

AND WE START WITH SOME: "TIMELY DEFINITIONS":

WEDNESDAY: A WRAP-UP OF TUESDAY.

THURSDAY: A WRAP-UP OF WEDNESDAY.

FRIDAY: A WRAP-UP OF THURSDAY, AND SO ON.

THE COLLECTIVE CONSCIOUSNESS OF MAN
WANTS YOU TO THINK WHAT IT THINKS! --
AND IT, (SWEET-SECRET, HIDDEN-WHORES-IN-THE-HAYSTACK),
THINKS WHAT LIFE WANTS IT TO! -- SO -- THERE!

HISTORICAL FOOTSORE: ON A PLANET IN ONE OF OUR SISTER GALAXIES,
THE END OF A RECENT WAR THAT RACKED THEIR WORLD,
WAS ANNOUNCED WITH THE WORDS: "SO -- THERE!"

...HUHH?!.....SO -- GO FIGURE!

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A VIEWER WRITES:

"DO YOU REALIZE THAT YOU DON'T TALK ABOUT ANY OF THE THINGS THAT THE OTHER TALK SHOWS AND COMMENTATORS TALK ABOUT!? -- LIKE; POLICTICS, SEX, FINANACES, AND PSYCHOLOGICAL PROBLEMS!?"

I REALLY DON'T KNOW HOW YOU STAY ON THE AIR.

P.S.: I WATCH YOU ALL THE TIME, BUT HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE DOING.
YOURS", ETC.

CLICHE REFURBISHMENT

THERE IS NO "WINTER - (OR SUMMER) - OF OUR DISCONTENT" --
ONLY MAN'S NATURAL STATE OF HAVING A MIND --
A MIND THAT KNOWS NO SEASONS, AND IS ALWAYS ON THE JOB,
RAIN OR SHINE -- HOT OR COLD,
ALWAYS SEEING THAT "THINGS KEEP A'JUMPIN'",
THAT, "MAN KEEPS A'MUSIN'",
AND WRITING REFLECTIONS ON HIS OWN INNER LIFE.

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THE BARD SAID TO DANTE:
"THAT KINDA TAKES SOME OF THE SPIRIT OUT OF WHAT WE'VE DONE!",
AND BUDDHA, PASSING BY, CALLED BACK OVER HIS SHOULDER:
"A LOT YOU GUYS GOT TO BITCH ABOUT!"

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WHALES DON'T NEED THE FLATTERY OF MINNOWS --

-- WHY WOULD WHALES EVEN BE WHALES IF THEY WERE GOING TO NEED FLATTERY!?

PARTISAN SENTIMENTS ARE NECESSARY AT THE PHYSICAL, SURVIVAL LEVEL,
BUT A HINDRANCE AT THE MODERN, MENTAL ONE.

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"AHH -- LEAVE 'EM ALONE, AND LET 'EM FIGHT IT OUT IN THE BASEMENT.",

"YOU MEAN BECAUSE WE COULDN'T STOP THEM EVEN IF WE TRIED?",

"NO, IT'S JUST THAT THAT'S THE WAY THING'S ARE S'POSED TO BE."

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"PARDON ME MISS, BUT DOES THIS CAR GO TO THE FIFTH FLOOR?"

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TO HANDLE THE SITUATION,
ONE FATHER SIMPLY TOLD HIS SON THAT THEY WERE TOO POOR TO AFFORD A SUBCONSCIOUS.

TWO OF THE TOWN PHILOSOPHERS WERE AT THEIR REGULAR MORNING POST,
THIS TIME DISCUSSING THE POSSIBLE "SOURCES OF WISDOM",
WHEN A KID WHIZZING BY ON A SKATEBOARD SHOUTED TO THEM:
"WELL IT SURE DOESN'T COME FROM JUST TALKING ABOUT IT.",
AND ONE OF THEM SHOUTED BACK: "AH -- SHUT UP!"

