

MY NEWS FOR JULY 26,1999

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(TONIGHT HIGHLIGHTING THE LIAISON 'TWIX VAUDEVILLE AND NEUROLOGY.)

A MYSTIC IS ALWAYS EXPECTING MORE....AND THERE IS NOTHING MORE.

A MYSTIC AND THE MANIC DEPRESSIVE ARE ALWAYS EXPECTING MORE....  
....AND THERE IS NOTHING MORE.

CONSCIOUSNESS IS ALWAYS EXPECTING MORE....AND THERE IS NOTHING MORE.

ALL RIGHT: THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF CERTAIN PEOPLE IS ALWAYS EXPECTING MORE  
AND THERE IS NOTHING MORE.

OKAY, ALL RIGHT ALREADY: THE BE ALIVE IS TO ALWAYS BE EXPECTING MORE,  
AND SURE AS HELL, SOMETHING ELSE DOES ALWAYS COME ALONG....ALTHOUGH  
FOR A CERTAIN FEW, THE SOMETHING NEVER SEEMS TO BE EXACTLY WHAT THEY  
WERE LOOKING FOR.

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DEFINITION OF "THE GREAT SECRET WORK OF AWAKENING:"

A DISTINCT FORM OF STORY TELLING WITHOUT ITS OWN RECOGNIZED  
LITERARY CATAGORY.

DEFINITION OF THOSE WANTING ENLIGHTENMENT: PEOPLE WHO TAKE A CERTAIN  
FORM OF STORY TELLING MORE SERIOUSLY THAN IS WARRANTED.

...AND A BOY ASKED HIS FATHER: "WELL JUST WHAT FORMS OF STORY TELLING  
SHOULD AN INTELLIGENT MAN TAKE SERIOUSLY?", AND HIS FATHER WAS  
INCREDULOUS THAT THE LAD COULD STILL ASK SUCH A QUESTION.

PONDER THIS: IF SERIOUSNESS IS THE SURE SIGN OF IGNORANCE THEN  
WHAT DOES THAT SUGGEST ABOUT THOSE WANTING TO AWAKEN  
WHO COULD NOT BE MORE SERIOUS IN THEIR DESIRE?!

DEFINITION: WHAT IS THE OPPOSITE OF:"BEING AWAKE, ENLIGHTENED,  
AND KNOWING EVERYTHING"?

ANSWER: BEING SERIOUS: IT BEFUDDLES THE POTENTIALLY INSIGHTFUL PART  
OF YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS, WHICH IS OF SPECIFIC TROUBLE TO A MYSTIC,  
INTHAT THEY ARE ALREADY SERIOUS ABOUT WANTING TO "AWAKEN"WHICH IS WHAT  
SUSTAINS THEIR IMPRESSIONS OF "BEING ASLEEP", (OR WHATEVER YOU WANNA  
CALL THAT CONDITION THAT SO ANNOYS THE MYSTICS.)

AND ONE MAN DECLARED: "I AM NOT 'DISSATISFIED' WITH MYSELF:  
MY HYPOTHALAMUS IS JUST ACTING UP AGAIN.

DAMN!, I SHOULD BE USED TO IT BY NOW.

QUESTION: "DOES ANY MAN WHO WANTED TO AWAKEN AND WHO EXPERIENCED THE  
STATE SO CALLED, EVER GET OVER IT?"

ANSWER: YOU'LL HAVE TO DEFINE WHAT YOU MEAN BY, "GET OVER IT".

RESPONSE: "IF I COULD 'DEFINE IT' -- I'D BE IT!"

ANSWER: WELL, I HAVE NO ANSWER FOR THAT.

...AND "THE-MUSE-OF-UNDERSTANDING-EVERYTHING" ASKED A MYSTIC:  
"WHAT WOULD IT TAKE TO SATISFY YOU FULLY?", AND THE MYSTIC REPLIED:  
I ONCE THOUGHT I KNEW, BUT NOW, AS WITNESSED BY YOUR SHOWING UP HERE  
AND ASKING ME THIS, I AM AWARE THAT I DON'T."

