIDN'T.

MY GOD!, WHAT COULD BE A WORSE FATE FOR ONE, ONCE ENLIGHTENED, THAN TO, "RECOVER" ALL THAT HE SO VALIANTLY FOUGHT TO LOSE.

BUT, "THANK GOD! - SAFE AGAIN - NO KNOWLEDGE ON HORSEBACK, AROUND THE BEND."