

ONE MAN KNEW A SECRET --  
 HE TOLD IT --  
 NO ONE HEARD IT;  
 HE TOLD IT AGAIN --  
 AND NO ONE HEARD IT;  
 HE CHANGED IT AROUND AND TOLD IT --  
 AND NO ONE STILL HEARD IT,  
 SO HE DENIED IT -- AND THEN PEOPLE THOUGHT THEY HEARD IT.

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PEOPLE WHO BELIEVE IN THE KNOWN, WILL END UP BELIEVING IN THE UN-KNOWN,  
 AND FROM THERE, IT'S ALL DOWN -- NO, NOT SIMPLE, "DOWN HILL" - IT'S EVEN WORSE! -  
 AFTER THAT IT ALL TENDS TO GO -- SIDWAYS!

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#### A LIT BIT

IN DECENT, HONEST DICTIONARIES, THE WORDS, "SIDWAYS, SEQUENTIAL, SERIOUS & STUPID  
 ARE ALL BUNCHED TOGETHER.

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A MAN WHO GETS OFF THE BUS ISN'T GOING ANY WHERE AFTER THAT,  
EVEN IF THE BUS ITSELF WASN'T GOING ANY WHERE.

THE DANCE TEAM IS KNOWN AS: "TRYING TO DO IT & THE ACTUAL EXPERIENCE,";  
THEY ARE TWO DIFFERENT THINGS, BUT ONE CANNOT EXIST WITHOUT THE OTHER.

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IF YOU TALK ENOUGH, YOU CAN EXCUSE ANYTHING;  
IF YOU TALK ENOUGH, YOU CAN EXPLAIN ANYTHING -- TO PEOPLE, THAT IS,  
WHO'RE STANDING BESIDE THE ROAD WITH THEIR HALF-PUNCHED TICKETS.

MERE THINKING CAN EXPLAIN AND EXCUSE ANY AND EVERY HUMAN THING --  
PURE CONSCIOUSNESS DOES NOT HAVE TO.

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THE TRACKING OF HUMAN PROGRESS AS IT PARALLELS OTHER FORMS OF, WELL...PROGRESS:

THE FIRST, AND MOST BASIC WAY TO IMPRESS ANOTHER PERSON IS TO KILL THEM;  
THE NEXT STEP UPWARD IS TO IMPRESS THEM BY MAKING THEM FEEL BAD;  
AND IF THAT DOESN'T WORK YOU CAN ALWAYS IMPRESS THEM BY TELLING THEM HOW BAD  
YOU FEEL.

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"THERE IS INDEED, ONE THING FOR SURE AND DOUBLE SURE, ABOUT PROGRESS",  
SAID THE RINGMASTER, "AND THAT IS THAT IT WILL SEEM TO GO ANY WHERE,  
AND IN ANY DIRECTION THAT WISH TO LOOK!.....IF YOU WANT IT TO."

(A SIDEBAR AS EVIDENCE: THEY MAKE ELEPHANTS GET UP AND PHYSICALLY PERFORM  
WHILE MEN GET TO SIT DOWN AND PLAY IN THE CIRCUS BAND  
BECAUSE OF THE MERE FACT THAT HUMANS CAN BE TAUGHT NOT TO CRAP IN THE FLOOR.)

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AT FIRST MAN WAS MAN;  
HE LEARNED TO TALK, THEN HE WAS MAN-THE-METAPHOR;  
THEN MAN-THE-SYMBOL,  
THEN MAN-THE-OUTRIGHT-ALLEGORY,  
AND A FEW WOULD LIKE TO START AT THE TOP OF THE PAGE AGAIN -- WELL, THAT IS,  
AT THE TOP OF A PAGE AGAIN -- A NEW PAGE.

THE FINGERS CAN'T DO IT, BUT THE BRAIN CAN,  
THE FINGERS CAN'T DO IT, BUT THE BRAIN CAN.

