

THE HOST OF THE SHOW SAID:

"NOW CONTESTANTS, OUR: QUESTION OF THE DAY:

DID THE MIND FIRST: TALK TO ITSELF? -- OR: TO OTHER PEOPLE?"

AND ASPIRANT NUMBER ONE SAID: "IS THIS A TRICK QUESTION?"

....."OH, I'M SORRY, WERE YOU SPEAKING TO ME?"

"JUDGES - I WANT ANOTHER QUIZ MASTER.",

AND THE JUDGES REPLIED: "DON'T WE ALL!?"

FROM OUR: "LET'S BE PRECISE" FILES

MEN AREN'T DUMB,
AND MEN AREN'T STUPID,
....WELL, JUST THOSE WITH TWO EYES.

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WHY AT STREET LEVEL,
IT'S HARD TO UNDERSTAND WHAT'S GOING ON: AN ARCHETECTURAL ESSAY

THOSE IN THE BASEMENT BELIEVE THEY SUPPORT THOSE IN THE PENTHOUSE,
AND THOSE IN THE PENTHOUSE BELIEVE THEY SUSTAIN THOSE IN THE BASEMENT;
BOTH ARE CORRECT -- YET BOTH MISLEAD,
HOW CAN THIS BE!? -- HOW CAN THIS BE!?

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THOSE WITH NEW VISION ---
(SURPASSING BIFOCAL) ---
NO LONGER SEE THIS IN
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LIFE ON EVERY PLANET BEGINS WITH A PIECE OF RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL
A BIT OF WHICH, EACH SUCCEEDING CREATURE CARRIES WITH THEM.

ON CERTAIN WORLDS THIS BECOMES KNOWN AS: "SECRET KNOWLEDGE".

PATIENT'S ADVISORY

THERE IS NO DOUBT ABOUT --
YOUR SURGERY WILL BE PERFORMED IN THE MORNING...
...AND THE NEXT...
...AND THE NEXT...
...AND THE NEXT,
UNTIL THE OPERATION IS COMPLETE.

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P.S.: COMPLAINING WILL DO YOU NO GOOD, BUT YOU CAN ANY WAY.

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ONE MOTHER'S UPBRINGING EFFORTS INCLUDED THESE DIRECTIVES:

DON'T HANG OUT WITH TRASH,
DON'T SOCIALIZE WITH THE PAST,
AND KEEP YOUR DISTANCE FROM THE THOUGHTS OF OTHERS.

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE IN A "REAL" MYSTIC, AND A SEMI-REAL ONE? --
...WELL, NEITHER ONE OF THEM KNOWS EXACTLY WHERE THEY'RE GOING AT FIRST,
BUT THIS DOESN'T STOP A REAL ONE FROM HEADIN' ON IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

TO THE STANDARD COLLECTIVE MIND
NOTHING IS OF MORE IMPORTANCE THAN THE COLLECTIVE MIND,
WHILE TO AN INDIVIDUAL ONE -- NOTHING IS OF LESS SIGNIFICANCE.

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THOSE A PART OF THE NORMAL MASS HUMAN PROCESS,
EVEN SHOULD THEY BE VOCAL PROPONENTS OF FREEDOM,
WILL NONETHELESS BE LOVERS OF ALL FORMS OF COLLECTIVE TYRANNY.

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NO HERD ANIMAL ACTUALLY ENJOYS FREEDOM, ALTHOUGH MEN ARE ABLE TO SAY THEY WOULD

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CITY SCENES FROM A CITY VIEW

ONE MAN QUIT PRETENDING HE WAS CRAZY AND BEGAN PRETENDING HE WAS NORMAL --
-- NO ONE NOTICED THE CHANGE.

How To Save Yourself Some Time

ANYONE YOUR OWN AGE OR YOUNGER DOESN'T KNOW ANY MORE THAN YOU DO,
AND ANYONE OLDER THAN YOU WON'T TELL YOU THE TRUTH ABOUT ANYTHING THEY DO KNOW.
SO BE SURE AND LOOK FOR SOMEONE WHO FITS NEITHER OF THESE CATAGORIES.

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ONE GUY'S "FUNNY BUSINESS" CARD READ:

THE DEAD ARE MOST ELOQUENT -- SINCE THEY,
DON'T HAVE TO SPEAK.

