

TRYING TO EXPLAIN EXTRAORDINARY THINGS TO ORDINARY PEOPLE  
IS LIKE TRYING TO COMMIT SUICIDE WHILE EXPLAINING ~~how~~ IT'S JUST  
GOOD HEALTHY EXERCISE.

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IF BOULDERS WERE STUPIDITY, VOLCANOES COULD USE THEM AS THROAT LOZENGES

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MANY SEVERELY EDUCATED PEOPLE DO NOT ENJOY HEARING PSYCHOLOGY MIXED ABOUT  
WITH GEOLOGY --  
-- BUT THIS WAS NOT COMPLETELY UNEXPECTED.

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AS THE DANCERS DANCED, THEY ALSO WHISPERED:

"THE GREATEST MYSTERY IS IN HOW MUCH WE HAVE FORGOTTEN."

"Nay, the mystery 's in how much we have neglected to forget."

A WHILE LONGER THEY GLIDED ABOUT THE FLOOR, THEN CONFIDED AGAIN:

"WELL, 'TIS ALSO A DEEP MYSTERY OF HOW MUCH THAT IS IRRELEVANT THAT WE REMEMBER

"AH! -- NOW WE MOVE INTO AN AREA OF SOME POSITIVE POTENTIAL."

AND THE BAND CONTINUED TO PLAY: FIRST, FROM THE LEFT SIDE OF THE STAGE,

THEN FROM THE RIGHT,

AND ON AND ON THEY DANCED,

DANCED AWAY THE NIGHT.

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### PSYCHOLOGY: SIMPLY EXPLAINED

MEN WHO BELIEVE THEY HAVE, "MENTAL PROBLEMS",

DO NOT YET POSSESS A MENTAL WORTHY OF ENTERTAINING, REAL PROBLEMS!

THE OLDER, ESTABLISHED CITY SAID TO THE UP-START YOUNG SUBURB:

"STAND ASIDE BOY -- THIS HERE'S A MAN'S JOB!",

AND DOCTOR JOHNSON ASKED DOCTOR FREUD:

"WHY THE HELL DID YOU MAKE THE WORDS, 'PSYCHOLOGY', AND, 'PROBLEM'  
START WITH THE SAME LETTER!?"

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A MEMEBER OF THE AUDIENCE STOOD AND ASKED THE FEATURED SPEAKER:  
"DO YOU THINK THAT DEAD PEOPLE PROBABLY SPEAK IN OLDE ENGLISH?",  
AND THE EXPERT REPLIED: "BUT WHAT IF THEY WERE SWEEDISH, WHEN ALIVE!?",  
AND THE MAN WITH THE QUESTION HAD TO THOUGHTFULLY RUB HIS CHIN & SIT BACK DOWN

MYTHS, COSMOLOGY & CONFIDENCE GAMES: AN ILLUSTRATED HISTORY

IN ONE UNIVERSE,  
ONE THIS ONE WORLD, WHICH HAD THINKING CREATURES,  
THERE WERE SEVERAL POPULAR RELIGIONS,  
ALL OF WHICH SAID THAT THE GODS & FORCES OF CREATION  
PERIODICALLY SEND DOWN PHYSICAL REPRESENTATIONS OF THEMSELVES TO  
HELP PROTECT THE BEINGS FROM THEIR OWN POTENTIAL SELF-DESTRUCTION.  
MEANWHILE, (ON ANOTHER NEAR-BY PLANET),  
THE CREATURES THERE HOLD THE BELIEF THAT THE CREATIVE POWERS OFTIMES  
SEND OUT SHILLS WHO WILL STAND AROUND CALLING OUT FALACIOUS BUS SCHEDULES.  
MEANWHILE, (ON THIS LOVELY ORB),  
CREATURES WHO CAN ACTUALLY THINK, (SOMEWHAT INDEPENDENTLY),  
CAN TAKE THEIR CHOICE OF LEGENDS AND MYTHS,  
AND SMILE, (SOMEWHAT SINCERELY), IN THE FACE OF THE CONTINUING, ATTEMPTED "CON

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THE MIND/BODY RELATIONSHIP: A HYDRO-ELECTRIC TECHNICAL PAPER

WHEN STEAM'S PRODUCED FROM TAINTED WATER,  
A FOUL SMELL IT WILL HAVE.

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PLEASE NOTE THAT WHILE THIS IS SCIENTIFICALLY VALID,  
IT'S NOT REALLY MUCH SO SINCE MEN MADE UP THE WHOLE IDEA OF, "SCIENTIFIC".  
BUT FURTHER NOTE THAT THIS EXCEPTIONAL CONDITION DOES NOT RENDER THE  
ORIGINAL STATEMENT, INVALID.--

AND THERE, FRIENDS,, IS YOURL "MIND/BODY RELATIONSHIP" AND THEN SOME.