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AS HE STRODE TOWARD THE CROWD HE SHOUTED A WARNING:  
"OUT OF MY WAY! -- I AM A MISOGYNIST!",  
BUT SEVERAL PEOPLE STILL RUSHED TO HIM, RUBBING THEIR HANDS, WHILE WHINNING:  
"WE WANT A MISOG! -- WE WANT A MISOG!"

IF YOU CAN THINK, YOU CAN THINK MORE THAN YOU DO;  
AND IF YOU CAN THINK MORE THAN YOU DO THEN YOU CAN THINK EVEN MORE THAN THAT:  
AND AFTER THAT.....WHO KNOWS!? -- WHO COULD "KNOW" -- BUT YOU!?

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"PA PA, IS THAT WHY THIS KINDA STUFF IS SO...IS SO...WELL -- PERSONAL!?"

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"AND A "REAL" MAN WOULDN'T HAVE IT ANY OTHER WAY! -- RIGHT, BRUCIE!?"

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THE CITY'S A CERTAIN  
PLACE IN YOUR BRAIN,  
WHERE MANY GO, AND  
MOST REMAIN.

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THE NERVOUS SYSTEM'S YOUR UNIVERSE,  
THE BRAIN, YOUR SOLAR SYSTEM,  
THE MIND, YOUR PLANET,  
YOUR THINKING, YOUR KINGDOM,  
YOUR PERSONALITY, YOUR CAPITAL CITY,  
AND THAT NEO-CONSCIOUSNESS, A FRESH INFUSION OF ATMOSPHERE.

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THE CITY'S A CERTAIN  
PLACE IN YOUR BRAIN,  
IT'S WHERE YOUR ARE, BUT  
WHY REMAIN!?

ONE GUY TOLD ALL OF HIS KIDS:

"LIFE IS FAR TOO SHORT, LONG,

SAD, SWEET,

UP, DOWN, AND EVERYTHING ELSE,

TO EVER BE JUDGED BY REFERENCE TO MONEY."



ONCE A MAN IS ALIVE,  
 AND CAN TALK,  
 AND ALL OF HIS SURVIVAL NEEDS ARE MET,  
 HE CAN THEN BECOME, "CIVILIZED"! --  
 AND THEN, "BEING CIVILIZED" CAN BECOME A METAPHOR --  
 -- EVEN DAMN-NEAR A SUBSTITUTE FOR -- "BEING ALIVE".

-- AIN'T IT GREAT!? --

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A VIEWER WRITES:

"TAKING YOUR USE OF THE WORD, 'CIVILIZED' AS SYMBOLICALLY AND AS NON-LITERALLY AS YOU OBVIOUS INTEND IT TO BE, I AM STILL MOVED TO ASK YOU THIS: CAN A PERSON BE 'CIVILIZED' WITHOUT IT CAUSING A DECREASE IN ONE'S MENTAL WATTAGE?"

AS WITH ALL OTHER SUCH QUESTIONS SIR, THE ANSWER IS,  
 "YES!", AND YOU'RE "HOME-SCOTT-FREE", NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO IN THE CITY  
JUST SO LONG AS YOU DO NOT TAKE ANY OF THE CRAP -- SERIOUSLY!

-- AIN'T IT JUST GRAND!?

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... ONE OF THE BENEFITS OF BEING DEAD IS THAT YOU CANNOT BE, "REHABILITATED"!

THE STING OF THE SIMILIE -- THE ANGY OF THE, (WHAT-EVER):

TRYING TO GET MILK FROM A STONE IS LIKE TRYING TO SNAP AN ORDINARY MAN OUT OF IT.

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ON THE SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN WAS CARVED THESE WORDS:

"AN ORDINARY MAN DOES NOT LIKE A VERBAL FLIGHT THAT DOES NOT LAND WHERE HE ORDINARILY EXPECTED."

AND AN HONEST GOOSE, (JUST PASSING BY) SAID:

"WELL -- 'STUFF' AN ORDINARY MAN!" -- (AND KEPT ON A 'PASSIN'.)

