

DESPITE THE GENERAL VIEW OF THE HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES,  
MAN IS NOT SO MUCH CONTINUALLY "DISCOVERING HIMSELF", AS HE IS INVENTING SAME.

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STANDING AMIDST A COLLECTION OF ADULT FEET AND LEGS,  
ONE SMALL CHILD GLANCED UP BRIEFLY AND MUSED:

"A MAN WITH A VIEW,  
MAKES ME GO, 'PHEW!'"

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A VIEWER WRITES:

"ON YOUR LAST PROGRAM DID YOU QUOTE A MAN AS HAVING SAID THAT  
THE TRUTH IS NEVER OFFENSIVE,  
OR THAT IT IS ALWAYS SO?

....(I SEEM TO HAVE SOMEHOW MOMENTARILY DRIFTED OFF ABOUT THAT TIME!?)"

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IF THOSE AFFAIRS SINGULAR TO MAN — KNOWN COLLECTIVELY AS, "CIVILIZATION --  
DID NOT INCESSANTLY GROW EVER MORE COMPLICATED AND SERIOUS,  
THEY WOULD COLLAPSE UNDER THE WEIGHT OF THEIR OWN FLIMSINESS AND HUMOR.

ONE MAN SAID: "I WILL ALLOW NO ELECTRICTY IN MY HOME.",  
AND ANOTHER SAID: "NOR I, ANY CHEMICALS IN MINE."

WHAT IS THE NEIGHBORHOOD COMING TO!?

ORIGINAL CONSCIOUSNESS WAS LIKE THE "OPENING ACT" FOR MAN'S PRESENT THINKING;  
BUT NOW THE DAMN THING WON'T GET OFF THE STAGE AND MAKE WAY FOR ANY  
FRESH PERFORMERS.

AFTER SOME YEARS OF BEING AROUND MEN, AND LISTENING TO THEM TALK.  
ONE CAT SAID TO ANOTHER CAT:  
"IT SURE IS EASY FOR HUMANS TO MAKE ONE ANOTHER SOUND BAD.",  
AND HIS PAL REPLIED: "MEOW."

THE QUESTION OF CLASS DISTINCTION REEXAMINED

THE CRUDE WALK AROUND IN A TRANCE -- THE CIVILIZED, IN A MORE SOPHISTICATED ONE.

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THE POLITICAL SCENERY RECONSIDERED

MINORITIES ALWAYS FAVOR CHANGE AND GREATER DIVERSITY THAN DOES THE MAJORITY;  
MORE PROOF OF THE PREFERABILITY OF THE COMPLEX TO THE SIMPLE,  
AND THE OUTSIDERS TO THE ESTABLISHMENT.

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THE MATTER OF MENTAL CAPTIVITY RESURVEYED

WIMPS WHINE AND SING ABOUT THEIR CONFINEMENT --  
REAL REBELS DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

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THE SAGE STOOD IN CITY SQUARE AND PROCLAIMED:  
"ALTHOUGH I APPEAR TO BE ONE,  
AND USE MY OWN TONGUE,  
I AM IN FACT -- EVERY MAN,  
AND SPEAK FOR EVERY MAN'S HEART,"  
AND A FELLOW IN THE CROWD SHOUTED OUT: "NOT FOR ME, YOU DON'T!",  
AND HE REPLIED: "OKAY, EXCEPT FOR HIM."



A BRIEF, BUT COMPLETE, TELLING OF JUST HOW EXTRAORDINARY MENTAL,  
AND MYSTICAL ADVENTURES TAKE PLACE

SOME PEOPLE TRIP AND FALL DOWN STAIRS WHILE OTHERS TRIP AND FALL UP.

A CHAP APPROACHED THE HEAD LIBRARIAN AND ASKED:  
"WHY, IF FICTION IS HAPPY DO THEY THEN CHANGE ITS NAME TO HUMOR?",  
AND SHE REPLIED: "WHO THE HELL DO I LOOK LIKE TO YOU!?"

CONSCIOUSNESS IS A PRIVATE, PERSONAL AFFAIR -- THINKING, PUBLIC AND COLLECTIVE.