"GLAD I COULD BE OF HELP.", SAID THE MUSE,  
(WHO WAS IN TRUTH JUST A REFLECTION OF THE MAN,  
CAST IN THE MIRROR OF HIS OWN CONSCIOUSNESS.)

AND ONE MAN RUMINATED: "IT IS AMAZING THAT I HAVE COME THIS FAR,...  
...AND NOT HAVE GONE ANY FURTHER THAN I HAVE.",  
AND "THE MUSE OF" NOW-YOU'RE-BEGINNING-TO-GET-IT"  
LOOKED DOWN ON HIM AND SMILED...AND SMILED...AND SMILED...  
...WHICH FINALLY CAUSED HIM TO DROP HIS FACADE OF SERIOUSNESS,  
AND GO MAKE SOME LEMONADE.

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QUESTION: "WHAT IS THE ABSOLUTE BEST ADVICE YOU CAN GIVE TO THOSE --  
--- SEEKING THAT WHICH WE DO?!"

ANSWER: DO NOT LISTEN TO ANYBODY...AN-NEE BOD-DEE -- ANY BODY!!

FACT: NO LISTENIN' -- NO SLEEP,

SIMPLE AS THAT: NO LISTENIN' -- NO SLEEP, (AND DON'T FORGET TO  
INCLUDE LISTENIN' TO YOURSELF IN THAT.)

...AND ONE DAY, ONE MAN FINALLY STUMBLED UPON A SLEEPING GIANT --  
-- THE VERY THING HE'D BEEN UNKNOWINGLY SEARCHING FOR:  
NO LISTENIN'+ RIGHT STUMBLIN' EQUALS: "TAKE ME TO THE GIANT!"  
...(KNOWIN' TO "NOT LISTEN" QUALIFIES FOR SOME AS THEIR "SECRET"...  
BUT DON'T SAY THAT I TOLD YOU...BUT YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO LISTEN TO ME  
SAY IT. SEE?!, SEE HOW SLIPPERY GETTING YOUR OWN SECRET CAN BE?!  
...SOME BIG SLEEPING GIANT COULD BE LAYING ON IT (?!?!). . . . .

TWO GUYS TALKING, AND FIRST GUY SAYS:  
 "HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN THE FACT THAT POTENTIAL MYSTICS WHO HAVE ENOUGH  
 TO OCCUPY THEM IN LIFE NEVER ACTUALLY BECOME MYSTICS?",  
 AND THE SECOND GUY ANSWERS:  
 "YOU CAN EITHER: BE A CAMEL DRIVER, OR BE ONE WHO SITS IN HIS TENT  
 AND PONDER THE ALLEGORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF DRIVING CAMELS.  
 EITHER A THINKER, OR A DO-ER, A MAN CAN BE,  
 BUT FOR THE FEW, THE SPECIFIC QUESTION IS THIS:  
 WHAT EXACTLY CAN YOU 'DO' ABOUT AWAKENING, WHICH SEEMS TO BE A  
 'THINKING' THING?",  
 AND THE FIRST GUY SAYS: "YEAH, BUT THAT STILL DOESN'T ANSWER MY QUESTION.",  
 AND THE SECOND GUY REPLIED: "DON'T BE TOO SURE OF THAT: THINK ABOUT IT.",  
 AND FIRST GUY WAVES A HAND OF DISMISSAL AND SAYS:  
 "AHH, I GOTTA GO -- I GOT THINGS TO DO."  
 AND THAT BRIEF DIALOGUE, MY FRIENDS, EXEMPLIFIES THE DISTANCE BETWEEN:  
 ONE-TIME, WANNA-BE MYSTICS, AND THOSE WHO PIERCE THE DESIRE'S VEIL.

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DEFINITION: A MYSTIC: SOMEONE WHO STAYS IN THEIR HOUSE ALONE TOO MUCH.  
QUESTION: BUT I THOUGHT THAT RECLUSING YOURSELF AND BEING SEDENTARY  
 WAS A PROPER LIFE FOR A MYSTIC (!?!)  
RESPONSE: YOU'VE BEEN ALONE IN YOUR HOUSE TOO MUCH.