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CONSCIOUSNESS IS LIKE THE FOOD SUPPLY, AND THINKING, INDIVIDUAL CROPS.

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A FATHER TOLD HIS SON:

"DON'T KEEP EATING YOUR FOOD OVER.",

AND THE LAD REPLIED: "WHAT?",

"DON'T KEEP EATING YOUR FOOD OVER AND OVER.",

AND THE BOY ASKED: "DON'T EAT MY FOOD?!",

"NO -- DON'T KEEP EATING YOUR FOOD OVER AND OVER AGAIN.",

"DON'T EAT MY FOOD?!",

"NO -- DON'T EAT THE SAME FOOD OVER AND OVER AGAIN."

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FIRST GUYS SAYS:

"THE CITY'S A GREAT PLACE TO BE!.....IF YOU'RE ALIVE.",

AND SECOND GUYS SAYS:

"WELL WHERE ELSE YOU GONNA BE!?......IF YOU'RE ALIVE!?......AND IN THE BEGINNING!?"

AND FIRST GUY REPLIES:

"WHY, NO WHERE, OLE CHUM -- NO WHERE."

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SOPHISTICATED MEN LOVE TO SING AND WRITE ABOUT,

"WANTING TO GO BACK HOME.",

OR HOW YOU, "CAN'T GO BACK HOME.",

BOTH UNWITTINGLY BASED ON THE SLIPPERY FACT THAT

A MENTALLY-DRIVEN MAN HAS NO PREVIOUS HOME.

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"OKAY MR. WELK,

TELL THE BOYS TO PACK UP THEIR INSTRUMENTS -- THEY CAN LEAVE NOW."

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CONTEMPORARY ANTHROPOLOGY

MEN INVENTED TOP TEN LISTS,  
AND THE TWENTY BEST SELLING BOOKS COMPILATIONS,  
AND THE TOP FORTY CHARTS OF RECORD SALES,  
ALL IN AN UNCONSCIOUS TRIBUTE TO THE NUMERICAL LIMITS OF  
THEIR OWN NEURAL ACTIVITY AND POSSIBILITIES.

AND YET ANOTHER NOTEWORTHY EXAMPLE OF JUST HOW CRUDE, SEXUAL NEWS CAN OVERLAP  
WITH NEURAL, NEXUAL NEWS:

ABOUT THE MOST FUN MANY CIVILIZED PEOPLE CAN HAVE, "WITH THEIR CLOTHES ON" --  
IS TO TAKE THEM OFF.

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HAVE YOU EVER ASKED YOURSELF WHY, IN OUR MODERN DAY & TIME,  
NEURONS SEEM MORE POPULAR THAN HORMONES!?......WELL,  
THE ANSWER, (OF COURSE) IS THAT YOU CAN TALK ABOUT THOSE LITTLE NEURON RASCALS.

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TODAY'S MAXIM FOR THE marginally miscast

AN INTELLIGENT MAN, STANDING ON ONE FOOT, IS ALWAYS A CYNIC.

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"DADDY, IS EVERYONE IN THE CITY A FLAMINGO?",

"WELL SON, IN CERTAIN QUARTERS THEY WOULD CERTAINLY SEEM SO."

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DR. DOUBONET'S DOUBLE-WIDE POSTULATE

CRITICS CAN'T FLY.

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IF LIFE PRODUCES YOU WITH A NORMALLY FUNCTIONING BRAIN  
THEN YOU WILL ALWAYS BE AT LEAST SLIGHTLY INTELLECTUALLY DISSATISFIED;  
LIFE ALSO MAKES A FEW PEOPLE, REALLY-Y-Y DISSATISFIED;  
FOR THE NORMALLY DISSATISFIED, LIFE ALSO PROVIDES SUCH DISTRACTIONS AS:  
ALCOHOL, DRUGS, RELIGION, READING, AND STAMP COLLECTING;  
AND, OH YEAH -- ALSO: THE FEW I PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED  
DON'T FIND SUCH THINGS DISTRACTING ENOUGH.

