

AN ENLIGHTENED MIND:

FOR A MAN TO BE IMPRESSIVE -- HE CANNOT TRY TO BE.

..SAME AS HOW AN ENLIGHTENED MAN IS ABLE TO STABILIZE HIS ENLIGHTENMENT.

EVEN IF YOU ARE RIGHT HANDED, YOUR LEFT IS EQUALLY AS IMPORTANT.

FOR A MAN TO BE IMPRESSIVE -- HE CANNOT BE TRYING TO BE.

IF BEING AWAKE IS NATURAL, THEN MUST YOU NOT "BE NATURAL" TO AWAKE?!

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SAME AS A JUST RULER DOES NOT NEEDLESSLY "ACT ON THE PEOPLE",  
SO NEITHER DOES A KNOWING MAN, ON HIMSELF.

LOOK TO WHAT A DEGREE THE UNIVERSE LEAVES YOU ALONE,  
AND PONDER SHOULD NOT YOU PERHAPS, TREAT YOURSELF SIMILARLY.

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ONE MAN HAD A FAMILY OF UNRULY CHILDREN WHO,  
WHEN OUT OF DOORS, HE COULD DO NOTHING WITH --  
-- BUT AS LONG AS HE KEPT THEM INSIDE, CALM COULD BE IMPOSED.

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IT IS THE UNINSIGHTFUL, DILETTANTE MYSTICS WHO BELIEVE YOU MUST  
"GO OUT OF TOWN"  
TO EVER AWAKEN.

.....KEEP YOUR CHILDREN INDOORS AND YOU'LL SEE THRU THIS ERROR.

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A NATURAL PART OF BEING HUMAN IS TO WANT TO, "CHANGE THINGS":  
A NATURAL PART OF BEING ENLIGHTENED IS TO GET OVER THIS.

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ON ONE PLANET THE PEOPLE WERE PLAGUED BY ROVING, SNAPPING, "MAD DOGS" WHO,  
THE HARDER THEY SLAPPED AT THEM,  
THE MORE THEY BIT.

TALKING TO YOURSELF WILL KEEP YOU IN THE NORMAL, HYPNOTIC STATE.

...AND, OH YEAH:

YOU CAN TALK TO YOURSELF WHILE CLAIMING THAT YOU DO NOT.

ONE DAY IN THE MIDDLE OF DISCUSSING CARPET INSTALLATION TECHNIQUES, A BOY ASKED HIS FATHER: "CAN YOU 'TALK-TO-YOURSELF' WITHOUT, 'LISTENING-TO-YOURSELF'?", AND THE ELDER REPLIED: "IF YOU COULD THEN HOW WOULD ANYONE KNOW THAT THEY DO TALK TO THEMSELVES?!"

...(LATER, (OFF ON HIS OWN), THE LAD SHIFTED HIS FATHER'S REPLY AROUND A BIT MAKING IT, (TO HIS EYES), APPLICABLE TO THE QUESTION OF:

"CAN YOU BE, 'MISTAKEN' AND ACTUALLY EVER, 'KNOW IT'?",

(WHICH TO MY EYES IS A VARIATION OF THE POSER:

"HOW CAN YOU BE AWARE THAT YOU'RE 'ASLEEP' WITHOUT THE AWARENESS CAUSING YOU TO AWAKE?!"

...BUT, "HOLY SERPENTINE, SIDE-EXCURSIONS!"--

DID WE EVER GET OFF THE ORIGINAL SUBJECT! -- SHEESH!

YEAH: TALKING TO YOURSELF, (OF COURSE ALONG WITH THE REQUISITE, LISTENING TO YOURSELF TALK), WILL KEEP YOU IN THAT HYPNOTIC STATE.

...BOY, TALK ABOUT GETTING OFF ON YOUR TOTALLY UNRELATED SUBJECTS! HUH!

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THERE ONCE WAS A BOY WHO HAD TWO BOTTLES THAT HE PLAYED WITH: ONE BOTTLE WAS FULL OF LIQUID, AND THE OTHER ONE WAS EMPTY.

HE CALLED THE FIRST BOTTLE, "ALBERT", AND CALLED THE SECOND ONE, "ENLIGHTENED."

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A MAN ONCE WENT TO SEE A CERTAIN MYSTIC, EXPRESSING MOST VOCALLY HIS DESIRE TO, "LEARN HOW TO AWAKEN", AND AFTER HE'D VERBALIZED HIS WISH QUITE COPIOUSLY, AND FEEL SILENT, AWAITING A REPLY, THE MYSTIC JUST POINTED DOWN TO THE MAN'S FEET, SAYING NOTHING, AND AFTER A FEW SECONDS OF THIS, THE MAN SAID: "I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU MEAN.", AND THE MYSTIC, STILL POINTING, SAID: "YOU'RE STANDING ON YOUR OWN FEET."...AND ALL WAS SILENT AGAIN FOR A BIT, AND THE MAN THOUGHT, THOUGHT, SQUINTED & PONDERED, JUST EXACTLY WHAT THE MYSTIC COULD MEAN?!?... "CERTAINLY", HE THOUGHT, "I AM OBVIOUSLY STANDING ON MY OWN FEET WHO ELSE'S FEET COULD I BE STANDING ON?!"...AND STILL TROUBLED & PUZZLED BY THE COMMENT, THE MAN PONDERED & CHEWED ON IT FURTHER, AND ASKED HIMSELF IF THE SENTENCE COULD BE TAKEN IN ANOTHER WAY?!...AND HE REPEATED IT TO HIMSELF:

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"I'M STANDING ON MY OWN FEET".....HUMMMMMMM.....  
I TOLD HIM THAT I WANTED TO LEARN HOW TO ACHIEVE AWAKENING,  
AND ALL HE SAID TO ME WAS THAT I WAS: 'STANDING ON MY OWN FEET'.....HUMMMMM..."

