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CHARITY BEGINS WITH THE PHYSICAL,
AND THERETO, DOES IT END.

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A MAN WHO HANGS OUT A SIGN THAT OFFERS TO HELP YOU IN MATTERS, NON-PHYSICAL
IS ALSO UNWITTINGLY, ADVERTISING THE FACT THAT HE CANNOT SO, HELP HIMSELF.

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AS THE BOYS WERE FINISHING OFF THE LAST OF THE LATE NIGHT COFFEE,
COOKIE CAME OVER TO THE CAMP FIRE WITH THE SMOTHERING-BLANKET AND SAID:
"WELL RINGO, DOES THAT ABOUT COVER IT!?"

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INSPIRING MAXIM -- UPDATED AND UN-SEDATED:

NO MAN STOOPS SO LOW AS WHEN HE STOOPS LOW ENOUGH TO BE HIMSELF.

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ONE WORD SAID TO ANOTHER WORD:

"QUICK!, SLAP ME AND REVIVE ME BEFORE THOSE HUMANS GET THEIR HANDS ON ME AGAIN."

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A STANDARD ISSUE MIND: THE WORLD'S ONLY "SHADOW DETECTOR" THAT CAN'T DETECT
SHADOWS.

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AS THE ROAYL PRIEST STOOD OVER THE CRIB OF THE JUST BORN PRINCE,
HE ASKED THE KING: "DID YOU WANT ME TO SAY SOME SORT OF APPROPRIATE WORDS?",
AND THE KING REPLIED: "YEAH.....I GUESS SO."

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THE HUMAN MIND PICKED UP ITS MODE OF OPERATION BY OBSERVING THE SUN RISE & SET.

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...ONE MAN THOUGHT -- ("THOUGHT", THAT IS):
"IF I WERE THINNER THAN I AM NOW I COULD HOLD TWICE AS MUCH."

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WITHIN THIRTY-SIX HOURS AFTER DRIVING THE YOUNG THINKING CREATURES FROM
THEIR ORIGINAL PARADISE, THE GODS, IN RETURN GAVE THEM, GEM CLIPS --
TO HELP GUIDE THEIR WAY TO DISCOVERING THAT THINGS THAT, "GO TOGETHER",
SHOULD, "GO TOGETHER".

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AS THE ALIEN VISITORS MOTIONED FOR HIM TO "POSE FOR A PHOTOGRAPH",
THE MAN MENTIONED TO THEM: "I HAVE A DOG ON A LEASH --
AND LIFE HAS ME."

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A WELL KNOWN MAN IN A LOCAL CITY SAYS:
"I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT! - BUT I DON'T HAVE TO! -- I LIVE HERE!"

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THEN THERE WAS THIS ONE OTHER MAN WHO WAS "DISTINGUISHED" -- IN HIS SPARE TIME.

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AND HERE'S ANOTHER BIT OF HUMOR TAKEN FROM OUR,
"BIG BOOK OF PHILOSOPHICAL CARTOONS":

ONE GUY ASKS ANOTHER GUY WHY ADVERTISING HAS SO LITTLE EFFECT ON HIM,
AND THE SECOND GUY REPLIES:

"EVERYDAY, UNSCRIPTED PEOPLE ARE BORING ENOUGH,
AND WHEN THEY'RE GIVEN SCRIPTS, IT'S JUST THAT MUCH WORSE."

THE MIND: A MINOR REFLECTION

THE MIND IS RAIN;
THE MIND IS A HOLE THE WATER DRAINS INTO.

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AS HE WAS FLEEING THE SCENE, LIFE SHOUTED OUT TO ONE MAN:
"DON'T TRY AND HIDE BEHIND TITLES!",
AND THE DEPARTING MORTAL SHOUTED BACK: "THEN WHY'D YOU GIVE 'EM TO ME!?"

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SINCE HE HAD NO REAL RELATIVES, ONE MAN WAS RELATED ONLY TO HIMSELF.

* THE MIND: A MAJOR REFLECTION *

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IT'S IN THE NATURE OF KIDS TO WANNA, "FOOL AROUND",
AND IN THE NATURE OF THE DISAPPOINTED TO WANNA, "GROW UP" -- AND, DIE!

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WHEN ONE OF THE POTENTIAL "REAL PEOPLE" WAS CAPTURED BY
THE OPPOSING, EVIL "FORCES OF HABIT",
THEY TORTURED HIM BY FORCING HIM TO TRY AND DESCRIBE THE KIND OF PERSON
HE MIGHT BE, AND THUS RUINED ANY CHANCE HE MAY HAVE HAD OF
EVER ACTUALLY BECOMING SO.