IF MAN IS IN BONDAGE,  
THERE IS ONLY ONE FORM WORTH WORRYING ABOUT, AND PONDERING ON,  
AND THAT IS THE NON-SURVIVAL FORMS.

... "MANY ARE ADDICTED --  
SOME ARE ADDICTED TO WORDS."  
"WHAT DO YOU CALL SUCH PEOPLE?"  
"CIVILIZED, OLE DARLING -- CIVILIZED."

OPERATIONALLY SPEAKING,  
TO WIDER CONSCIOUSNESS,  
IN MATTERS NOT DIRECTLY, SURVIVAL RELATED --  
2 PLUS 3 SHOULD EQUAL ABOUT 4,  
AS SHOULD, 10 PLUS 12, 208 PLUS 97, 6,405 PLUS 4,000,003,  
AND OTHER SUCH NUMBERS.

ON, "CERTAIN JOURNIES",  
 A MAN WHO DOESN'T GIVE-A-DAMN  
 HAS A CERTAIN ADVANTAGE ---- THAT IS,  
 SO LONG AS HE HAS NO SPECIFIC REASON FOR NOT GIVING A DAMN.

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"OKAY DEDRICK, SHOOT THE DISPATCHER AND GRAB HIS MIKE --  
 AND THEN, WHAT EVER YOU DO -- DON'T DO ANYTHING ELSE WITH IT!"

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ONE NIGHT, A VIEWER WHO'D BEEN WATCHING OUR SHOW, ROLLED OVER AND THOUGHT:  
 "IF ORDINARY PEOPLE DON'T KNOW WHERE THEY'RE GOING -- THEN WHY SHOULD I!?"  
 HE PONDERED, THEN ROLLED OVER ON HIS OTHER SIDE, AND THOUGHT:  
 "BUT WHAT IF THERE IS NO LIGHT AT THE END OF TUNNELS THAT HAVE NO END,  
 AND YET -- SOME HOW -- WE MUST MAKE OUR OWN CONSCIOUSNESS SUCH AN ILLUMINATION?"  
 (HE THEN FOUND THAT HE COULD NOT GO BACK TO SLEEP.)

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HABIT: THE SPORT OF KINGS.

"A RULE", (IF YOU WANT ONE):

DON'T LET YOUR MIND DO ALL YOUR THINKING FOR YOU.

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(WELL - SINCE YOU ALREADY PAID FOR THAT ONE, HERE'S ANOTHER ONE FREE):  
IF ANY ONE'S CRAZY, THEN EVERY ONE IS!

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IN THE ARMY - IF YOU'LL RE-ENLIST -- THEY'LL GIVE YOU A BONUS! --  
IN LIFE -- IF YOU'LL DO SO -- THEY'LL KILL YOU.

....(THE SOUND YOU JUST HEARD WAS THAT GOOSE AGAIN,  
SAYIN' AGAIN: "I B'LIEVE I'LL PASS.")

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ANOTHER WAY TO TELL FOR SURE THAT YOU'RE, "IN THE CITY" IS THAT  
WHEN THEY INTEND TO ENTERTAIN YOU, THEY'LL TELL YOU THEY DO,  
AND WHEN THEY'RE SERIOUS, THEY'LL SAY SO.



OUR ENGINEERING ADAGE FOR THE DAY

A MAN BORN ON A BRIDGE HAS TROUBLE NOT HOPING THAT EVERYONE ELSE DROWNS.

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AND A SON SAID TO HIS FATHER:

"I DON'T HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT THAT ONE, PA PA -- IT SEEMS QUITE CLEAR ENOUGH."

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AND NOW A HOLIDAY MESSAGE FROM ONE OF OUR SPONSORS:

"IF MAN WAS NOT NICE TO HIMSELF -- WHO WOULD BE!?"

OVER AND OUT.