A LEGENDARY NEURAL CONVERSATION

"HE WHO KILLS THE KING MUST BECOME KING."

"DO YOU MEAN THAT HE CAN BECOME KING?"

"NO, THAT HE MUST."

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FOR A MYTHICAL HERO TO BE TRULY HEROIC HE MUST HAVE NO MOTHER OR FATHER.

"DO YOU MEAN THAT HE MAY

"NO, THAT HE MUST NOT."

CONTINUITY CONTRIBUTES NOT TO CREATIVITY.

THUS ARE ALL TRUE HEROES LONERS, AND UNHEROIC IN THEIR OWN TIME.

"DOES THAT MEAN THAT TIME MAY NOT BE SEQUENTIAL?"

"INDEED, AND HEROIC TIME CANNOT BE."

ERGO, THE SLAYER OF THE KING PERFORCE BECOMES KING,  
AND A NEW CONSCIOUSNESS REGAINS THE THRONE.

THERE'S SOMETHING TO BE SAID FOR EVERYTHING,  
WHICH IS THE ONLY WAY CIVILIZATION KEEPS GOING.

TWO GUYS OF PARTIAL, "PHILOSOPHICAL-BENT" WERE SITTING UNDER A TREE YACKING ABOUT THE NATURE OF MAN AND CERTAIN OF HIS INSTITUTIONS, AND ONE OF THEM SAID: "IT'S BAD ENOUGH TO BE THIRTY-FIVE HUNDRED YEARS BEHIND THE TIMES, BUT NOT TO REALIZE IT MAKES IT EVEN WORSE.", AND THE OTHER GUY SAID: "ARE YOU SURE -- 'WORSE'!?", AND THE FIRST ONE REPLIED: "WELL....NO, BUT IT MAKES IT SOMETHING ELSE!"



IF YOU THINK ABOUT WHERE YOU LIVE YOU'RE INCLINED TO TALK ABOUT WHERE YOU LIVE,  
....AND WE ALL KNOW WHERE THAT CAN LEAD!

THE RELIGIOUS: THOSE WHO HAVE DISCOVERED A GREAT PRIZE THAT AMOUNTS TO NOTHING  
AND NOW WANT TO SHARE.

"BUT SIR -- COULDN'T THE SAME BE SAID ABOUT ANY ASPECT OF CIVILIZATION!?"

"YES SERGEANT, IT COULD."

"THANK YOU SIR."

"NO PROBLEM."

MORAL: NEVER LET PRIESTS HAVE GUNS, NOR THE MILITARY, DRESSES, OR CANDLES.

THE ORDINARY ORDINARILY USE FRIENDS MAINLY AS MIRRORS.

A MORE CONSCIOUS MAN WOULD MAKE BETTER USE OF HIS PERSONAL COMPANIONSHIPS -- PARTICULARLY, I MIGHT ADD, AS REGARDS HIM AND HIS OWN MIND.

TO WHAT ADVANTAGE DOES ONE LET THEIR OWN THOUGHTS ACT AS EITHER A COMPLIMENTARY, OR A CONDEMNATORY REFLECTOR OF WHAT THEY ARE, WHEN PART OF "WHAT THEY ARE" IS IN BEING BORN WITH SUCH AN INTERNAL MIRROR INWHICH THEY HAD NO HAND IN GRINDING.

BIRDS OF A TYPICAL FEATHER NORMALLY "STICK TOGETHER" SO AS TO MORE EFFICIENTLY CRASH & BURN;

WHILE THOSE NOT ON A ROUTINE FLIGHT,  
MIGHT KEEP EACH OTHER WELL IN SIGHT,  
FOR REASONS HAVING NAUGHT TO DO WITH,  
SUTTEEICAL, SELF-DESTRUCTION.

"DADDY, IS THAT HOW YOU CAN TELL IT'S A CITY POOL!?,  
THAT ALL OF THOSE DROWNING TRY TO GET YOU TO JUMP IN AND JOIN THEM!?"

ANY BIRD CAN WALK -- BUT ONLY REAL ONES FLY.