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THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE "SECRET KNOWLEDGE" MEN SO LOVE TO DREAM OF,
AND THE READILY AVAILABLE SORT IS THE SAME AS BETWEEN THE OBVIOUS & THE OBVIOUS.

THE NATIONAL & AMERICAN LEAGUES OF LOCAL CONDITIONS

THE WORLD IS DIVIDED INTO TWO TYPES OF PEOPLE:
THOSE WHO BELIEVE LIFE SAID: "THE CHECK'S IN THE MAIL", AND IT NEVER ARRIVED,
AND THOSE WHO, (WHEN THEY RECEIVE NO CHECK),
BELIEVE THAT THEY MUST HAVE MISUNDERSTOOD WHAT LIFE SAID,
AND THEN THOSE FEW WHO, (WHEN THEY HAVE NOTHING BETTER TO DO),
LAY IN WAIT FOR THE POST MAN.

Now - "PLAY BALL!, YA'LL!"

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"AN UP-TO-DATE-KINDA GUY": A NON-METERED HUMAN INTEREST ITEM

AFTER HEARING THE MANY COMMENTS REGARDING THE, "POWER OF THE MIND",
ONE GUY, (IN AN ATTEMPT TO MAKE HIMSELF "FEEL BETTER"),
BEGAN TO PERIODICALLY SAY TO HIMSELF:
"WHY DON'T YOU JUST GO AHEAD AND - 'FEEL BETTER'!?"

THEN ONE DAY HIS BODY SPOKE UP AND SAID:
"WHY DON'T YOU ADDRESS YOUR COMMENTS TO THE PROPER SOURCE!?",
AND THE GUY WAS COMPLETELY THROWN FOR A POST-MODERN LOOP!

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OKAY -- QUEERY:

IF YOU CAN'T DEPEND ON COLLECTIVE WISDOM -- THEN ON WHAT CAN YOU REPLY?

OKAY -- THIS MUCH SHOULD BE CLEAR:

TAKE OFF "COLLECTIVE WISDOM" FROM YOUR LIST OF POSSIBLE ANSWERS.

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WHEN: AN UN-RHYMED SCIENTIFIC SUREVY

WHEN MEN DON'T KNOW WHAT ELSE TO DO THEY'LL GET DEPRESSED;
 WHEN MEN DON'T KNOW WHAT ELSE TO DO THEY'RE GET FRIGHTENED;
 WHEN MEN DON'T KNOW WHAT ELSE TO DO THEY'RE GET ANGRY;
 WHEN MEN DON'T KNOW WHAT ELSE TO DO THEY'RE GET DRUNK,
 BUT THEN THERE'S ALWAYS THIS ONE LITTLE GROUP OF MEN WHO,
 WHEN THEY: "DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO",
 WILL GO OUT AND DISCOVER -- WHAT TO DO.

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"WELL -- I SAY!, PROFESSOR BURNDHEART, THAT IS UNPROFESSIONAL OF THEM,
 WOULDN'T YOU SAY!? --

WHY DON'T THEY THEN SHARE THEIR FINDINGS WITH THE REST OF US!?"

"I'M NOT QUITE SURE HOW TO BREAK THIS TO YOU, DOCTOR WINESTOCK,
 BUT ME THINKS THEY ALREADY HAVE."

"No!?"

"YES, I'M AFRAID SO -- AND MORE THAN ONCE."

"No!?"

(AFFIRMATIVE: NOD, NOD.)

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TODAY'S BUMPER STICKER

"MEN DON'T CAUSE PROBLEMS -- LIFE DOES!,
BUT SINCE MEN CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT LIFE,
THEY TAKE IT OUT ON ONE ANOTHER."

BEEP BEEP.

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WHY THE TRAFFICING OF,
HUMAN PROGRESS IS,
HARD TO DISCERN FROM A ROAD SIDE STAND

LOCAL EVOLUTION HAS TAUGHT EVERYONE NOT TO PLAY NEAR THE HIGHWAY -- EXCEPT FOR
DOGS, POSSUMS, AND MAN.

BEEP BEEP!

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FROM THIS WEEK'S NEW DICTIONARY, THIS DEFINITION:

CIVILIZATION: THE LOCAL METAPHOR FOR PROGRESS.