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ON XMAS EVE NIGHT, AFTER EVERYONE ELSE HAD GONE TO BED,  
ONE MAN DISASSEMBLED HIS BRAIN.

OVER AND OUT FOR SURE!

AN OBSERVER PROPOSES:

"FAME CAN BE GOOD -- SINCE MANY PEOPLE FEEL LIKE THEY DON'T MEAN SHIT,  
A LITTLE ATTENTION CAN SURE HELP."

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"THE MEANEST -- I MEAN, THE STRONGEST WOLF GETS TO LEAD THE PARADE,  
AND THE WEAK ONES, WITHOUT CREDIT, BRING UP THE REAR,  
AND THIS, DEAR SAFARI GUESTS, IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN  
CIVILIZED, CARING HUMANS, AND WILD, UNFEELING BEASTS.",  
AND A THIN MAN WITH TWO CAMERAS ABOUT HIS NECK ASKED:  
"AND WHICH ONE IS WHICH?"

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ALL SOLAR SYSTEMS LOOK AFTER THEMSELVES,  
AND ALSO SEE THAT THEIR WORLDS DO ALSO;  
AND ALL WORLDS, IN TURN, SEE THAT THEIR INHABITANTS LOOK AFTER THEMSELVES;  
IT IS UP TO ONE WHO WOULD BE MORE THAN MERE, "NATURAL-BORN", TO LOOK AFTER HIS  
OWN INTERNAL UNIVERSE OF CONSCIOUSNESS.

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PEOPLE WHO TELL THE "KINDA-GUY-THEY-ARE" TEND TO STAY THE KINDA GUY THEY ARE.

A SCENE AND DIALOGUE FROM ONE FAMILY'S LIFE

"DADDY, DO PEOPLE GET MORE SERIOUS AS THEY GET OLDER  
BECAUSE OF THEIR FEAR OF DEATH?"

"WELL SON, I USED TO THINK SO,

BUT THERE'S THIS ALTERNATE VIEW THAT CLAIMS THIS GREATER, LATER-YEAR-AMOUNT OF  
SERIOUSNESS IS ACTUALLY DUE TO MEN'S INCREASING AWARENESS AND DISGUST OVER  
THEIR LIFE LONG STUPIDITY."

INTELLIGENCE AND CONSCIOUSNESS ARE NOT THE SAME THING;  
EDUCATION AND CONSCIOUSNESS ARE NOT THE SAME THING;  
SOPHISTICATION AND CONSCIOUSNESS ARE NOT THE SAME THING;  
TALENT AND CONSCIOUSNESS ARE NOT THE SAME THING,  
AND GENIUS AND CONSCIOUSNESS ARE NOT THE SAME THING,  
BUT THEY ALL HELP!

IN THE CITY OF CIVILIZATION,  
FASHION IS YOUR IMAGINARY HOUSE IN THE ILLUSIONARY HILLS OF BEVERELY.

AN ITEM OF INTEREST FOR THE GUNFIGHTER AFICIONADO

THE MIND CAN NEVER GET-THE-DROP ON IT'S SELF.

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"AND NOW FANS -- COMIN' OUT OF SHOOT THREE IS, 'CONSCIOUSNESS'! --  
AND AS ALWAYS -- NOT BEIN' RIDDEN BY ANY ONE!"

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AFTER SOME YEARS OF OFF-&-ON DISCUSSION OF THE MATTER,

A FATHER TOLD HIS SON:

"IT'S ALRIGHT TO 'LIVE-INSIDE-YOUR-OWN-HEAD' -- BUT ONLY IF IT IS LARGE ENOUGH."

AND THE BOY ASKED: "BUT HOW WILL I KNOW IF IT IS LARGE ENOUGH?",

AND THE OLD MAN REPLIED:

"OH, YOU'LL KNOW ALRIGHT -- BUT IF YOU DON'T! -- THEN IT'S NOT LARGE ENOUGH."

....(AND THE KID GOT A LOOK ON HIS FACE LIKE HE'D JUST SHIT A SOLAR SYSTEM.)