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TWO WOODCUTTERS WERE ON BREAK, WHEN ONE OF THEM NOTED:
"ORIGINALLY, THE TERM, 'ENLIGHTENMENT' SIMPLY MEANT, 'SEEING THINGS AS THEY ARE'
BUT THAT EVIDENTLY DIDN'T SIT TOO WELL WITH MOST MEN'S MINDS AT THE TIME.",
AND THE SECOND AXEMAN HAD TO SPIT, NOD, AND SMILE HIS AGREEMENT.

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A KID SITTING ALONE IN HIS ROOM, GAZED OUT THE WINDOW,
TOWARD THE TOWN, TOWARD THE WOODS, AND MUSED:
"IF THE HISTORY OF MAN'S THINKING IS ACTUALLY THE, 'HISTORY-OF-EVERYTHING',
THEN WHY DOESN'T 'HISTORY' TEACH US MORE!?"

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HOW RITUALIZED TRADITIONS APPEAR FAR OVERDONE FROM OUTSIDE POSITIONS

"HAH! -- STARCHING YOUR SOCKS!",
SCOFFED ONE MAN IN THE LAUNDRY ROOM TO ANOTHER,
AS HE STOOD MERELY IRONING HIS.

A VIEWER WRITES TO OUR IN-HOUSE EXPERT, PROFESSOR PRESUMPTIOUS, WITH THIS PROBLEM
"DEAR PROFESSOR: EVERY MORNING WHEN I FIRST POUR WATER INTO MY COFFEE MAKER
IT SHUDDERS AND MAKES A PERFECTLY HERRENDOUS NOISE,
AND SEEMS TO SORT OF WANT TO, 'WITHDRAW'."

DEAR VIEWER: ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT YOUR MR. COFFEE,
AND NOT YOUR MIND !?!

THIS ONE MAN -- EVERY TIME HE'D DROWN --
WOULD TRY AND TAKE SOMEBODY DOWN WITH HIM.

CIVILIZATION: AN ATTEMPT TO REGIMENT THE MIND IN A MANNER SIMILAR TO THAT
THAT IS ALREADY NATURAL TO THE BODY.

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AND A MAN NEAR AN ALLEY-WAY SAYS: "I DON'T GET IT."
THAT'S RIGHT! -- AND THAT'S WHY YOU SLID EVER-NEARER TO THAT
NEAREST OPENING.

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THE ONLY WAY THAT CIVILIZATION "WORKS", BEYOND THE MERE WORD & CONCEPT,
IS WHEN A PERSON IS INDIVIDUALLY CIVILIZED WITHIN THEIR OWN MIND,
NOT UNLIKE, (I MIGHT ADD),
THE SITUATION REGARDING SYSTEMATIC ATTEMPTS TO INCREASE ONE'S CONSCIOUSNESS.

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ANOTHER INTRY FROM OUR: "SUPER-SENSITIVE, SUPER-SECRET DICTIONARY",
AND AS ALWAYS: FOR YOUR I'S ONLY:

PROGRESS: INCHING CLOSER TO DEATH.

ONCE UPON A TIME,
ALL OF THE WORLD'S MYSTICS, SAGES, AND METAPHYSICAL TEACHERS
GATHERED FOR, THE ULTIMATE TRANSCENDENTAL CONFERENCE,
AND ONE MAN THEY'D PRESSURED TO APPEAR,
GAVE AS HIS SPEECH,
THIS SENTNECE: "IF IT'S NOT ORIGINAL -- IT'S NOT MAGICAL."

.....(NEED I TELL YOU HE WAS NOT THE HIT OF THE SHOW!?)

EVERYTHING THAT LIVES TO MATURITY OUT-GROWS ITS NAME.

AFTER MANY YEARS OF STRUGGLE, A MAN SAID:

"I NOW UNDERSTAND SO MUCH THAT I DAMN-NEAR UNDERSTAND MYSELF.",

AND A STRANGER ASKED: "WAS IT WORTH THE EFFORT?",

AND THE MAN HESITATED A BIT, (TWO DAYS TO BE EXACT), AND REPLIED:

"WELL-L-L.....I'D ACTUALLY DRUTHER NOT SAY."