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MORE THAN ANYTHING IN THE WORLD -- ONE MAN WANTED TO MOVE FROM WHERE HE LIVED --  
BUT EVERY TIME HE THOUGHT THAT HE'D FINALLY SUCCEEDED,  
FOR SOME REASON HE HAD TO GO BACK TO SEE FOR SURE IF HE WAS GONE,  
AND OF COURSE WHEN HE DID THAT -- "THERE-HE-WAS-BACK"! --  
AND EXTREMELY DISAPPOINTED AT THE DISCOVERY.


...( I DON'T KNOW....IS IT JUST ME,  
OR IS THERE SOMETHING REALLY, REALLY "PECULIAR"  
IN ALL OF THIS ?!?!.....  
....[I MEAN LIKE, DON'T TELL HIM I SAID ANYTHING]....

...COME TO THINK OF IT:  
YOU KNOW WHY MEN LOVE TO REPEAT THE LINE:  
"YOU CAN'T GO HOME AGAIN." ? --  
'CAUSE YOU CAN'T HARDLY KEEP FROM IT!)

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IN THEIR LIVES AS HUMANS, MEN: DO -- AND MEN: THINK,  
WHAT THEY "DO" IS GOVERNED BY: INSTINCT & HABIT,  
WHAT THEY "THINK" IS GOVERNED BY WHATEVER THEY THINK IT IS.  
...(IS THIS ALL CLEAR TO YOU?!...DOES THIS MAKE SENSE?....IF SO:  
-- SHAME-E-E ON YOU!

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SOME YEARS BACK, UP IN A MOUNTAIN REGION NOT FAR FROM WHERE YOU'VE BEEN LIVING  
RECENTLY, THERE WAS A MAN WHO WAS SELLING WHAT HE CALLED, "THE ENLIGHTENMENT  
BUTTON", WHICH WAS A SMALL BOX, THE SIZE OF A MATCHBOOK, WHICH HAD A BOTTON   
IN THE CENTER OF IT, WHICH THE MAN SAID WOULD PRODUCE AND SUSTAIN ENLIGHTENMENT  
AS LONG AS YOU HELD IT DOWN WITH YOUR THUMB...BUT HE ALSO SAID THAT FOR IT TO  
WORK, YOU COULDN'T "USE" YOUR THUMB. (RUMOR HAS IT THAT A COUPLE OF PEOPLE WHO  
HEARD HIS EXPLANATION, IMMEDIATELY UNDERSTOOD THE PRINCIPLE INVOLVED, AND SAVED  
THEMSELVES THE: PRICE OF THE BOX, THE EXERTION OF THEIR THUMB, AND AT LEAST,  
THIRTEEN YEARS OF NEEDLESS EFFORT



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HOW THOSE WITH SOME SUCCESSFUL EXPERIENCE IN THIS ACTIVITY  
MIGHT NOW RECOGNIZE MISTAKES THEY COULD BE MAKING:  
THE CORRECT APPROACH TO AWAKENING IS NOT INVASIVE.

A MYSTIC CALLED A PLUMBER AND ASKED: "ARE YOU A MYSTICAL PLUMBER?",  
AND THE PLUMBER REPLIED: "I ONLY CLEAN OUT PIPES THAT I DON'T HAVE TO GO INTO.",  
AND THE MYSTIC SAID: "YOU'RE MY MAN!"

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A MAN VISITED A MYSTICAL POET AND ASKED HIM:  
"WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE LIKE YOU?", AND THE POET REPLIED:  
"A QUICK WIT AND A SHORT ATTENTION SPAN.",  
AND THE MAN LOOKED TOTALLY PERPLEXED BY THE REPLY, AND THE MYSTIC ADDED:  
"BOUT LIKE WHAT IT TAKES TO, 'WAKE UP'.....IF YOU DON'T MIND IT BEIN' TEMPORARY."  
(AND THE CHAP STILL LOOKED CONFUSED. ....HOW ABOUT YOU ???)

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A QUITE ANCIENT & RARE LEGEND TELLS OF A PLANET IN A FAR AWAY GALAXY ON WHICH  
REALITY WAS SUCH THAT,  
ANYTHING YOU TRIED TO "CHANGE"  
WOULD AUTOMATICALLY BECOME MORE RESISTANT TO CHANGE.

A BOY THUS INQUIRED OF HIS PA PA:  
"IS IT TOTALLY STUPID TO TRY AND DRIVE A SQUARE PEG INTO A ROUND HOLE?",  
"NO", REPLIED HIS PA, "FOR IT TO BE TOTALLY STUPID  
THE ONE DOING THE DRIVING WOULD HAVE TO BE UNAWARE OF THE SITUATION.",  
....THE LAD PONDERED ON THIS FOR A MOMENT, THEN SAID:  
"BUT HOW IN THE WORLD COULD SOMEONE BE TRYING TO DRIVE A SQUARE PEG  
INTO A ROUND HOLE AND NOT BE AWARE OF IT?!",  
A QUESTION THAT PUT THE OLD MAN DOWN ON HIS KNEES WITH LAUGHTER.

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NOTE: IT IS ONLY "CRUDE" ATTEMPTS TO AWAKEN WHICH, "GET IN THEIR OWN WAY".  
...(OH YEAH, & ONE MORE THING: ALL ATTEMPTS TO AWAKEN ARE - "CRUDE".)