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SOMEONE ASKS: "YOU SAID EARLIER THAT THE VERY BEST ADVICE YOU COULD  
 OFFER ANYONE PURSUING THAT CERTAIN AIM WAS TO: 'NOT LISTEN TO ANYBODY',  
 WELL MY QUESTION IS THIS: WHO IS IT TALKS TO ME IN MY HEAD?",  
ANSWER: WRONG QUESTION, SHOULD BE: WHAT IS IT THAT TALKS TO ME  
 IN MY HEAD? -- NOT "WHO", BUT: WHAT, WHAT, WHAT?,  
 FOR THAT IS ALL WE ARE: A BUNCH OF "WHATS", POSING-AS,  
 AND TRYING-TO-BELIEVE-THAT  
 WE ARE "WHOS"

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I PUT IT TO YOU SIR: ONLY OWLS ARE "WHOS", MEN ARE "WHATS"

DESCRIPTION OF A "SLEEPING MYSTIC" AS PER HIS OWN, INNER WORDS:

"I'M A'SENDIN' -- AND:

I'M A'RECEIVIN';

I'M A'YACKIN' -- AND:

I'M A'LISTENIN';

I'M ANNOYED BY IT ALL -- AND:

WELL HELL, I'M ANNOYED BY IT ALL TOO!."

..."I SAY, ARE YOU MOCKING ME?",

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AND THAT SIR, I TRUST ANSWERS YOUR QUESTION.

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A CERTAIN MUSE ASKED A MAN: "IF YOU COULD CHOOSE, WOULD YOU RATHER ACTUALLY BE AWAKE, OR BE A RECOGNIZED, POPULAR AUTHORITY ON THE SUBJECT?", AND THE MAN JUMPED BACK AND SHOUTED:

"HEY, YOU'RE NO MUSE -- YOU'RE A FRIGGIN' DEMON,  
(TO SAY THAT AND MAKE ME THINK ABOUT SUCH A CHOICE.

...AHH HELL!", SAID THE MAN, "HERE I AM:  
NOT ONLY TALKIN' TO MYSELF AGAIN, BUT LISTENIN' TO IT AS WELL. HELL!."

AMATEUR MYSTICS BELIEVE THAT TO ACHIEVE THE GOAL A MAN MUST BE ABLE TO: "FACE THE TRUTH", WHILE THE TRUTH IS THAT HE MUST BE CAPABLE OF FINALLY PERCEIVING THE ABSOLUTE FOLLY OF SUCH A BELIEF.

...IF YOU WANNA SEE 100%, PURE-BRED, "KNOW-NOTHING" ON THE HOOF,  
GO TAKE A GANDER AT AN ENLIGHTENED MAN.

...YEAH, YEAH, I KNOW: ASSUMING YOU COULD RECOGNIZE ONE IF HE SAW HIM,  
AND RIGHT THERE'S THE RUB: YOU BELIEVE THAT IF YOU KNEW THE GREAT,  
"SECRET TRUTH" THEN YOU'D BE ABLE TO RECOGNIZE SUCH MEN  
WHEREAS THE OPPOSITE IS SO IN THAT IF YOU TOO BECOME SUFFICIENTLY DEVOID  
OF "KNOWING ANYTHING" THEN AND ONLY THEN WILL YOU BE CAPABLE TO  
SEEING ANYTHING YOU WANT TO....INCLUDING THE SO-CALLED, "TRUTH",  
(WHICH, IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN ONE MAN'S OPINION,  
AIN'T THAT BIG A'DEAL:

IT'S THE "WANTIN'-IT"

WITHOUT THE "REALIZIN'-WHAT-IT-REALLY-IS" THAT'S THE, "BIG DEAL"

FROM THE COMBINED PARTY FAVORS OF: VAUDEVILLE AND NEUROLOGY,  
PLUCK OUT THE ONES THAT'LL DO YOU THE MOST GOOD, NOT NECESSARILY THE ONES  
THAT SOUND THE MOST MYSTERIOUS.