TRYIN': A POEM

TRYIN' TO BE CAREFUL CAN
MAKE YOU BE CLUMSY
TRYIN' TO SEEM HIP CAN
MAKE YOU SEEM SQUARE;
TRYIN' TO LOOK MEAN CAN
MAKE YOU LOOK WIMPY, BUT
TRYIN' TO BE STUPID WILL ALWAYS WORK.

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LIFE HAS JUST AS MANY ROTTEN, COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE THOUGHTS AS YOU DO ----
-- MORE, IN FACT,
WHICH ACCOUNTS FOR ALL THE ROTTEN, UNPRODUCTIVE ACTS YOU SEE AROUND YOU.
...BUT HEY!, (SAINT SENSITIVE DE LA PRECIOUS) --
LIFE ALWAYS OVERCOMES ITS.

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WOULD YOU CARE TO LOOK AT IT FROM A VIEW LESS EMOTIONALLY BASED!? --
WHEN YOU CONTINUALLY HAVE 6 BILLION THOUGHTS AT A TIME -- AS DOES LIFE --
YOU CAN TOLERATE A NUMBER OF DISRUPTIVE ONES.

.....(DON'T SUPPOSE THAT OFFERS ANY INFO THAT ONE MIGHT USE PERSONALLY !?

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ONE DAY

THE MAYOR OF ONE CITY PROCLAIMED:

"FOR THE YOUNG -- MORALITY!

AND FOR THE OLD -- GOAT GLAND INJECTIONS."

AND HIS P.R. MAN NUDGED HIM AND WHISPERED: "HEY, YOU'RE TOO LATE WITH ALL THAT.

AND HIS HONOR FUMED AND SPUTTERED: "AGAIN!?!! -- WELL, HELL!

WHAT'S THE USE IN EVEN BEING IN, 'ILLUSIONARY-CHARGE-OF-THINGS'

IF THIS SORT OF STUFF'S GONNA KEEP HAPPNIN'!?"

AND THE AIDE SHRUGGED AND REPLIED:

"WHY ASK ME!? -- I'M JUST A SALARIED EMPLOYEE,

FAR ON DOWN THE BRAIN STEM LINE;

IT'S YOU NEURONS UP THERE WHO'RE PAID TO:

TALK-THAT-TALK,

FAKE-THAT-FAKE,

THEN ACCEPT THE FALL OUT WITH THE REST OF US."

AND THE MAYOR, (EVEN THOUGH MOMENTARILY COMPREHENDING THE SITUATION).

STILL DIDN'T LIKE IT MUCH.

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OUR CIVICS LESSON FOR THE DAY

THUS ARE THE DENSE PAID MORE TO LEAD THE DENSE THAN THE DENSE ARE TO FOLLOW.

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A MAN WHO CAN SMILE WHILE BEING EXECUTED, WON'T BE EXECUTED.

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WHY THE NATURE OF SPIRITUALITY IS DIFFICULT TO PERCEIVE FROM A PEW VIEW

MEN ORIGINALLY INVENTED THE IDEA OF GOD SO THAT THERE'D APPARENTLY BE SOME ONE WHO ACTUALLY CARED WHETHER HE INDIVIDUALLY PROGRESSED OR NOT --
...SINCE IT WAS QUICKLY PRETTY OBVIOUS THAT HE DIDN'T.

...(I GUESS I DON'T HAVE TO KEEP USING UP TYPING RIBBON BY ALWAYS ADDING TO SUCH ITEMS A NOTE REGARDING THE EXCEPTIONAL, COMPRABLE POSITION OF A MYSTIC, AND OTHER INDEPENDENT THINKERS.)

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...YEAH....WELL, EVEN SO,
WE STILL GOT ROOM TO SLIP IN THIS LITTLE QUICKY DEFINITION:

METAGNOSTIC THOUGHT: BRAIN SWEAT WITH OUT THE SMELL.

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CONVERSATION OVERHEARD AT A LOCAL BODY & ETC. SHOP

"THE HUMAN MIND IS LIKE AN EIGHT CYLINDER ENGINE THAT IN MOST PEOPLE IS ONLY HITTIN' ON THREE."