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AS HE SAT AT THE PIANO,
HE LOOKED DOWN AT HIS HANDS, AND AT THE KEYBOARD AND REFLECTED BACK:
"HAD I PRACTICED MORE, I COULD HAVE BEEN SOME BODY." --
HE THEN STOOD AND QUICKLY LEFT THE ROOM BEFORE THE RISK AROSE OF HIM
MOVING THIS MUSING ANY FURTHER UP HIS ANATOMY.

TRYING TO SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBE TO SOMEONE HOW TO BECOME MORE CONSCIOUS
 IS LIKE UNWITTINGLY, TRYING TO GET THEM TO DRIVE THEIR OWN PERSONAL BUS
 OVER A CLIFF;
 BUT THERE ARE BUILT-IN SAFE GUARDS, TO WIT:
 FIRST: YOU CAN'T DESCRIBE IT ADEQUATELY;
 AND SECOND: EVEN IF YOU COULD, THEY WOULDN'T TRY IT;
 AND THIRD: EVEN IF YOU COULD, AND EVEN IF THEY TRIED,
 STILL NO HARM WOULD BE DONE INASMUCH AS IT'S ALL JUST SYMBOLISM,
 AND NO ONE'S ACTUALLY DRIVING THEIR OWN BUS AROUND,

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SEE!, HOW SAFE, WARM AND EASY IT IS TO VERBALLY "GET OUT" OF THIS
 ANY TIME YOU WANT!? --
 "INDEED, YES.", RESPONDS A CHAP, "AND THAT IS NO LONGER MY CONCERN;
 ALL I WANT TO KNOW NOW IS HOW TO GET BACK IN IT!"

....(I SAY!, IS IT JUST MY IMAGINATION, OR HAVE WE NOT BEEN CONFRONTED WITH
 SUCH SENTIMENTS SEVERAL TIMES BEFORE!?)

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NOW FOR SOME ENTERTAINMENT NEWS BY WAY OF A DEFINITION:

LIBERATED CONSCIOUSNESS: THE BEST SHOW IN TOWN.

AFTER THIS ONE KID BEGAN ATTENDING SCHOOL,
(WHICH I PROBABLY INTEND AS A METAPHOR FOR SOMETHING MORE EXPANSIVE),
HE SOON ASKED HIMSELF:
"IF YOU HAVE TO RAISE YOUR HAND TO RELIEVE YOUR EVACUATION SYSTEMS,
AND YOU HAVE TO ASK GOD TO BLESS YOUR FOOD BEFORE YOU EAT IT,
AND YOU HAVE TO WAIT TWENTY YEARS BEFORE YOU HAVE SEX,
THEN WHAT SORT OF REQUISITE PREFACE SHOULD WE EXPECT IN THE
NOURISHMENT AND SATISFACTION OF THE INTELLECT!?"
...(AND THE POTENTIAL, REAL PEOPLE NIPPERS ALL SHOUTED OUT: "NONE!"

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OFFICE MANAGEMENT TIP

DIFFERENT SIZE RUBBER BANDS ARE PACKAGED AND SOLD ACCORDING TO A NUMBER THEY'RE ASSIGNED FOR THE SAME REASON THAT MEN ARE GIVEN INDIVIDUAL NAMES.

PROGRESSION # 342 IN C MAJOR

IT'S HARD NOT TO THINK;
IT'S HARD NOT TO THINK OF CRAP;
IT'S HARD NOT TO CONCLUDE THAT MOST OF
WHAT WE THINK ABOUT IS CRAP.

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IN DEFERENCE TO THE EQUAL-TIME FAIRNESS DOCTRINE,
WE HEREIN PRESENT LIFE'S SPOKESPERSON, LOCAL REALITY, WITH THIS REBUTTAL: :
"THINKING ABOUT CRAP -- GLORIOUS CRAP! --
IS WHAT'S MADE US THE SPLENDIFEROUS PEOPLE AND BEACONS OF CIVILIZATION
THAT WE ARE TODAY! -- HEY."

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SPORTSMAN'S QUIZ

IF BEING CIVILIZED IS A "TURKEY SHOOT" -- GUESS WHO'S THE TURKEY!?

MORE HELPFUL HINTS FROM MR. BISCUIT -- (FORMERLY, MR. FIX-IT):

HOW THE ORDINARY CAN TELL THEY'RE ALIVE:

THEY'RE ALIVE IF THEY THINK THEY'RE ALIVE.

IF YOU'RE SELLIN', YOU'RE SHILLIN', CAUSE
YOU GOT NOTHIN' ORIGINAL TO SELL.

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THE DANGER IN EVEN JUST SAYING SOMEONE'S NAME IS THAT IT'S THEN TOO EASY A STEP
TO THEM BECOMING YOUR HERO.