THEORY: IF IT WERE POSSIBLE FOR MEN TO ALTER THEIR CONSCIOUSNESS, TO ACHIEVE WHAT SOME CALL: "ENLIGHTENMENT", OR, "BEING AWAKE" THEN THEY WOULD BE BORN IN THAT CONDITION.

RESPONSE TO ABOVE THEORY: FUCK ALL THAT -- I'M A MYSTIC -- NOT A SCIENTIST!.

QUESTION: WHY DOES BEING A WOULD-BE MYSTIC MAKE YOU SO RESISTANT TO PHYSICAL FACTS?

RESPONSE TO SAID QUESTION: "FUCK ALL THAT -- I TOLD YOU: I'M A MYSTIC, NOT SOME FRIGGIN' SCIENTIST, OR GAME SHOW CONTESTANT."

MY RESPONSE TO ABOVE RESPONSE: KIDDIE MYSTICS ARE ANTAGONISTIC TO COLD, PHYSICAL FACTS BECAUSE ACCEPTING SUCH MOMENTARIY INTEREFERS WITH THE RUUNINGS IN THEIR FRONTAL LOBES TOWHICH THEY'RE ACCUSTOMED: THAT IS: THE IN-HOUSE, CHIT-CHAT CONSCIOUSNESS HAS WITH ITSELF AWASH ITS METAPHYSICAL DAY DREAMS.

..AND ONE MAN ADMITS: "I GUESS THAT I DON'T REALLY WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON IF DOING SO WILL STOP ME FROM WANTING TO KNOW, AND SPECULATING THEREON."

DEFINITION: TO BE A MYSTIC IS TO PREFER DOUBT OVER CERTAINTY: MENTAL DISSATISFACTION OVER A QUIET DAY BY THE POND...ALONE... ..WITH NOT EVEN YOURSELF TALKING TO YOU, (AND CERTAINLY NOT WITH YOU LISTENING TO IT.)

SAME DEFINTION FURTHER REFINED: TO BE AN UNREALIZED MYSTIC IS TO PREFER, (OKAY: AT LEAST TO, "ACCEPT"), TO ACCEPT SOMETHING LESS THAN "SUCCESS" RATHER THAN, "SUCCESS".

...AND A MAN SAYS: "SO, THE QUESTION THEN IS: WHY?", SIR, HAVE YOU NOT YET NOTICED THAT THERE IS NO END TO THE NUMBER OF QUESTIONS YOU CAN ASK ABOUT THIS MATTER?!, AND THE MAN'S FACE DROPS SADLY AND HE MUMBLES: "YEAH..... ..BUT I DON'T LIKE TO BE MADE TO THINK ABOUT.", AND WALKS DEJECTEDLY AWAY, TO FIND, (I'M SURE), SOMEONE WHO WILL, MORE AGREEABLY, RESPOND TO HIS QUESTIONS.

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AND ON A WALL, ONE MAN FOUND THESE WORDS:

"KNOWING WHAT YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS IS ABOUT IS THE ANSWER TO EVERYTHING.",  
AND HE THOUGHT: "DAMN!, THEY DIDN'T HAVE TO TELL ME!",

AND ON ANOTHER WALL, ANOTHER MAN FOUND THIS MESSAGE:

"KNOWING WHAT YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS IS ABOUT IS THE ANSWER TO EVERYTHING.",  
AND HE THOUGHT: "YES, EXCEPT FOR THE FACT THAT THE ONLY THING INTERESTED  
IN KNOWING WHAT CONSCIOUSNESS IS ABOUT IS CONSCIOUSNESS ITSELF, --  
-- AND IT'S NOT CAPABLE OF SUCH."

...AND THE WRITING ON THE WALL WALKED DEJECTEDLY AWAY, (I SUPPOSE),  
IN SEARCH OF SOMEONE WHO WOULD BETTER, (THAT IS: MORE PASSIVELY),  
ACCEPT ITS MESSAGE.

QUESTION: HOW CAN YOU BE 100%, ABSOLUTELY, POSITIVELY,  
UNCONDITIONALLY ASSURED OF STAYING FAST ASLEEP?