"HITTIN' ON THREE!!-- HITTIN' ON THREE!? --
CAN YOU SPELL, 'BICYCLE'?!"

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IF LIFE IS A HAND,
AND MEN, FINGERS,

NOTE THAT THE THUMB'S NORMAL AWARENESS WILL NEVER EXTEND BEYOND THE WEB.

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ANOTHER CONVERSATION

"THE REASON MATHEMATICS IS SO UNIFORMLY POPULAR WITH MAN IS BECAUSE OF THE NON-CONDITIONAL PREDICTABILITY THAT 2 AND 2 WILL ALWAYS EQUAL 4.

"BUT, OH CONTRAIRE -- MATHEMATICS IS NOT ALL THAT WELL LIKED BY EVERYDAY MEN.
"WELL, HEY -- DON'T BLAME ME FOR THEIR LIMITED TASTE AND EMBRACE."

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MEN LOVE TO TALK ABOUT THE PAST BECAUSE THERE'S
NOTHING LEFT TO DO ABOUT BUT -- TALK ABOUT IT.

OKAY --

THEN WHAT'S ANOTHER DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A REAL MYSTIC AND A HALF-ASS ONE?

...WELL, NEITHER ONE OF THEM KNOWS EXACTLY WHAT TO DO AT FIRST,

BUT THIS DOESN'T STOP A REAL ONE FROM MAKING THE RIGHT EFFORTS.

SECRET KNOWLEDGE: AN ESSAY

ONLY FOOLS BELIEVE IN SECRET KNOWLEDGE,
ONLY IDIOTS DON'T BELIEVE IN SECRET KNOWLEDGE.

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TIME FOR A "TIMELY DEFINITION":

BELIEF: A SIMPLE MAN'S ATTEMPT TO GET TO CHICAGO ON THE CHEAP.

ONE MAN'S ODE TO THE SUN

EVERYONE TELLS YOU WHAT'S WRONG WITH MAN,
CAUSE EVERYONE KNOWS WHAT IS WRONG,
BUT WHERE IS HE TO TELL WHAT IS RIGHT? --
OR IS IT WE SIMPLY DON'T HEAR!?

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(INSERT NETWORK BREAK, AND LOCAL PROMOS AND COMMERCIALS)

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(NOW BACK TO REGULAR PROGRAMMING):

YES, THERE IS STILL SOMETHING LACKING IN MAN -- MORE MANINESS.

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FAIR'S FAIR:

WHILE YOU STEPPED AWAY,
LIFE TOOK UP FOR YOU --
-- SEEMS LIKE YOU COULD RETURN THE FAVOR.

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TODAY'S CHEER FOR ALL THE FANS IN THE WEST STANDS

WHO INVENTED STARING? -- THE STUPID!
AND WHO INVENTED THE STUPID? -- STARING!

YA-A-A-A-A -- TEAM!

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ONCE YOU REALIZE THAT EVERYONE WHO ENTERS THROUGH GATE C
MUST LIKEWISE EXIT THERETHROUGH,
AND FURTHER COME TO REALIZE THAT NO ONE ACTUALLY ENTERS THROUGH GATE C,
THEN YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE STADIUM'S LAYOUT IS DRAMATICALLY ALTERED.

YA-A-A-A -- FOR THE BETTER, (I ASSUME)!

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THE FINGER OF POLITICS & SUBSERVIENCE AGAIN ALLEGORICALLY POKED IN YOUR EYE

SINCE LOCAL CONDITIONS ARE THE SUPREME "COLONIAL POWER" --
WOULD YOU CARE TO CONSIDER JUST WHAT THAT MAKES US!?

IT HAS ALREADY BEEN SAID:

"UNTIL YOU KNOW ABOUT THE LIVING, HOW CAN YOU KNOW ABOUT THE DEAD!?",

BUT CARRY THIS FURTHER AND ASK YOURSELF:

"HOW CAN YOU KNOW ABOUT NONSENSE UNTIL YOU KNOW ABOUT YOU!?"

OF SPECIFIC IMPORTANCE IS MEMORY AND CONTINUITY TO THE COLLECTIVE MIND,
WHILE TO AN INDIVIDUAL THINKER,
THEY'RE BOTH JUST DISTRACTING, "BUSH WHACKING".