HOW AN IMPROPER UNDERSTANDING OF TIME CAN ASKEW MAN'S VIEW

IT HAS RECENTLY BEEN DISCOVERED THAT THE REASON THE ANCIENT CITY OF TROY CANNOT BE LOCATED IS BECAUSE THE TROJAN WAR WAS ACTUALLY FOUGHT IN 1925.

FORGET "YES", OR "NO" --

A REAL MIND WON'T TAKE ANYTHING FOR AN ANSWER.

A VIEWER INQUIRES:

"IS IT HARD TO BE BOTH CIVILIZED AND MORE CONSCIOUS?"

NO - THE TRICK IS IN GETTING OVER BELIEVING THAT THERE IS A POSSIBLE CONFLICT.

.....(YOU THINK HE FELL FOR IT!?.....)

AS AN ANIMATED CARTOON WAS PLAYING, A MAN MUSED:  
"THE FACT THAT I CAN SIT HERE AND BE ENTERTAINED WATCHING DRAWN,  
NON-... IMAGES OF ACTUAL CREATURES,  
I SUPPOSE HELPS EXPLAIN MY TOLERATION FOR MY OWN ROTUINE THOUGHTS."

HEROES ARE TWO THINGS: IMAGINARY, AND GENETIC



CIVILIZATION IS OPERATIONALLY- WITH:  
AGRICULTURE,  
THE WHEEL & FIRE,  
ROMANTIC LOVE & FAMILY RESPONSIBILITY,  
CREDIT & DOUBLE-ENTRY  
BUT IT'S MAINLY WITH SPEECH.

ADDENDUM: IT IS HOWEVER, IN ITS MORE ADVANCED FORMS,  
FUNCTIONALLY WITH "COLLECTIVE INTELLIGENCE",  
(WHOSE CONNECTION AND DEPENDENCE ON SPEECH IS FAR TOO WELL KNOWN  
TO NEED BE NOTED HERE.)

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BY-THE-BY: SOME SUPPORTIVE NEWS FOR THE TIMOROUS AND THE UNEASY:

CIVILIZATION ALWAYS COMES TO "PRAISE" CIVILIZATION --  
NEVER TO, "BURY IT".

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THE SELF-PROTECTING . . . OF THE MIND ARE SUCH THAT THOSE WHO  
AREN'T VERY MUCH, "HOT SHIT" ARE GIVEN TO SAYING THAT THEY ARE.

A VIEWER WRITES:

"I HAVE TAKEN TO HEART YOUR COMMENTS REGARDING THE FOLLY OF CRITICISM,  
AND HAVE BENEFITED THEREBY,  
BUT I STILL FIND MYSELF UNCONTROLLABLY ANNOYED SEEING  
AND REGRESSION CELEBRATED AS -- 'ENTERTAINMENT'.

WHAT GIVES WITH ME?"

SOUNDS PERCHANCE LIKE, PROGRESS-ON-THE-PROWL.

CIVILIZATION FORCES PEOPLE TO ACT LIKE THEY ENJOY BEING CIVILIZED.

THINKING HAS A LANDSCAPE -- CONSCIOUSNESS IS THE UNIVERSE.

PROBABLY THE BEST WAY TO DEAL WITH REMINISCING IS NOT TO DO ANY;

PERHAPS THE EASIEST WAY TO HANDLE, "PERSONAL MEMORIES" IS NOT TO HAVE ANY.

IF YOU'LL BE NICE TO WILD ANIMALS, THEY'LL BE NICE TO YOU;  
.....UNLESS YOU LET 'EM IN YOUR HOUSE.

A DECENT, CONCERNED, HONEST LOCAL HOMEOWNER OBJECTS:  
"BUT MY HOUSE CAME WITH THE VERMIN ALREADY IN IT!"

MY, MY, CLUCK, CLUCK, AND TISH, TISH;  
HOW -- OH, HOW MANY SWEET TIMES HAVE WE HEARD THIS ONE BEFORE!?

MORAL -- IN SPITE OF "THE FACTS", REALITY, AND OTHER CRAP-HANDS BEING DELT  
AND HELD-TO AT THIS PARTICULAR POKER TABLE:

HE WHO HAS AN EXCUSE TO PLAY,  
CAN LIVE TO BE NORMAL ANOTHER DAY.