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AH...BUT THEN ON THE BRIGHTER SIDE:

IF YOU PLAGIARIZE, THERE'S ALWAYS THE CHANCE THAT YOU'LL BECOME
SOMEONE'S HERO.

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FILL MY BOOTS FULL OF SHIT,
LEAN ME UP AT JUST A SLIGHT TILT;
PROP ME UP BESIDE THE LIBRARY WHEN I DIE.

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PSYCHOLOGY EXPLAINED! -- WHILE YOU WAIT

ALL DESIRES ARE "SUB-CONSCIOUS".

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PSYCHOLOGY BETTER EXPLAINED! -- WHILE YOU WAIT

ALL DESIRES ARE SUB-CONSCIOUS, THAT IS, ALL OF THEM ARISE FROM THE
SUB-CONSCIOUS.

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PSYCHOLOGY REALLY EXPLAINED -- (AS LONG AS YOU'RE ALREADY HERE)

ALL DESIRES ARISE FROM THE SUB-CONSCIOUS -- INCLUDING THE ONE TO BE CONSCIOUS.

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WHAT MORE NEED BE SAID!?

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ONE KID SAID: "THE STUPID SMILE A LOT.",
 AND ONE OF HIS BUDDIES REPLIED: "SO!? --
 SO DO HYENAS AND CHIMPS AND POLITICIANS.",
 AND A WOMAN RIDING BY ON A MOTORBIKE ADDED:
 "YOU FORGOT EMBARRASSED ENTERTAINERS."

LATER THAT DAY THE FIRST KID THOUGHT:
 "SEEMS TO ME THAT, 'STUPID' SHOULD'AVE COVERED IT."

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AFTER HEARING OF THIS EPISODE,
 ONE OF OUR ON-CALL EXPERTS, PROFESSOR EXPLOSION, HAD THIS COMMENT:
 "THERE IS AN INHERENT DANGER IN BEING SELECTIVE REGARDING LAPSES IN
 HUMAN INTELLIGENCE,
 IN THAT IF YOU'RE THE ONE CATEGORIZING SUCH GAPS
 YOUR EFFORTS DROP YOU DOWN AT LEAST A RONG BELOW THOSE WHOM YOU'RE NOTING."
 BUT, HEY PROFESSOR, LIGHTEN UP -- WHY NOT!? --
 IS THAT NOT AFTER ALL THE VERY,
 "CATCH-YOUR-OWN-THROWN-JAVELIN-IN-YOUR-OWN-SWEET-MOUTH" NATURE OF THE MIND!?
PROFESSOR?.....OH PROFESSOR!?!.....ARE YOU STILL THERE!?!.....

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OKAY: A CLOSING REMINDER FROM OUR SOCIAL CONSCIENCE CORNER:
 " ONLY THE STUPID CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO THE STUPID."

A VIEWER WRITES:

"OKAY -- IF WE'RE ALL IN 'SHOW BUSINESS' --
THEN HOW COME I AIN'T MORE POPULAR AND FAMOUS?",
YEAH,YEAH -- THAT'S WHAT EVERYBODY ASKS.

ANYONE WHO DOES NOT REALIZE THAT WORDS ARE LITERALLY ALIVE AND ACTIVE,
ARE THEMSELVES, INTELLECTUALLY SHORT IN THESE REGARDS.

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ONE MAN CRIED OUT: "WORDS MAKE ME SICK!",
AND WORDS CALLED BACK: "JUST WAIT'LL YOU SEE YOUR CONDITION WITH OUT US!"

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YEAH-H-H!....BUT THE GOOD COST EFFICIENCY NEWS IS:

IF YOU ARE CONSCIOUS ONLY THROUGH THE MIND, THERE IS NO UPKEEP EXPENSE.

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YAY-Y-Y! -- TIME FOR "THE GOOD GUY'S QUIZ GAME":

QUESTION: WHY "DWELL ON THE NEGATIVES" OF BEING HUMAN?

PROPER RESPONSE:"BECAUSE THAT'S PART OF BEING HUMAN!"

...(OFF-STAGE, IM-PROPER RESPONSE:"WELL -- STUFF THAT!")

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ONLY THE DUMB ARE VAIN -- BUT HEY!,
ONLY THE DUMB HAVE ANYTHING TO BE VAIN ABOUT!

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AS THE WEEKEND WOULD DRAW NIGH, THIS ONE CIVILIZATION WOULD OFTTIMES
LEAVE TOWN.

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ALL HABITS ARE THE SAME --

THE NAMES ARE JUST CHANGED TO PROTECT THE WEAKLINGS.