AMIDST THE ROUTINE FLOW OF LIFE'S 6 BILLION DIVERSE,
OFT TIMES, CONFLICTING THOUGHTS,
THE SECRET KNOWLEDGE ACTS AS A STABLE, CONSTANT CORE
AROUNDWHICH LOCAL PROGRESS GROWS.

ANOTHER USEFUL TIP

HOW TO TELL IF YOU'RE GROWN: YOU DISLIKE THE YOUNG.

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ONE'S MAN'S MOTTO WAS: "GET TO THE POINT!",
AND ONCE HE HIMSELF BECAME FULLY APPRECIATE OF THE PRESCRIPT,
THE DISAPPEARED INTO THE SILENCE.

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REGARDING THE CORRECT ANSWER

TO THE QUESTION OF: WHICH HAS THE GREATER POWER -- THE MIND OR THE BODY?,
NON THINKING CREATURES HAVE NO PREFERNCE,
AND THE THINKING ONES WHO DO, HAVE THE WRONG ONE.

OKAY, ALL RIGHT --

LET'S BE FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED:

IF PEOPLE DID QUIT DEBATING THE OBVIOUS -- CIVILIZATION WOULD FALL APART.

LITTLE KNOWN GEOLOGICAL FACT

MEN INVENTED WATERFALLS
AFTER PRETTY MUCH GETTING THEIR FILL OF
THE NON-STOP RUNNING OF THEIR MINDS.

AND NOW OUR: BIG, SUPER BIG, BONUS QUESTION OF THE DAY

JUST HOW STUPID CAN A MAN BE?

FROM OUR: "SOME THINGS A MYSTIC WON'T TELL YOU" FILES

EXISTANCE IS EVEN WEIRDER THAN THE WEIRDEST CIVILIAN MIND HAS EVER IMAGINED.

...(DON'T TELL 'EM I TOLD YOU.)

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AS TO THE QUESTION OF WHAT DIRECTS AND CONTROLS LIFE,
ORDINARY THOUGHT'S CHOICES ARE LIMITED TO:
GOD, NATURE, FATE, GOVERNMENT, CONSPIRACY, OR SECRET KNOWLEDGE.

THERE ARE HOWEVER, SEVERAL BETTER SELECTIONS NOT INCLUDED ON THIS LIST.

UNBEKNOWNST TO THE ORDINARY PEOPLE AROUND HIM,
ONE MAN ENGAGED IN AN EXTRAORDINARY, INTERNAL JUDICIAL PROCESS WHEREBY
WHENEVER HIS MIND WOULD PLEAD "UNAVOIDABLE CIRCUMSTANCES" IN AN ATTEMPT TO
EXCULPATE ITSELF FROM SOME UNWORTHY, ACT-OF-THOUGHT,
HE WOULD GIVE IT THE BRIEFEST OF HEARING, THEN PRONOUNCE: "FRY THE BASTARD."

...WELL!? -- DIDN'T ANYONE HEAR IT!? -- THE SUPER BIG BONUS QUESTION IS:
JUST HOW STUPID CAN A MAN BE?

...WAIT A MINUTE!! --
IS IT BECAUSE NO ONE WANTS TO HEAR IT!?.....

TODAY'S NEW MYTH

ON THIS ONE WORLD,
MEN DREAMED OF A LOST MINE,
WHEREIN WOULD BE FOUND A MIRACULOUS ORE;
ONE MAN DISCOVERED IT,
AND TO ASSIST THOSE OTHERS INTERESTED,
WHEN HE RETURNED, HE LIED ABOUT IT.

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ALTHOUGH LIFE IS PRETTY SIMPLE -- IT TAKES A COMPLEX CONSCIOUSNESS TO REALIZE IT

A TRUE MYSTIC HAS BUT ONE TRADITION -- KEEP GOIN'.

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ONE ONE WORLD,
MEN DREAMED OF A LOST MINE,
WHEREIN WOULD BE FOUND A MIRACULOUS ORE;
ONE MAN DISCOVERED IT, AND TO AID OTHERS WHO WERE LIKEWISE INTERESTED,
WHEN HE RETURNED -- HE LIED ABOUT IT.

THAT'S RIGHT -- KEEP GOIN'.

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