ANSWER: JUST KEEP LISTENIN'.

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AMONGST THE PLAYGROUND MYSTICS, ONE OF THE MOST REVERED SCHOOLS OF OLD  
WAS THE ONE WHOSE CORE TEACHING METHOD WAS: "ALWAYS BE ALERT.",  
THERE WAS HOWEVER, A LESSER KNOWN ONE WHOSE SOLE APPROACH WAS  
GIVEN AS: "NEVER BE ALERT, YOU DUMMY!,

THAT'S WHAT GOT YOU IN THIS FIX TO BEGIN WITH.", A VIEW THAT ATTRACTED  
FEW FOLLOWERS AND IS STILL LITTLE APPRECIATED OR UNDERSTOOD EVEN TODAY:  
.....IN FACT LEGEND SAYS THAT THE MAN WHO COINED THE PHRASE AND  
CONCEIVED OF THE APPROACH DIDN'T UNDERSTAND IT EITHER --

-- BUT HEY, THAT DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU'RE THE ONE WHO CAME UP WITH  
THE IDEA, RIGHT?!

"SCHOOL IS OUT:

NO MORE BOOKS AND TEACHERS,

ROOTIN' FOR THE YANKEES IN THE BLEACHERS.

A LOT A' YELLIN', AND LITTLE LISTENIN' --

A LOT A' DOING', AND DAMN LITTLE THINKIN'.

...HEY, SOME MORE PEANUTS OVER HERE!"

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ONE MAN SAYS: "GOD TALKS TO ME.", ANOTHER MAN SAYS: "DEMONS TALK TO ME.",  
ANOTHER MAN SAYS: "THE DEAD TALK TO ME.", AND STILL ANOTHER MAN SAYS:  
"ALIENS TALK TO ME " AND A MYSTIC SCOFFS: "HAH! -- AMATEURS."

THERE WAS ONCE A MAN WHO TAUGHT & CLAIMED THE FOLLOWING:  
 "WE BEGIN AS MERE, 'IMITATIONS OF OURSELF',  
 BUT THRU 'ENLIGHTENMENT' WE BECOME OUR REAL SELF --  
 ....WHICH IS BY REALZING THAT OUR ORIGINAL, 'IMITAION OF OURSELF'  
 WAS JUST A DAY DREAM STIRRED UP AMIDST THE CONSTANT, NONSPECIFIC  
 ACTIVITY IN OUR FRONTAL LOBES.  
FACT: BEYOND ALL MYSTICAL AND METAPHORICAL SENSE OF THE MATTER:  
 THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN OUR FALSE SELF AND OUR REAL SELF  
 IS THAT OUR REAL SELF CAN SEE THAT OUR FALSE ONE DOESN'T EXIST, AND  
 NEITHER DOES IT, (EXCEPT FOR THOSE BRIEF MOMENTS WHEN IT IS  
 BEING AWARE THAT OUR FALSE ONE DOESN'T EXIST.)  
BEHOLD -- THE SINGULAR BEAUTY OF A THING THAT DOES NOT EXIST  
 EXCEPT FOR ITS PERIODIC REALIZATIONS THAT IT DOESN'T  
 A THING OF SUCH ASTOUNDING INTELLIGENCE MY FRIEND,  
 IS SURELY A THING OF ENLIGHTENMENT.

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DEFINITION: A MYSTIC IS SOMEONE WHO CANNOT "MIND THEIR OWN BUSINESS"...  
 ....'CAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE ANY.  
FACT. YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHAT THIS IS REALLY ALL ABOUT  
 IF YOU DO NOT REALIZE THAT ALL TALK AND THOUGHT ABOUT BEING ENLIGHTENED  
 IS JUST ENTERTAINMENT --  
 -- AND YOU REALLY DON'T HAVE A CLUE IF YOU DON'T REALIZE THAT  
AS ENTERTAINMENT  
 IT IS MUCH WORSE TELEVISION, MOVIES, BOOKS OR THE ROMAN GAMES  
 COULD EVER ASPIRE TO.  
FACT: A MYSTIC ONLY UNDERSTANDS WHAT HE'S DOING AFTER HE WAKES UP --  
 -- TO WHAT HE'S DOING;  
 AFTER THAT, HE'S NO LONGER "A MYSTIC".  
QUESTION: WHO ARE UNSET THE MOST BY STATEMENTS SUCH AS THIS?  
ANSWER: WHY, MYSTICS OF COURSE: MYSTICS WHO NEVER UNDERSTAND WHAT  
 THEY'RE DOING, (GOD BLESS 'EM.)-- (AND THE GODS MUTTERED:  
 "LEAVE US OUT OF THIS.", SORRY GUYS.)