ONE JULY A FATHER SAID TO HIS SON:

"YOU CAN GET MANY PEOPLE'S ATTENTION BY SIMPLY BEING INSULTING.",

AND THE BOY REPLIED:

"BUT WHY WOULD YOU EVER WANT THE ATTENTION OF PEOPLE THIS WOULD WORK ON!?",
AND HE GAVE THE LAD A FRESH SUMMER PRUNE.

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IN A LAND HALF-WAY, "FAR, FAR AWAY" FROM HERE,

A WIDE OLD KING, WHO'D, "SEEN IT ALL", (OR AT LEAST AS MUCH AS HE CARED TO),
SAID TO THE BOY THEY'D RECENTLY HIRED TO BE PRINCE:

"REMEMBER, YOUNG REGENT --

UNLESS YOU HAVE: A NICE ELECTRIC GUITAR,

AN ORIGINAL, 'SONG-IN-YOUR-HEART',

AND A REAL CASE OF THE HORNS --

YOU AIN'T ON A MISSION FROM NO BODY!"

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QUERY: IF THERE WAS A CONNECTION BETWEEN THESE TWO STORIES,
WOULD YOU SEE WHAT IT WAS?.....WOULD YOU ADMIT IT?....

FIRST THING EVERY MORNING THIS ONE GUY'D SAY:

"DON'T CALL ME --
I'LL CALL YOU!",
AND HIS MIND'D PLAY DUMB AND,
SAY BACK: "WHO?"

SCIENCE MARCHES EVER

THEOREM RK-18: IF YOU THINK WEIRD THOUGHTS YOU'LL BECOME REAL WEIRD.

THEOREM RK-19: IF YOU'RE REAL WEIRD YOU'LL THINK WEIRD THOUGHTS.

A MORE CONSCIOUS MAN'S ATTEITUDE TOWARD EVERYDAY THOUGHTS IS LIKE A
TRAFFIC COP'S TOWARD PASSING MOTORISTS:

FIRST, STOP 'EM,

THEN DECIDE WHAT TO CHARGE 'EM WITH.

IRONY: ONE OF LIFE'S GENTLER TRASHINGS OF MAN'S EXPECTATIONS.

AS HE KNELT TO PRAY,
IN THE SACRED LIBRARY,
ONE MAN SO INTONED:

"IF WORDS BE FOR ME -- WHO CAN BE AGAINST ME!?"

.....EXCEPT, MORE WORDS!"

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A VIEWER WRITES:

"DID YOU ONE TIME SAY THAT DEATH IS A METAPHOR FOR LIFE,
OR THAT LIFE IS JUST A METAPHOR FOR DEATH?"

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IN HIS DAILY INTELLECTUAL BATTLES, ONE MAN WOULD OFTTIMES THINK OF HIS OWN MIND
AS THAT: "LEAN, MEAN SURRENDERING MACHINE".

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A CERTAIN, "YOUNG MAN"
OF PROPER, "YOUNG MAN AGE"
MADE THIS NOTE:

"EARLY ON I WAS SURE THAT MY OWN INTERNAL SCRIPT WOULD BE WRIT BY
THE LIKES OF A PLATO, OR A SHAKESPEARE,
BUT I FIND IT BEING PLAYED OUT BY THE CAST OF THE BEVERLY HILLBILLIES."

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AFTER FREUD AND ARISTOPANES DIED,
THERE AROSE IN THE LAND OF ODD THE T.S. SCHOOL OF PSYCHOLOGY -- TOUGH SHIT.
....(BUT NOW ONLY BIRDS WITH BEARDS CAN RECALL ITS PRIMARY THRUST.)

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HOW TO STAY IN A STUPEFIED STATE OF CONSCIOUSNESS:

WAKE UP EVERY MORNING IN YOUR OWN BED.

DURING THE EXCITEMENT OF THE WINNING SAT SCORE,
ONE BOY SUDDENLY CLIMBED HIGH ATOP THE PRINCIPAL'S HEAD AND DECLARED:
"IF LIFE IS A JOKE, THEN I AM BATMAN.",
AND SOMEONE IN THE CROWD CALLED OUT:
"I BELIEVE YOU MEAN THAT IF LIFE IS THE JOKER, THEN YOU ARE BATMAN.",
AND THE LAD YELLED BACK: "YES, THAT ALSO."

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FAILING THE ENTRANCE EXAMS TO CIVILIZATIONS'S INSTITUTIONS
IS NOT NECESSARILY THE WORST THING THAT CAN HAPPEN TO SOME --
-- BEING ACCEPTED, IS.