WE INTERRUPT FOR THIS: "UPDATE!, UPDATE -- THIS, OVER-ALL UPDATE":

THERE IS A COW CONSCIOUSNESS,
THERE IS A WOLF CONSCIOUSNESS;
THERE IS A CAT CONSCIOUSNESS,
AND A BIRD CONSCIOUSNESS,
BUT THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A, "HUMAN CONSCIOUSNESS".

NOW BACK TO REGULAR PROGRAMMING & CONTROL CENTRAL,
WHEREBY YOU WILL BE RETURNED AGAIN TO COW, WOLF, AND CAT CONSCIOUSNESS.

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"DADDY, I KNOW WHAT CONTROL CENTRAL IS, BUT WHAT IS, 'REGULAR PROGRAMMING'?",
"NOT 'WHAT', SON -- BUT, 'WHO':
REGULAR PROGRAMMING IS CONTROL CENTRAL'S RIGHT-HAND-MAN, AND MAIN ENFORCER."

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THERE IS NO SUCH CREATURE AS, "INDIVIDUAL MORALITY".

ONE DAY A PHYSICIST, A CONGRESSMAN AND A BLUES SINGER WERE TALKING,
AND THE PHYSICIST SAID:

"THE ONE CERTAINTY IN THE UNIVERSE IS THAT
EVEN A DEAD MAN CAN'T BE LATE FOR HIS OWN FUNERAL.",

AND THE CONGRESSMAN COUNTERED:

"NAY, OH SCIENTIFIC ONE, BUT THE ONE INESCAPABLE REALITY OF MORTAL LIFE IS THAT
NOTHING IS AS TERRIFYING AS SEEING A ONE-EYED WOMAN CRY.",

AND THE BLUES SINGER FINALLY JOINED IN BY SAYING:

"THE GREAT, LONG-SOUGHT-FOR, 'LAW OF EVERYTHING'
YOU TWO HAVE JUST MANAGED TO WRAP UP NICELY IN 25 WORDS OR LESS."

ANYONE WHO ATTEMPTS TO THINK BEYOND THE MERE SURVIVAL LEVEL
WILL EVENTUALLY FIND THEMSELF EITHER ENTANGLED-WITH,
(THAT IS, APPARENTLY DEPENDENT-ON),
OR ELSE, STRUGGLING-AGAINST
SOME SYSTEM OF THOUGHT.

AND THE ULTIMATE REALITY BEHIND ALL SUCH "SYSTEMS" IS SIMPLY THE
NORMAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE MIND'S ROUTINE OPERATIONS.

Now TODAY'S -- "NEWS OF THE CONSPIRATORIAL"

ALL CONSPIRACICES ARE AN ATTEMPT TO COVER-UP SOME OTHER CONSPIRACY.

LITERATURE AS CONTRASTED TO THINKING

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FICTION AND NON-FICTION IS THAT
WITH FICTION, THEY JUST GO AHEAD AND CALL IT WHAT IT IS.

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"DADDY, HOW WAS THAT COMMENT ABOUT FICTION AND NON-FICTION
A CONTRAST TO THINKING?"

"THINK ABOUT IT SON, JUST THINK ABOUT IT."

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IN THE CITY IS A STREET-CORNER SAGE WHO CURRENTLY'S PROMOTING A MYSTICAL METHOD
HE CALLS, "FULL TILT NON-ENLIGHTENMENT",
WHEREIN YOU'RE NOT ENLIGHTENED AND YOU NEVER FORGET IT FOR A MOMENT.

GOOD CITY ADVICE

IF YOU CAN'T WRITE -- EDIT,
IF YOU CAN'T SING -- COACH,
IF YOU CAN'T PAINT -- TEACH,
IF YOU CAN'T THINKWELL....I DON'T WANNA THINK ABOUT IT!