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TWO WAYS A MYSTIC TEACHER CAN APPEAR TO BE: EITHER SERIOUS, OR SILLY.

FACT: THOSE WHO ARE SERIOUS ARE THE SILLIEST.

QUESTION: "BUT HOW CAN THAT BE?"

ANSWER: DON'T BE SILLY.

RESPONSE: "BUT I'M NOT: I'M SERIOUS."

ANSWER: SO MUCH THE WORSE.

FACT: YOU WILL NEVER LAPSE INTO "SERIOUSNESS" IF YOU - DON'T LISTEN.

QUESTION: "SO THAT'S THE ANSWER TO EVERYTHING?!"

RESPONSE: DON'T BE SILLY.

RESPONSE TO MY RESPONSE: "AH HAH! -- I DIND'T LISTEN THAT TIME!"

....HEY, NOW YOU'RE GETTING IT.

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ONE OF THE WORLD-CLASS, (THOUGH UNNOTED), MYSTICS OF THE PAST ONCE SAID:

"I WONDER IF TRYING TO DO THIS KIND OF THING WILL ULTIMATELY DRIVE-ME-CRAZY?!", AND AFTER A MOMENT REPLIED: "YEAH, IF I'M LUCKY.", AND NONE OF THE NATURALLY CRAZY PEOPLE HE CAME IN CONTACT WITH EVER UNDERSTOOD WHAT HE MEANT.

FACT: LIFE LONG RESIDENTS OF PARIS NEVER HAVE THE LEAST IDEA OF WHAT THAT CITY IS REALLY ALL ABOUT.

QUESTION: "WELL HELL, I COULD'AVE STAYED HOME, AND BEEN AS ASLEEP AS I AM NOW."

ANSWER: YOU ARE CORRECT, SIR, EXCEPT FOR ONE SMALL DETAIL: WHILE YOU ARE ASLEEP, YOU CANNOT REALIZE THAT YOU ARE;- "AT HOME". BEING IN PARIS KEEPS YOU BLIND TO THE CITY'S NATURE.

DEFINITION: AN ENLIGHTENED MAN IS ONE WITH FRONTAL LOBE CONSCIOUSNESS THAT: "STAYS-IN-ITS-OWN-YARD",

( 'COURSE, EVERYONE'S DOES, IT'S JUST THAT HE REALIZES IT.)

QUESTION: "SO: WHAT DOES ALL THIS, 'TRYING TO WAKE UP' RIGAMAROLL ACCOMPLISH ANYWAY?!"

ANSWER: WHAT DOES DYING ACCOMPLISH CONSIDERING ALL THE EFFORT YOU WENT TO TO BE BORN AND STAY ALIVE?!

QUESTION: "ARE YOU BEING SERIOUS?!"

ANSWER: DO GRAVE DIGGERS DAY DREAM?



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FACTS ON HOW TO TELL THAT YOU ARE MAKING PROGRESS:

YOU CAN LISTEN TO YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS TALK TO YOU

FASTER THAN IT CAN TALK TO YOU.

DISTINCT POSSIBILITY: THAT'S A WHOLE LOT LIKE, "BEING AWAKE".

DEFINITION: A LIBERATED MAN:

HE WHO CAN TRAVEL FASTER THAN THE SPEED OF SOUND -- AND,  
WITHOUT A RACE CAR.

QUEERY VERGING ON A CERTAINTY:

IS "BEING AWAKE" JUST HAVING RACING TIRES ON YOUR FRONTAL LOBES?!