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ONE HOMBRE STRUMMED HIS GUITAR AND SANG:
"I WANNA MOVE TO THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN.",
AND A KID HELPING CLEAN UP THE CHUCKWAGON HUMMED:
"I WANNA MOVE TO THE OUTSKIRTS OF ME!"

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SOME HELP AND GOOD DIRECTIONS FOR KIDS ON THE PLAYGROUND

ALL WORDS ARE MYTHS --

ALL MYTHS ARE WORDS --

GET YOU SOME ICE CREAM, AND RUN ON OFF.

RITUALS: HABITS AT THEIR HOPED-FOR BEST.

IN CASE YOU DIDN'T REALIZE THAT THE INTELLECTUAL FOOD CHAIN GOES ANY LOWER,
CATCH THIS RECENT FINDING:

THOSE WHO TALK ABOUT THEIR RACIAL, OR NATIONALISTIC BACKGROUNDS
ARE EVEN WORSE OFF THAN THOSE WHO JUST TALK ABOUT THEMSELVES --
- (IN THAT WELL-KNOWN, PSEUDO-INDIVIDUALISTIC MANNER.)

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AND A VIEWER WRITES TO ASK:

"IS THAT WHY..." -- YES, VIEWER, THAT'S WHY!

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ONE MAN SAYS THAT HE CAN NO MORE UNDERSTAND HOW HIS MIND CAN, AT ONE TIME, ENTERTAIN AN IDEA THAT IS DIRECTLY OPPOSED TO ONE HE HAS HAD AT ANOTHER TIME ANY MORE THAN HE COMPREHENDS HOW A THERMOS BOTTLE KNOWS WHETHER TO KEEP ITS CONTENTS HOT, OR COLD.

OVERHEARING THIS, HIS SON RESPONDED:

"THAT'S AN EASY ONE, POP --

THE DIFFERENCE IS THAT THEY MAKE YOU GO OUT AND BUY THE THERMOS.",
AND HIS FATHER SEEMED RELIEVED TO SAY: "OH."

AFTER HE DIED,
AS A REWARD FOR NOTHING IN PARTICULAR,
THE GODS GAVE THIS ONE MAN HIS CHOICE OF EITHER
WRITING HIS AUTOBIOGRAPHY,
OR HAVING HIS PRIVATE PARTS WARMED UP IN A MICROWAVE.

EPIC BASED ON THE THEME OF "INTERNAL LIBERATION":

WHEN THE MIND IS FREE,
IT'S FREE FROM ME.

-- ("ME" BEING A SYNONYM FOR EVERYTHING.)

AND NOW FOR ANOTHER ITEM FROM OUR FILES OF:

"WEIRD! -- BUT TRUE AS A TURNIP":

THOSE WHO NOTE THE
ONENESS OF THINGS,
HAVE BY SO DOING,
DISRUPTED SAME.

AS THE MIGHTY C GREW PENSIVE, AND TURNED HIS GAZE FAR BEYOND THE
CONFINES OF ROME, HE MUSED:

"DOES THE FAULT, DEAR BRUTUS, LIE IN OUR THOUGHTS,
OR IN THE MECHANISM WE HAVE TO CARRY THEM?"

AND NOW THAT FEATURE OF THE SHOW WE CALL: "A MOMENT OF REFLECTION":

MEMORIES ARE LIKE KITES --

YOU CAN GET CHEAP ONES DOWN AT THE STOP & GO FOR A BUCK NINETY-EIGHT OR SO.

ONCE THE ELEPHANTS HAD BEEN WIPED DOWN AND PUT SAFELY INTO BED,
THE MIGHTY H TURNED TO HIS CONQUERING TROOPS AND DIRECTED:
"GO THROUGHOUT THE CITY, AND ROUND UP ALL OF THEIR LOCAL WORDS,
THEN -- RUN 'EM OUT OF TOWN!"

NON-PHYSICAL ENTERTAINMENT: LETTING SOMEONE ELSE DO YOUR THINKING FOR YOU.

ONE DAY,
NOT TOO FAR AWAY,
A MIGHTY ACADEMIAN STOOD ON A HILL AND DECLARED:
"THE HISTORY OF MAN IS THE HISTORY OF CRAP!",
AND JUST THEN THE MID PERIOD OF THE BYZANTINE EMPIRE FLEW DIRECTLY OVERHEAD,
AND UNLOADED ON HIM, A TWO TON GIFT OF DEADLY DOO.

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MORAL: MEN DICKER WITH FATE AT THEIR OWN PERIL --
...UNLESS YOU'RE DICKERIN' ON SOMEONE ELSE'S BEHALF.

MORAL: ALWAYS DICKER IN SOMEONE ELSE'S NAME.