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HAVING "GOOD CHARACTER" PROVES ONE THING: THAT YOU'RE A GOOD ACTOR.

WHEN YOU CAN EXPERIENCE CONSCIOUSNESS FREED FROM MERE THOUGHT  
YOU'LL UNDERSTAND WHAT A MONK WOULD BE WITH NO MONESTARY,  
WHAT A HERMIT WOULD BE WITH A CITY RESIDENCE,  
AND HOW CLEAR SKIES FEEL AT THE SIGHT OF EVEN CLEARER SKIES.

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METAPHYSICAL UPDATE

THERE ARE TWO KINDS OF MEN WHO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON IN LIFE --  
-- THOSE TWO MEN STANDING OVER THERE.

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FACT UPDATE

SIMPLE PEOPLE DO NOT CARE TO HAVE THE APPARENT, "COMPLEXITY" OF THEIR LIVES  
MADE SIMPLE.

AND NOW JUST ROOM LEFT ON THIS PAGE FOR A FINAL: STICK-OUT-YOUR-TONGUE UPDATE:

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DNA  
WILL TAKE THE WAY  
THAT OFFERS GREATEST PROMISE;  
BUT JUST LIKE YOU,  
ON FRUITLESS DAYS,  
IT WILL TAKE THE EASY ONE.

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AS PER THE LEGENDS OF ONE WORLD:  
ONCE THE FORCES OF CREATION HAD MADE MAN, AND FULLY REALIZED WHAT THEY'D DONE,  
THEY NAMED HIM NOT: ADAM, OR, KHAN, OR VENESQUE, BUT, "OIL SLICK".

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TO UNDERSTAND THE NATURE & PURPOSE OF CIVILIZATION  
IS TO BE ABLE TO SET AFLAME, THE IMAGES OF SMOKE  
ARISING FROM THE ILLUSIONARY FIRES OF THE CITY.

MAN: THE ONLY CREATURE WHO COMES UP WITH HIS OWN, "RULES TO LIVE BY",  
AND THEN COMPLAINS ABOUT THEM.

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BEFORE MEN CONCEIVED OF THE CONCEPT OF, "FABLES", --  
-- (SO THEY COULD ATTRIBUTE ALL FORMS OF STUPIDITY TO ANIMALS),  
THEY DIRECTED RIGHT WHERE IT BELONGED! -- BUT THAT DIDN'T LAST LONG!

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QUESTION: HOW CAN YOU TELL THAT MEN ARE BECOMING THOUGHTFUL?

-- THEY BEGIN USING METAPHORS AND ALLEGORIES.

QUESTION: HOW CAN YOU TELL THAT MEN CAN'T THINK STRAIGHT ANY MORE?

-- THEY HAVE TO USE METAPHORS AND ALLEGORIES.

QUESTION: WHERE'S ALL THIS LEADING?

TO THE DEATH, RESURRECTION, AND DEATH-AGAIN OF METAPHORS AND ALLEGORIES.

THE CIVILIZED WRAP THEIR DEAD IN CLEAN, WHITE SHEETS IN SYMBOLIC IMITATION OF  
A MYSTIC'S NEW MIND.

AND THE DAY CAME WHEN ONE MAN THOUGHT:

"GOD DAMMIT! -- I'M ABOUT TO HAVE A FIT!",

THEN THOUGHT:

"GOD DAMMIT! -- I'M ABOUT TO HAVE A BABY!",

THEN THOUGHT:

"NO, GOD DAMMIT! -- I'M ABOUT TO HAVE A STROKE!",

AND THEN, (GOD DAMMIT), CAME CLOSE TO ACTUALLY HAVING AN ORIGINAL THOUGHT.

BUT -- ALAS!, (GOD DAMMIT).

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THE SIMPLE BELIEVE THERE IS MAGIC IN WORDS;  
THE MORE SOPHISTICATED BELIEVE THERE IS MAGIC IN WHAT WORDS MAY REPRESENT;  
AND THERE IS ALWAYS THIS SMALL, OUTLAW GROUP WHO SEE TODAY'S, AND  
TOMORROW'S MAGIC AS PHENOMENA ARISING FROM PRE-VOCAL DAYS.

THINGS ONLY SPEAK AS THEY GET OLDER --  
BUT THE QUESTION IS: WHAT SOUNDS DOES AGING MAKE!? ....THAT ARE USEFUL!?

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WHEN YOU'RE MENTALLY PART OF THE COLLECTIVE  
YOU ALWAYS BELIEVE THAT MANY OF THOSE AROUND YOU KNOW MORE THAN YOU --  
-- THAT'S WHY YOU ALL STICK TOGETHER. ....(IF THAT MAKES ANY SENSE!?)

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FACT: A HERD DOES SEEM MORE INTELLIGENT THAN AN INDIVIDUAL COW --  
BUT THEN AGAIN, LIFE IS SMARTER THAN MAN -- SO WHAT!? --  
WHAT GOOD DOES THAT DO THE INDEPENDENT THINKER!?