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DEFINITION OF BEING: "PARTIALLY" AWAKE: ALL HOPPED UP & NO PLACE TO GO.

DEFINITION OF BEING FULLY AWAKE: ALL HOPPED UP AND AWARE THAT THERE IS -

- NO-PLACE-TO-GO.

QUESTION: "HOW COME I SO STRONGLY DON'T LIKE TO HEAR STUFF LIKE THAT?"

ANSWER: HOW COME YOU DON'T LIKE ANYTHING

IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT ENOUGH?!"

QUESTION: "THAT'S AN ANSWER?!"

ANSWER: THAT'S A QUESTION?"

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PERMISSABLE: FOR AN AWAKENED MAN TO THINK ABOUT AWAKENED THINGS.

NOT PERMISSABLE: FOR HIM TO THINK THAT THINKING ABOUT THEM IS,  
"BEING AWAKE".

ONE GUY CONFIDES: "INSTEAD OF ME THINKING OF MYSELF AS BEING,

'MORE AWAKE' (WHEN I AM),

I HAVE STARTED THINKING OF IT AS: 'BEING DIFFERENT'."

ORDINARY PEOPLE DISAPPROVE OF PHYSICAL HABITS,

WHEREAS MYSTICS DISLIKE AN OTHERWISE KIND.

...THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT SOME THINGS ARE MORE DIFFICULT TO ACCOMPLISH

THAN OTHERS, AND IF MYSTICS DIDN'T PICK THE RUTTED, MUDDIED,

UNCHARTED ROAD, HEY -- THEY'D BE JUST LIKE EVERYONE ELSE,

AND WE SURE COULDN'T HAVE THAT! ...('CEPT FOR THE FACT THAT

THEY DAMN NEAR ARE, BUT HAVE TO GET TO THE END OF THE ROAD TO REALIZE IT.)

AND THAT MAN I MENTIONED JUST A FEW MOMENTS AGO SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN JARRED INTO AN ADDITIONAL, FRESH CONCEPT:

"WHEREAS OTHERS OF MY ILK ARE WANT TO CALL THEIR GOAL: 'TO WAKE UP', I, FOR A WHILE, THOUGHT OF IT AS: 'TO BE DIFFERENT', BUT NOW SUDDENLY I FEEL INCLINED TO CHANGE MY VIEW AND DESCRIPTION, AND CALL IT; 'NOT BEING ALL THAT DIFFERENT AFTER ALL'.", AND HE SEEMED GREATLY RELIEVED AND PLEASED TO SAY THIS.

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WE CONCLUDE TONIGHT'S NEWS WITH THESE FACTS:

FACT: ANYONE WHO THINKS THAT HIS CONSCIOUSNESS IS DUMB AND LACKING SHOULD BE GLAD THAT IT IS NOT ANY SMARTER THAN IT IS OR ELSE IT WOULD PROBABLY ABANDON ANYONE STUPID ENOUGH TO THINK THAT IT IS DUMB AND LACKING.

FACT: THERE IS NOTHING THAT THIN LAYER OF NEURAL ACTIVITY WRAPPED AROUND THE FRONT OF YOUR BRAIN (CONSCIOUSNESS), CAN DO TO BE OF ULTIMATE HELP TO YOU IN THIS AFFAIR, AND THINKING THAT IT IS A PROBLEM ONLY SERVES TO MAKE IT A PROBLEM.

FACT: EVEN THE BEST TRAINED PHYSICIAN CAN'T CURE A MAN OF HIS NATURAL CONDITION, BUT BE HAPPY, THAT'S THE GOOD NEWS: THE BAD NEWS WOULD BE IF YOU DIDN'T REALIZE THIS.

THE BRAIN'S NATURAL CONDITION, (INCLUDING THE ACTIVITY OF CONSCIOUSNESS), WILL NEVER BE CHANGED, AND HE WHO SOMEHOW KNOWS THIS -- KNOWS EVERYTHING. ...WHAT NEWS COULD BE BETTER THAN THAT?!