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ONE YOUNG HOMEMAKER NOW SAYS HE LOOKS AT THOSE KINDS OF THOUGHTS HE HAS
THAT ARE SUPPORTED BY NORMAL WORDS AND REASON
AS A KIND OF SLIPPERY KITCHEN FLOOR HIS CONSCIOUSNESS MUST TREAD ON,
FIRST THING EACH MORNING.

ITEM: THE NEURAL PATTERNS THE COLLECTIVE'S PERCEPTIONS IMPOSE ON THE
INDIVIDUAL'S MIND.

SUB-TITLED: SLUTS ON A BUS.

ONE MAN SAID TO ANOTHER PASSENGER:

"PARDON ME SIR, BUT I AM SURE THIS IS MY SEAT --

I RECOGNIZE THE STAINS I LEFT FROM SITTING HERE."

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THE CIVIL COMMITTEE FOR DECENCY AND STRAIGHT-FOWARD DUPLICITY
IMMEDIATELY RESPONDS:

"WE -- SPEAKING COLLECTIVELY --

DO NOT SEE AT ALL

WHAT THIS SORDIDLITTLE TALE HAS TO DO WITH THE INTELLECTUAL PROCESSES OF
CIVILIZED MEN AND WOMEN."

AND WHILE CAPTAIN IRONY REMAINED CROUCHED DOWN IN THE CAKE,
AWAITING HIS SIGNAL TO SPRING FORTH,

HE THOUGHT: "RIGHT! -- I'LL JUST BET THEY DON'T!"

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ANOTHER WAY TO HELP STUDY WHY THINGS WORK AS THEY DO
IS TO REMEMBER THAT NO MATTER WHAT TIME IT IS WHERE YOU ARE
IT IS ALWAYS SOME OTHER TIME SOME PLACE ELSE.

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ONE PARISH ASKED ONE BOROUGH: "DOES THAT EXPLAIN EVERY THING?"
TO WHICH IT REPLIED: "YES, EVERY THING."

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THE HEAD LIBRARIAN AT THIS ONE OUTPOST WOULD TELL ALL WHO PASSED THROUGH THE DOORS: "YOU CAN ADD RAISINS TO ANY THING."

QUESTION: HOW MANY TIMES HAS SOMEONE TRIED AGAIN TO DESCRIBE A STATE OF
CONSCIOUSNESS POSSIBLE, BUT ONE THAT MAN IS NOT NATURALLY BORN TO?

ANSWER: HOW MANY SECONDS ARE THERE IN THE TIME BACK TO PRE-HISTORY?!

NEXT QUESTION: HOW DO YOU SPELL, "INFINITY"?

NEXT RESPONSE: THERE ARE TWO WAYS:

ONE IS, "THE HUMAN MIND",

AND THE OTHER IS: "WAY BEYOND THE HUMAN MIND".

NEXT QUESTION: WHO MAKES UP THESE QUESTIONS, ANY WAY!?

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A CERTAIN RECENTLY DISCOVERED, "NEO-SOPHISTICATED TRIBE",
LIVING JUST ON THE INVISIBLE OUTSKIRTS OF A LARGE CITY,
HAVE AS THEIR GROUP MOTTO THIS SENTIMENT:
"ANYONE WHO CAN BE OFFENDED BY GNATS IS CERTAINLY NOT AN ELEPHANT."

ANOTHER INTERESTING ASPECT OF THEIR CULTURE IS THAT THEY NO LONGER HAVE AN
ENTERTAINMENT & ARTS SECTION IN THEIR NEWSPAPERS DUE TO THE FACT THAT
REVIEWS AND CRITIC'S COLUMNS WOULD ALL ALWAYS SOMEHOW CRAWL OVER AND
MIRACULOUSLY APPEAR AMIDST THE COMICS.

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A MAN IN A SWEATER REACTS TO ALL OF THIS JUST SO:
"IF BEING BLIND BECOMES AN ACCEPTABLE EXCUSE FOR NOT SEEING,
THEN WE -- AS CIVILIZED PEOPLE -- ARE ALL IN TROUBLE."

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HOW CONFLICTING RELIGIONS BEGAN,
ON THIS PLANET:

THE FIRST ONE BELIEVED THAT HABIT WAS THE SOLE SOURCE OF EVIL;
THEN CAME ONE WHICH THOUGHT THAT HABIT WAS THE SUSTAINING FORCE OF CREATION;
AND FOLLOWING THAT, APPEARED A RELIGION WHICH CLAIMED THAT HABIT WAS THE
ACTUAL BASIC FUEL THAT RAN THE MACHINERY OF REALITY.

So! --- YOU CAN SEE HOW IT ALL GOT STARTED.