AS HE FORCED HIS WAY OFF THE BUS, HE SAID BACK OVER HIS SHOULDER:  
"COMP ME BY MAIL,  
FOR I WON'T BE BACK THIS WAY AGAIN."

HOW CAN YOU TELL A CIVILIZED PERSON? -- THEY ACT REAL SERIOUS.  
HOW CAN YOU TELL AN UNCIVILIZED ONE? -- THEY ACT REAL DUMB.

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AND AN INQUIRY PRESENTS ITSELF TO US FROM A VIEWER:  
"IS BEING DUMB, AND BEING DANGEROUS THE SAME THING?"

YES, TO A CERTAIN EXTENT,  
IN THAT THE DUMB ARE A DANGER TO THE INTELLIGENT, AND TO OTHER DUMB PEOPLE.

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ANOTHER NOD TO: "LIFE'S ALTERNATIVES":

IF YOU CAN'T BE FAMOUS AND ENVIED -- MAKE PEOPLE FEEL SORRY FOR YOU INSTEAD.

THE CEREBRAL CULINARY MADE

AS THEY BOTH ATTEMPTED TO LICK THEIR CHOPS, THE MIND SAID TO CONSCIOUSNESS:  
"YUM YUM -- IF I'M ON THE MENU I'LL FOR SURE BE OVER TONIGHT."

THERE ARE, AMONG CIVILIZED MEN,  
THOSE WHO BELIEVE THEY HAVE SOMETHING "IMPORTANT TO SAY",  
BUT WHO HAVE NOTHING TO SAY:  
FOR THEM, EXISTS: HEROES, AND COLLECTED QUOTATIONS.

A MODERN DEFINITION FROM THE COMBINED WORLDS OF LITERATURE AND THE MEDIA

PERSONAL INTERVIEWS: AN ABBREVIATED FORM OF "BAD FICTION".

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A SOCIOLOGIST WITH A SEMI-SWEET SAUSAGE SAT AND MUSED:  
 "WHAT DID PEOPLE LOOK AT BEFORE THERE WERE TV CAMERAS?...."

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ONE MAN ALLOWED A STRAY CAT TO ADOPT HIM -- BUT NOT SO, HIS MIND!

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ONE MAN SAID:                   ON A BUS, I FORGET WHERE I'M GOING! --  
 -- SAME WITH MY MIND."

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COLLECTIVE INTELLIGENCE IS A PUBLIC WELL FROMWHICH ALL MAY DRINK;  
A FEW

IN THE PERSONAL ADS OF THE NEURAL NEWSPAPER WAS SPOTTED THE FOLLOWING:  
"MAN WITH GLIB TONGUE SEEKS WOMAN WITH GLIB EAR;  
PURPOSE: TO FORGE ONE, NON-GLIB UNDERSTANDING."

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ONE MAN STATES:  
"I WILL NOT TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR WHAT I AM  
UNTIL SOMEONE CAN SHOW ME THAT I CONCEIVED MYSELF."

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ON THE EIGHTH DAY OF LOCAL CREATION, WHEN SPEECH MARRIED UNCERTAINTY,  
THEIR FIRST WEDDING NIGHT PRODUCED RELIGION,  
AND THEIR SECOND, ALL POLITICAL IDEOLOGIES.  
THE DANCE OF THE STRUGGLE FOR POWER THEN LEFT THE BEDROOM,  
AS ALL PARTIES SCRAMBLED FOR THE LEAD IN THE MISSIONARY POSITION.

CIVILIZATION: CHILDREN "PLAYING DOCTOR", BUT WITH THEIR CLOTHES ON.



THE QUESTION: CAN YOU HAVE HORMONES AND STILL BE HEARTLESS?  
THE ANSWER: YOU CAN HAVE HORMONES AND STILL BE HEARTLESS.

ANOTHER CHAPTER IN OUR CONTINUING SAGA OF: "HOW HISTORY COULD HAVE BEEN":

WHEN THE FIRST CIVILIZED MAN, FIRST DEFECATED,  
AND LOOKED DOWN ON THE GROUND AT WHAT HE'D DONE, HE SAID:  
"MY GOD! -- I'VE HAD ANOTHER LITTLE PERSON!",  
AND DAMN'F HE WASN'T ALMOST CORRECT!