ONE MAN SERVES UP THIS PERSONAL OBSERVATION:

"SOME TIMES WHEN I LOOK AT GROWN, EDUCATED, INTELLIGENT PEOPLE  
TAKING CIVILIZATION SO SERIOUSLY

IT MAKES ME SUSPECT THAT EVERYONE'S IN ON A CERTAIN SECRET JOKE, BUT ME."

URBAN ALERT

STUPIDITY IS STILL LOOSE IN THE SEWERS.

INQUIRY INTO ASPECTS OF "NEURAL FASHION"

A MAN CAN HAVE A TWO PIECE SUIT,  
A MAN CAN EVEN GET A THREE PIECE SUIT,  
BUT AFTER THAT, HE MUST BEGIN TO GO NUDE.

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CONSCIOUSNESS LOOKED AT THINKING,  
IN THE EARLY SPRING,  
AND SAID, "I'M SAD TO SEE,  
YOU'RE WEARING THE SAME OLD THING."

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ACCEPT NO SUBSTITUTES FOR SANITY! --  
FOR IF YOU'RE ORDINARY -- THERE ARE NONE.  
BUT IF YOU'RE A GRIZZLY BEAR, PREPARED TO SHED HIS SKIN -- AND GRIN --  
COME ALONG WITH ME.

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THE FINAL CITY, CULTURAL REVIEW: REVIEW -- NOT CRITICISM.

WHAT IS NORMALLY CALLED "ENTERTAINMENT" OVER THERE IS PRIMARILY THE  
CELEBRATION OF TRASH, AND DREAMS OF REGRESSION.

SOME ADDITIONAL: "WILD WEST NEWS":

A SERIOUS MAN'S ALREADY A DEAD MAN --  
THEY JUST CAN'T GET THE FROWN WIPED OFF HIS FACE SO AS TO BURY HIM.

TO HIMSELF,  
ONE MAN CALLED CONSCIOUSNESS, "CONSCIOUSNESS",  
AND THE AUTOMATIC WORKINGS OF HIS THINKING, "DEEP DOO DOO".

THERE ARE, (TECHNICALLY SPEAKING), THREE DEGREES OF BEING CIVILIZED:  
NOT BEING CIVILIZED ENOUGH,  
BEING PROPERLY CIVILIZED,  
AND BEING OVER-CIVILIZED.  
...(SOME OF YOU MAY RECOGNIZE A SIMILARITY IN OUR RECENT TRI-LAYERED  
CLASSIFICATION OF BEING DUMB.)

A CERTAIN MAN WHO'D BECOME KING OF A CERTAIN KINGDOM AT THE AGE OF TWENTY,  
DECLARED, AT THE AGE OF FORTY:

"I WILL BOW TO NO MAN! --

I WILL HOWEVER, BOW SLIGHTLY AT THE WAIST FOR A MAN WITH AN UZI."

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ACCORDING TO THE REVISED, AND CODIFIED EDITION OF THE STEERS & BAREBUCK CATALOG,  
"KINGS, KINGDOMS, CURTSIES, WEAPONS, AND THE AGING PROCESS"  
ARE, ONE-AND-ALL, METAPHORS OF THE FIRST RANK HEREIN,  
AND SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY, (OR INTERNALLY), BY THOSE WITH EITHER  
HEART, OR MENTAL CONDITIONS.

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COME ON, VIEWERS! -- HEADS UP! -- LET'S FACE IT!:  
IF YOU WANNA STAY NORMAL -- THINK ONLY NORMAL THINKS.

OKAY!?!?

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"SURVIVAL-ONLY" ANIMALS ARE HELD TOGETHER BY A PHYSICAL DOMINATION HIERARCHY;  
HUMAN HERDS, BY NEURAL CHIRISMA;  
ONE MAN, LACKING ANY, BUT STILL DESIROUS OF HEADING A HERD, BOUGHT HIMSELF AN UZI.