THE MUSE OF THE CITY PROCLAIMED:

"LET ALL OF THOSE WITH LIMITED INTELLECTS STAND AND SHAKE THEIR BOOTIES?" --

-- AND THEY DID;

THE GREAT URBAN SPIRIT THEN DECLARED:

"NOW LET EVERYONE STAND AND SHAKE IT!" -- AND THEY DID.

THOSE WHO LIKE TO TALK ABOUT MAN'S SUB - CONSCIOUS
ARE THEMSELVES JUST BARELY CONSCIOUS.

IN A LAND WHERE NOTHING NEED BE EXPLAINED --
EVERYBODY HAS TO TRY AND EXPLAIN EVERYTHING.

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SAY, BOYS & GIRLS -- WOULD YOU LIKE TO GUESS THE
NAME OF ONE SUCH NEAR-BY LAND?

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HERE'S A FOLLOW-UP TO AN IMPORTANT STORY WE BROKE FOR YOU EARLIER LAST YEAR:
THE LATEST LEANINGS IN THE PSYCHIATRIC COMMUNITY IS THAT
IGNORANCE IS NOT CAUSED BY RATS IN YOUR TOILET,
BUT RATHER BY THE EXISTENCE OF SEWERS THEMSELVES.

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ONE MAN HAD ALL OF THE THOUGHTS HE NEEDED JUST BY LOOKING IN THE DICTIONARY --
..(ALONG WITH CLIMBING IN AND OUT OF CERTAIN HOLES IN THE GROUND.)

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YOU CAN REMEMBER THIS -- (IF YOU WISH):

THE PARTS YOU LET PUBLICLY SHOW ARE NOT YOUR CONSCIOUS PARTS.

DOCTOR POSEY'S POSTULATE

"THE NICE THING ABOUT ACTUALLY BEING SICK IS THAT YOU CAN FEEL BAD WITH
WHAT APPROACHES, A STAMP OF VALIDITY,"

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THEOREM FROM THE UNKNOWN

CIVILIZATION PROVIDES MAN WITH INSTITUTIONS AND CERTIFIED PROFESSIONALS
SO THAT SOMEONE CAN OFFICIALLY PRESIDE AT HIS DOWN-FALL.

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THE M.U. (MORTAL UNIVERSAL) PRINCIPLE

IT'S IN 'IM, AND IT'S GOT TO COME OUT.
...(SOMETIMES KNOWN AS, "THE HOOKER MANDATE".)

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ANOTHER "MORTAL: WHAT IS IT?" QUIZ

WHAT IS BOTH A PROMISE AND A THREAT?,
A BOON AND A BUR?,
A SADDLE AND A SORE?

....AH, SHIT!, YOU'RE RIGHT -- IT'S TOO SIMPLE!

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...WAIT! -- OKAY, HERE'S ANOTHER ONE:
WHY DO ONLY HUMANS, "ASK QUESTIONS"?

AH HAH! -- TAKE THAT ONE!

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TO FEEL YOU'RE ALONE, RENDERS YOU ALONE.

SOME GOOD ADVICE FOR YOU YOUNGSTERS IN OUR AUDIENCE:

REPEATING YOUR THOUGHTS WILL CAUSE HAIR TO GROW IN YOUR PALMS.

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AND NOW SOME SOUND INVESTMENT SUGGESTIONS FOR ALL YOU RETIREES OUT THERE:

ONE MAN MOVED TO FLORIDA SO THAT HE'D NO LONGER BE LIVING IN DELAWARE.

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A VIEWER SENDS ALONG THIS INTERESTING QUESTION:

"JUST HOW OLD, OR YOUNG DO YOU HAVE TO BE FOR ANY OF THIS TO MAKE SENSE?"

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AS THEY SAT ON THE RECENTLY COMPLETED WOODEN SIDEWALK,
IN THEIR FAVORITE CHAIRS, IN THE WARM NOON DAY SUN,
THE ASSAYER SAID TO THE DEPUTY SHERIFF:
"THE LAST TIME I SAW ANY, 'GOOD ADVICE' RIDE INTO THIS TOWN
IT ALREADY HAD A HOLE SHOT IN ITS MOUTH."

THE ILLUSION OF AUTOMATIC INDIVIDUALITY EXPLODED BEFORE YOUR VERY EARS
FOR YOUR PERSONAL EDIFICATION AND ENJOYMENT

ALL OF THE ORDINARY ARE GENERIC.

HOW TO BE AN INTELLECTUAL IN MOST CITIES:

NEVER SAY EXACTLY WHAT YOU MEAN.

ONE MAN THOUGHT SO LITTLE OF PEOPLE IN GENERAL
THAT HE WOULDN'T EVEN TAKE THE TIME TO INSULT ANYONE INDIVIDUALLY.