THE POLICE CHIEF'S BODY NUDGED HIM AND SAID:
"SEE! -- THAT'S THE GOOD THING ABOUT ME -- I DON'T HAVE TO BE FOOLED
IN WAYS LIKE THAT!",
AND THE OFFICIAL CORPULENT ONE HUFFED AND REPLIED:
"OH - SHUT UP!.....AND EAT SOMETHING!"

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THE MAIN ART OF TWITS IS, "TWITICISMS".

...(AND SPEAKING FOR US ALL: WE SHANT TAKE THAT "PERSONALLY"!...NOW SHALL WE!?)

TWIT, TWIT.

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ALL FEELINGS OF SELF-IMPORTANCE ARE ACTUALLY FEELINGS OF,
"ASSUMED", OR, "IMAGINED" SELF-IMPORTANCE",
SINCE NO ONE ACTUALLY KNOWS JUST HOW IMPORTANT THEY MAY TURN OUT TO BE TO LIFE.

SNIPPET OF A DIALOGUE EXECUTED WITHIN EAR-SHOT OF EARTH

FIRST VOICE SAYS: "IT'S FAR TOO LATE NOW FOR ANY FORM OF CRITICISM TO DO ANY GOOD."

"ARE YOU SURE?"

"OF THAT I'M POSITIVE."

"HOW LONG HAVE WE BEEN UNDER SUCH CONDITIONS?"

"SINCE ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AFTER EVERYTHING STARTED."

ONE THING THAT IS NOT POSSIBLE IS A "PSYCHOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION" OF MAN.

....OKAY, THAT'S GONNA MAKE IT TWO THINGS -- THAT AND:

IT'S NOT GOING TO BE POSSIBLE TO HAVE A PSYCHOLOGICAL UNDERSTANDING OF MAN.

ONE GUY'S MORNING POEM

WHEN I SLEEP TOO MUCH
MY EYES LOOK FUNNY,
BUT WHEN I DON'T
THEY LOOK FUNNY TOO;
ME OH MY,
BOO HOO BOO,
WHAT'S A "LOOKS-CONSCIOUS"
SONAMBULIST TO DO!?

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"OH DOCTOR! -- PARDON ME, BUT IS MORON SPELLED WITH ONE OR TWO 'R'S'?"

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TO ORDINARY THINKING --

SOMETHING BECOMING SYSTEMATIC EQUATES TO IT BECOMING SERIOUS..AND, IMPORTANT.

HOW TO SURVIVE IN THE CRUEL, CRUEL CITY: A POEM

YOU CAN PLAGIARIZE YOURSELF,
YOU CAN SLEEP IN A HOLE,
BUT YOU CAN'T EAT THE DIRT THAT
YOU ORIGINALLY THREW OUT.

....OH, I'M SORRY --

I'VE JUST BEEN NOTIFIED THAT YOU CAN.

HOW CREATION GOES ABOUT ITS BUSINESS, ON THE DAY BEFORE THE FIRST ONE THAT
YOU EVER HEARD OF:

A TALL THIN MAN

AND A SHORT FAT ONE WERE TALKING, AND ONE OF THEM SAID:

"WHY DON'T YOU BE A TALL THIN MAN, AND I'LL BE A SHORT FAT ONE.",

AND JUST THEN FLYING OVERHEAD WERE TWO GODS:

A HAPPY GOOD ONE,

AND A SERIOUS MEAN ONE,

AND ONE OF THEM LOOKED DOWN AT THE MEN BELOW AND SAID:

"JUST WHAT THA HELL DO THEY THINK THEY'RE DOING!?"

ENTERTAINMENT, (AS PRACTICED BY CITY MINDS):

THE PAYING OF SOMEONE ELSE TO DO YOUR, "TALKING-TO-YOURSELF" FOR YOU.

TWO ITEMS, IF NOT "FOR-THE-PRICE-OF-ONE", AT LEAST ON THE SAME PAGE:

AN ANXIOUS MAN IS A HAPPY MAN -- IF HE WORKS FOR MINIMUM WAGE.