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NEWS ITEMS THAT DON'T MATCH  
CAN BE MADE TO MATCH! --  
-- IF YOU WRITE THE ITEMS.

ALMOST AS GOOD AS BEING LEAD WOLF -- AND A DAMN SIGHT CHEAPER THAN A GUN.

AND PEOPLE WITH ONLY BRAINS-IN-THEIR-HEADS,  
AND THE PAST-IN-THEIR-PANTS, WHINED: "YOU KNOW-W-W WE WON'T GET THIS ONE EI-THER."

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YOU CAN DETERMINE JUST HOW CIVILIZED A PERSON IS BY THE NUMBER OF DIFFERENT WAYS THEY CAN SPELL, "REGRETS".

ONE DAY,  
ONE MAN  
HAD SUCH AN EXTRAORDINARY EXPERIENCE  
THAT HE WET HIS PANTS,  
AND DECIDED TO CALL HOME TO WARN THEM,  
BUT THEY TOLD HIM NOT TO COME BACK! -- AND THAT  
IT WAS NOT HIS PANTS THAT HE ACTUALLY SOILED.

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BUTCHER'S BONUS: ANYONE WHO IMMEDIATELY UNDERSTANDS THAT ONE MAY THEMSELVES,  
HAVE AN EXPERIENCE "SOME WHERE OUT-OF-THE-NORM".  
....(JUST CLEAN UP AFTER YOURSELF, THAT'S ALL.)

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A WAGER UPONWHICH SOME SHOULD NOT BET THE FARM & DOMESTICATED LIVESTOCK

THE MAIN FUN IN BEING "ORDINARY" IS THAT YOU'RE ALWAYS IN THE MAJORITY.

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AND NOW: THE DUMB TEST MADE SIMPLE:

SIMPLY ASK YOURSELF: "AM I SERIOUS?!?"

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ONE MAN'S CUSTOM LICENSE PLATE READ:

"RATHER THAN LIVING A CORN-MEAL LIFE, BETTER TO MAKE THE MIND THE 4TH OF JULY,  
AND HI OCTANE CONSCIOUSNESS, THE QUIET NOISE OF THE FIREWORKS."

SCANT HAVE BEEN THE TIMES, TRAFFIC TROOPERS IN REMOTE LOCALES HAVE  
HAVE "PULLED HIM OVER".

"THAT'S THE GREAT THING",  
SAID FRANK TO WAYNE,  
"ABOUT A MAN HAVING HIS  
OWN PERSONAL BRAIN."

A CERTAIN MOTHER & FATHER TEAM SO ADVISED ALL OF THEIR CHILDREN:  
"IF IT'S EVER YOUR INTENTION TO DO SOME PLAYING IN THE CITY  
NEVER EXAMINE CIVILIZED STUFF TOO CLOSELY OR YOU CAN SPOIL IT."

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AND LATER THAT DAY, SOON AFTER THIS ITEM WAS MADE PUBLIC,  
AN OFFICAL SPOKESPERSON FOR YOUR LOCAL CITY AND CIVILIZATION  
ISSUED THIS STATEMENT:

"IN SPITE OF YOUR MANY CHEAP - AND EVEN COSTLY - SHOTS AT MY EMPLOYERS,  
ALLOW ME TO POINT OUT TO YOU THAT IF IT WERE NOT FOR CITIES AND CIVILIZATION  
YOU'D HAVE NOBODY TO KICK AROUND! -- (NOW WOULD YOU!?)"

HAVE YOU EVER NOTICED HOW THOSE WITH A "VESTED INTEREST" HAVE  
LITTLE HUMOR REGARDING THEIR VESTED INTERESTS!?

....HAVE YOU EVER NOTICED HOW LITTLE HUMOR ORDINARY MEN WITH  
BELT-DRIVEN-PERSONALITIES HAVE ABOUT THEMSELVES!?

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JAZZ IS TOUCH --  
AND AT ITS BEST, UNPLANNED TOUCH --  
NOT AT ALL UNLIKE THIS.