WE WILL NOT, AT THIS POINT, IDENTIFY THIS PERSON.

AND NOW FOR SOME, "GOOD NEWS":

INASMUCH AS MAN IS PROGRESS -- THERE'S NO WAY THAT PROGRESS CAN PASS YOU BY.

....(YES INDEEDIE! -- "GOOD NEWS" FOR THE GULLIBLE.)

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"DADDY, WHAT WAS OUR FAMILY NAME BEFORE IT WAS, 'PASSIVE RETENTIVE'?",

"WHY SON, I DON'T RIGHTLY RECKON WE HAD ONE 'FORE THAT."

-- AND ALL THE WAY TO THE BANK, DID THE CITY MIGHTILY LAUGH. --

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AND NOW AN ECONOMICS UPDATE

THERE IS ONLY ONE WORTHWHILE INVESTMENT IN CIVILIZATION FOR A MORE CONSCIOUS PERSON AND IT DOESN'T EXIST.

MORAL: CHUCKLE IS AS CHUCKLE DOES.

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WITH THE SMUG AIR OF SUPERIORITY, SO NATURAL AND ENDEMIC TO MAN,
A MAN STOOD OVER A BEAVER AND DECLARED:

"WELL, STUPID I MAY BE! --

BUT AT LEAST I'M A STUPID HUMAN, AND NOT A STUPID BEAVER!"

MORAL: SWIM-AWAY IS AS SWIM-AWAY IS.

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DEFINITION

SILENCE: THE SUPREME, PROTOTYPICAL DAM.

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AND WE HAD ANOTHER QUESTION COME IN FOR PROFESSOR EXPLOSION:

"DEAR PROFESSOR: I DO SO HAVE FUN WITH MY MIND --
ARE YOU SURE THAT I MUST EVENTUALLY, 'GIVE-IT-UP' TO
GET ANY FURTHER IN MY CONSCIOUS DEVELOPMENT?"

-- (THE PROFESSOR DIDN'T COME IN TODAY.)

UPDATE: IF PHILOSOPHERS ARE THOSE WITHOUT THE GUTS TO GO ON,
THEN POETS ARE THOSE WITHOUT THE GUTS TO EVEN BE PHILOSOPHERS.

IN THE MYTHS REGARDING THE GODS SEPERATING HEAVEN FROM EARTH,
THE LAND FROM THE WATER,
THE FISH FROM THE FOWL,
TO A KEEN EAR, RESONATES THE PRE-ECHO OF CONSCIOUSNESS BEING RENT FROM THE MIND

AS CONCERNS THOUGHTS, IN LIGHT OF CERTAIN FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS,
ONE MAN HAS THIS TO SAY: "WHY BUY, WHEN YOU CAN LEASE!?"

DEFINITION

THE CIVILIZED: MEN WITH FOOTBALLS, ON A SOCCER FIELD.

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QUESTION

WHY WASTE CONSCIOUSNESS ON JUST THE MIND?

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AND ONE OF THE YOUNGER PLAYERS ASKED:

"IS IT TRUE THAT ONLY THE GOALKEEPER CAN TOUCH IT WITH HIS HANDS?"

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QUESTION: IF YOU CAN'T TAKE THE ORIGINAL THINKING OF ANOTHER
HOW'RE YOU GONNA HANDLE YOUR OWN SHOULD IT COME!?

THE REAL MYSTIQUE OF A MYSTIQUE PERSON IS THAT THEY DON'T HAVE ANY,
THUS YOU NEVER NOTICE THEM AND REALIZE THAT THEY ARE.

OKAY -- HERE'S THE DEAL:
FEEL WHAT YOU THINK AND
THINK WHAT YOU FEEL.

ITEM: "THE PROPER PRACTICE REGARDING THE MIND":

GREASE IT!

SPEAKING FOR MANY, ONE MAN PONDERED:

"IS IT THE SIMPLICITY OF THIS THAT THROWS YOU?,
OR THE THROWING-OF-YOURSELF THAT CLOUDS THE SIMPLICITY!?"

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WILL DISCOVERING THE CAVE FROM WHENCE THE DRAGON CAME
DESTROY THE REALITY OF THE DRAGON?

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ONE MAN SAID: "I AWAKEN EVERY MORNING WITH A SONG IN MY HEART,"
AND HIS PARTNER, OBVIOUSLY ANNOYED, ADDED:
"I TOO -- BUT ALAS -- IN MY CASE IT IS WITH 'ME-IN-MY-HEAD'!"

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THE HUMAN MIND: A WELL WITH NO BOTTOM,
LIBERATED CONSCIOUSNESS: DYNAMITE IN A BUCKET.

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