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MEN LEAVE NOTES AS COWS LEAVE DUNG.

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THOSE VIEWERS WHO LIVE IN THE FAR, FAR LOWER TIME ZONE
MAY SEND IN \$4.95, (ALONG WITH THE TITLE OF TONIGHT'S PROGRAM),
AND RECEIVE A TOTALLY FRUITLESS ATTEMPT TO EXPLAIN HOW THESE 2 ITEMS ARE CONNECTED.

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A SELF-DECLARED, "FAMOUS SAGE" DECLARED: "I AM NO ONE'S, 'HERO'!",
AND SOMEONE ASKED: "DID YOU INTEND IT THIS WAY?"

ONE STREET CORNER PHILOSOPHER SHOUTED TO THE PASSING THRONG:
 "MAN'S SKELETAL SYSTEM IS TO HIS MUSCULAR SYSTEM
 AS HIS MIND IS TO HIS CONSCIOUSNESS,"
 AND A PASSING THRONGER STOPPED AND SAID:
 "I WAS GOING TO ASK YOU, 'HOW SO?',"
 BUT SUDDENLY REALIZED THAT YOU WERE GOING TO REPLY: 'HOW SHOULD I KNOW!?'."
 AND THE STREET SPEAKER SAID:
 "WELL THANKS BUNCHES! -- NOW YOU'VE RUINED THE WHOLE THING!"
 AND THE PASSER-BY REPLIED: "AH HAH! - I KNEW YOU'D SAY THAT TOO!"
 AND THIS BROUGHT THE BOULEVARD REFLECTER
 DAMN-NEAR TO TEARS.

MORAL: THOSE WHO WOULD MORE,
 CONSCIOUS BE,
 KNOW NOT THE TERM:
 "LEAVE WELL NUFF 'LONE".

...OH, THEY "KNOW" IT ALL RIGHT --
 THEY JUST DON'T PAY ANY ATTENTION TO IT.

ONE MAN ONLY THOUGHT OF BY-GONE HURTS WHENEVER HE WAS HUNGRY.

THE BODY SAYS: "WE'RE IN THIS FOR THE 'LONG-HAUL'."

AND THE MIND REPLIES: "WHAT THE HELL'S A, 'HAUL'?"

AND THE BODY SAYS: "HEY, DON'T ASK ME -- YOU'RE THE ONE WHO MADE UP LANGUAGE."

AND THE MIND REPLIES: "BOY! -- IT'S JUST LIKE A DUMB-ASS LIKE YOU

TO TRY AND WEASEL OUT OF SOMETHING BY TRYING TO SHIFT THE BLAME TO SOMEONE ELSE."

AND THE BODY SAYS: "HOW DO YOU THINK I'VE LASTED THE LONG-HAUL THUS FAR!? -- STUPID

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AND ALL OF COMBINED, CIVILIZED, SOCIALIZED, & PSYCHOLOGIZED HUMANITY

SIGHED, AND SAID TO ITSELF: "AHHH...IT'S GOOD WE CAN HAVE THESE LITTLE TALKS."

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A SPIRITUAL TIP FOR THOSE WITH BUSY SCHEDULES

RATHER THAN TAKING THE TIME TO TRY AND LIVE A MORE "RELIGIOUSLY ACCEPTABLE LIFE", ONE MAN HAD HIS PHOTOGRAPHS TOUCHED-UP TO MAKE HIM LOOK MORE SAINTLY.

AND NOW A QUIZ TIME FOR THE INTERMITTENT BLIND

WHAT IS THE MOST OBVIOUS THING IN THE WORLD? — THAT LIFE ITSELF IS ALIVE.

WHAT IS THE HARDEST THING IN THE WORLD TO REMEMBER? — THAT LIFE ITSELF IS ALIVE

LIFE WANTS EVERYONE TO "SETTLE DOWN" AND PLAY THEIR APPROPRIATE ROLE!,
AND WITH HIPPOS, (FOR INSTANCE), THERE IS NO PROBLEM ONCE THEY'RE BORN HIPPOS,
BUT WITH MAN.....AH YES! -- "BUT WITH MAN" -- WELL!,

WE ALL KNOW WHAT COMES INTO PLAY IN HIS CASE, NOW DON'T WE!?