OUR "PILLOW-STUFFER'S PROVERB FOR THE DAY":

NOW MAN STANDS SO STUPID  
AS WHEN HE STOOPS SO LOW AS TO  
"BE SERIOUS", WITH THE SERIOUS.



...BUT, DEAR FRIENDS --

-- YES, AND-IN-SPITE-OF-IT-ALL! --

ONE MAN CONTINUED TO HOLD TO THIS THOUGHT:

"NEVER SEND A DUCK ON AN IMPORTANT MISSION!"

IF NOTHING ELSE -- THE CITY WAS THE FIRST SOAP OPERA.

....(AND IF NOT THAT, THEN THE ORIGINAL,  
"CONFESS YOUR SINS & SPILL-YOUR-GUTS", TV TALK SHOW.)

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A REAL ESTATE TIP:

IF YOU LIVE EXCLUDELY "IN THE CITY"  
THEN YOU, PERFORCE -- LIVE IN A "BAD NEIGHBORHOOD".

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...ALL OF ONE GUY'S FAMILY GANGED UP ON HIM AND DEMANDED:  
"WE WANT A VACATION HOME, SOME WHERE -- ANY WHERE!"

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TO "BE MORE CONSCIOUS" IS FOR IT TO, "BE-NO-NEVER-MIND" WHERE ONE LIVES.....AT.

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NO MATTER WHAT YOU WANNA CALL IT: EVERYTHING ROLLED UP INTO ONE  
IS THIS KINDA STUFF.

QUESTION FOR THE BIG WEEKEND JACKPOT

WHAT IS THE BEST WAY TO THINK-ABOUT & APPROACH EVERYDAY, CIVILIZED LIFE?  
ANSWER (FOR "THE SPECIALISTS" IN OUR AUDIENCE):

ALMOST ANY WAY BUT: GRIMLY,  
SADLY,  
CONCERNEDLY,  
HOSTILELY,  
CRITICALLY,  
FEARFULLY,  
NOISELY,  
OR IN ANY OTHER FASHION -- SERIOUSLY.

LEAVES QUITE A MENU OF ATTITUDES LEFT TO CHOSE FROM, WHAT!?  
...(BUT JUST BETWEEN ME AND YOU, A PRIVATE, GOOD-NATURED-CHUCKLE  
WILL JUST ABOUT COVER IT.)

THE NEW TEACHER TOLD THE CLASS, (A BIT AFTER THE 9:30 MORNING BREAK):  
"REMEMBER BOYS & GIRLS,  
WHAT YOU CALL, 'CIVILIZATION', AND 'MAN'S CULTURAL DEVELOPEMENT'  
ARE ACTUALLY UNRECOGNIZED VIRUSES FROM ANOTHER SOLAR SYSTEM.",  
AND SHE WAS FIRED, AND OUT-OF-THERE BY NOON.

HAVING THE BRAIN'S CONSCIOUSNESS LOOSED FROM THE CONFINES OF MERE THOUGHT  
IS AKIN TO KISSING TOMORROW HELLO IN ADVANCE.

THE PANEL DISCUSSION WENT LIKE THIS:

THE SPEAKER ON STAGE LEFT PROPOSED:

"TO BE A 'HERO' AMONGST ORDINARY MEN YOU MUST HAVE PERSONAL PROBLEMS,  
AND DIFFICULTIES TO OVERCOME.",

BUT A GENTLEMAN OVER ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE PLATFORM BEGGED TO DIFFER, AND SAID:

"NO - TO BE A HERO UNDER ORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES YOU MUST TALK ABOUT PROBLEMS,  
AND PERSONAL DIFFICULTIES YOU'VE APPARENTLY OVERCOME.",

AND A YOUNG LAD SITTING DOWN FRONT IN THE AUDIENCE

SADLY SHOOK HIS HEAD AND DAMNED NEAR WEPT FOR ADULthood.