AND THIS FROM OUR VIEWING AUDIENCE:

"I HAVE HEARD YOU DECRY THE SERIOUS PEOPLE OF THE WORLD --

THE EVERYDAY, THE ORDINARY, THE MIDDLE-CLASS --

BUT IT SEEMS TO ME THAT IT, IN FACT MIGHT BE PEOPLE EXACTLY LIKE YOU  
WHO ARE THE ONES TAKING LIFE FAR TOO SERIOUSLY.

WHAT DO YOU SAY TO THAT!?"

DEAR VIEWER: YOU MAY BE ON TO SOMETHING.

HISTORICALLY, YOU ONLY HEAR OF OVER-WEIGHT, "MYSTICAL HEROES" --  
THE OTHERS WERE SO LIGHT THAT THEY DRIFTED AWAY BEFORE THEY COULD BE SEEN.

ANOTHER ITEM FROM OUR: "HUMAN DISTINCTIONS SPOTTER'S GUIDE":

WHEN THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY'RE DOING,

BUT ARE DOING IT JUST THE SAME, ORDINARY MEN WON'T ADMIT IT;

WHEN THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY'RE DOING,

BUT ARE DOING IT STILL THE SAME, SOPHISTICATED MEN WILL PROUDLY OR HUMBLY  
ADMIT IT;

IN THE SAME CIRCUMSTANCES, A MORE CONSCIOUS MAN WOULDN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT IT

ON THE LAST DAY OF THE CONVENTION, THE KIDNOTE SPEAKER PRESENTED WHAT HE CALLED: "A            FOR OUR TIMES" THAT SAID:  
"THE POWER NEGLECT HAS ON SUCCESS IS MARRED ONLY BY THE APPERANCE OF MAN.",  
AND A MAN WITH BREATH ABLAZE STOOD AND CRIED: "MY GOD!, WHAT TIME IS IT ANYWAY!?"

A TRULY CIVILIZED PLACE IS ONE INWHICH YOU CAN HAVE STRESS DELIVERED DIRECTLY  
TO YOUR

IN ATTEMPTING TO DEAL WITH THE YOUTHFUL REBELLION OF HIS SON, ONE FATHER SAID:  
"WHAT YOU NEED ARE SOME ADULT, MATURE WAYS TO HAVE FUN BUT THERE AREN'T ANY."



HAVING A MIND IS ITSELF, "THE SUPREME MENTAL CHALLENGE".

.....(IF YOU WANNA LOOK AT IT THAT WAY.

ONE GUY SEZ:

"I'M NOT SO SURE THAT IT'S ACCIDENTAL THAT ACCIDENTS ARE SO LIKELY TO HAPPEN."

WHEN THE CHEAP AND SIMPLE SING PUBLICLY, THEY'LL USE PRE-RECORDED  
BACKGROUND TRACKS;

AN ORIGINAL INDIVIDUAL BY-PASSES ALL SUCH ANNOYANCES BY DOING A SOLO ACT.

CIVILIZATION IS TO THINKING AS CONSCIOUSNESS IS TO CONSCIOUSNESS.

WELL...AT LEAST ONE THING ABOUT IT: A MAN WITH THE AIM IS NEVER ALONE.

...OKAY, TWO THINGS: HE'S NEVER TOTALLY BORED.

...OKAY, THREE THINGS: AND HE'S NEVER FRIGHTENED.

...ALRIGHT!, FOUR, OR MORE:.....

ONE DAY SOME LOCAL CONDITIONS ASKED LIFE:

"IF CIVILIZATION CRUMBLED,

WHO'D SUFFER THE MOST: POLITICIANS, OR JUST THE AVERAGE PERSON?",

AND LIFE REPLIED: "YOU STILL DON'T GET IT, DO YOU!?"

THE ONLY ADVENTURE SUFFICIENTLY HEROIC TO BE PERTINENT TO CONSCIOUSNESS  
IS ONE "OF-THE-INDIVIDUAL" -- NOT OF THE SOCIETAL COLLECTIVE.