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ON ONE FAR AWAY WORLD,
THEIR MYSTICAL TRADITION GOES BY THE NAME OF: "EDUCATING TREES".

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THE MIND'S NATURAL DOMAIN IS THE TEMPORAL.

COMBINATION UPDATE REGARDING MATTERS OF SEXUAL LEGALITY AND MENTAL ORIGINALITY

...TO WIT: ANYONE WHO SPEAKS THE WORDS OF OTHERS IS A WHORE.

DEFINITIONS ACROSS THE GALAXY

FATE: THE BELIEF THAT THE NATURAL LAWS OF THE UNIVERSE CANNOT BE AFFECTED.

MAGIC: THE BELIEF THAT THE NATURAL LAWS OF THE UNIVERSE CAN BE AFFECTED.

RELIGION: A PLACE TO GO WHERE YOU DON'T HAVE TO THINK ABOUT IT.

OUR DAILY DEFINITION FROM THE LITERARY KNIGHT'S DICTIONARY

METAPHORS: SYMBOLISM FOR THE FAINT-HEARTED.

MAN'S NATURAL MENTAL STATE IS NOT SO MUCH ONE OF "CONSCIOUSNESS"
AS IT IS A, "THINKING-ABOUT-CONSCIOUSNESS".

ANY APPEARANCE OF FUTURISTIC DATA THAT IS NOT SYSTEMATIZED WILL BE IGNORED;
FUTURISTIC DATA THAT IS SYSTEMATIZED WILL BE SUBVERTED,
WHICH IS WHY -- TO THOSE OF A FUTURISTIC-BENT -- TOMORROW NEVER COMES!

... A FACT WHICH IS PART OF THE SURPRISING DATA

ONLY THE REALIZED MIND CAN REALIZE WHAT LIFE'S ABOUT.

AS REGARDS THE MATTER OF TRYING TO EXPAND ONE'S CONSCIOUSNESS,
ONE FATHER EXPLAINED IT TO HIS SON THUSLY:

"CAN YOU BALANCE A FEATHER ON YOUR FOREHEAD?",

AND THE BOY REPLIED: "YES.",

AND THE OLD MAN CONTINUED:

"WELL, ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS BALANCE IT THERE CONSTANTLY
AS YOU DO EVERYTHING ELSE YOU MUST DO IN LIFE."

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN REAL KNIGHTS AND THE JACK-OFF VARIETY IS THAT
THE LATTER CAN SURVIVE ON MAPS AND DREAMS.

A QUICKIE TIP: IF IT AIN'T ORIGINAL IT AIN'T MYSTICAL.

...WHICH IS WHY PHILLISTINES ALWAYS HAVE HEROES TO LOOK TO.

...Oh!,

A LITTLE SIDE-NOTE THAT MIGHT BE OF INTEREST TO SOME:

TO BE "MORE CONSCIOUS"
IS NOT TO BE A BETTER COW, OR SHEEP,
BUT MORE OF A HUMAN.

CARNIVAL LIFE -- A SCENE FROM THE MIDWAY

THE MAN RUNNING THE THRILL RIDE
LOOKED DOWN AT THE KID WITH THE COTTON CANDY AND SAID:
"YOU CAN'T DO IT UNLESS YOU'RE WITH SOME ONE WHO CAN."

ONE MAN FINALLY THOUGHT: "WHAT ARE ALL MYSTICAL EFFORTS,
BUT THE ATTEMPT TO BE AS MUCH OF A HUMAN AS IS POSSIBLE!?"

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AND MY CONCLUDING THOUGHT FOR YOU IS THAT:
THIS-SORT-OF-THING IS NOT FOR THE PURPOSE OF "GETTING WELL",
BUT OF BEING WELL! AND THEN SOME.

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