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A GUY TOLD HIS GERBIL:  
"YOU KNOW THE MOST STRIKING PART OF, 'THINKING-LIKE-EVERYONE-ELSE'?,  
IT'S THAT YOU'LL BE NO WORSE, OR BETTER OFF THEN YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN ANY WAY."  
AND LITTLE WILBUR SMILED.

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DIFINITION WITH A CITY VIEW

A PUBLIC MYSTIC: A PHILOSOPHER RUN AMUCK.

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THE SPEAKER SPOKE:

"WHEN YOU'RE IN LOVE -- EVERY DAY'S A HOLIDAY.",

AND A MAN UP FRONT CALLED BACK: "HOW ABOUT IF YOU'RE IN LOVE WITH YOURSELF?",

AND THE SPEAKER SAID: "WHO SAID THAT?",

AND THE MAN WHO'D SAID IT, POINTED TO A GUY NEXT TO HIM AND SHOUTED: "HE DID!",

AND THE SPEAKER LEANED FORWARD AND SAID:

"AND I'LL JUST BET YOU'RE NOW GOING TO TELL ME THAT THAT OTHER GUY IS  
THE, 'YOURSELF' THAT YOU'RE IN LOVE WITH!?",

AND THE MAN AND THE GUY NEXT TO HIM BOTH BEGAN SLAPPING THEMSELVES

ON THE CHEEKS, AS THEY LEAPT AND SQUEALED: "YE GADS! -- YE GADS!",

AND THE CROWD BROKE UP .....EXCEPT FOR THOSE WHO UNDERSTOOD WHAT'D HAPPENED.

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IT'S HARDER TO SEPARATE AN INDIVIDUAL COW FROM THE HERD  
THAN IT IS TO SEPARATE LIGHTNING'S ATTRACTION TO THE HERD.

THE INDEPENDENTLY ALERT,

ONLY RUN FOR COVER,

WHEN THEY CAN PROVIDE THEIR OWN COVER.

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SPLIT PERSONALITY: ANOTHER ATTEMPT BY IN-TOWN SHEEP TO CASH IN ON  
ONE OF A MYSTIC'S METHODS.

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WITHOUT RELIGIOUS LITERATURE, MAN WOULD HAVE NO LITERATURE --  
FOR HE WOULD NEVER HAVE BECOME AMORED OF REPETITION.

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HOW TO SAVE MONEY ON EDUCATION: A NEW INTELLIGENCE CONSUMER TIP

YOU ARE ALREADY ADEQUATELY CIVILIZED & SOPHISTICATED  
WHEN YOU CAN ACCEPT MYTHOLOGY AS HISTORY, AND ALLEGORY FOR FACT.

... (OF COURSE IF YOU WANT TO GO ALL THE WAY AND REALLY GET, "FANCY-ANCY",  
YOU CAN START MISTAKING THE "COLLECTIVE-YOU" FOR THE INDIVIDUAL YOU --  
-- WHO KNOWS!? -- THEY MIGHT END UP MAKING YOU MAYOR OF THE CITY!)

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AND A VIEWER WRITES:

"IF SANITY IS A MERRY GO ROUND -- THEN WHAT THE HELL D'YA CALL THIS!?"

TELLING NO ONE ELSE,  
ONE CHAP PRIVATELY DECIDED THAT, "BEING A MYSTIC" WAS LIKE  
TRYING TO TURN A SOCK INSIDE-OUT WHEN IT WAS INSIDE-OUT TO BEGIN WITH.

(P.S.: THIS WAS NOT PERCISELY WHAT HE MEANT, BUT WAS AS CLOSE AS HE COULD COME.

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ADDITIONAL ITEM REGARDING THE FESTIVITIES OVER AT THE BIG "C"

BEING MASKED HELPS MAKE THE BALL MORE TOLERABLE --  
'CEPT FOR THOSE WHOM IT STRANGLES.

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NUMBER 47 SAID TO HIS CONSCIOUSNESS: "PSST! - LET'S BREAK OUTTA HERE!",  
AND IT REPLIED: "SHOOSH! -- DON'T LET YOUR MIND HERE THAT.",  
AND JUST THEN HIS MIND SAID: "I HEARD THAT!",  
BUT A LOT OF DIFFERENCE THAT MADE! --  
(THE IMPLICATION BEING, "NONE",  
WHICH ITSELF SHOULD TELL YOU "SOME" -- VERGING ON, "A LOT".)

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IF YOU THINK SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH LIFE -- YOU AIN'T QUITE GOT IT,  
IF YOU THINK THAT NOTHING'S WRONG WITH LIFE -- YOU STILL AIN'T QUITE GOT IT,  
BUT YOU'RE GETTING CLOSER.

NOTE: TO TRANSCENDENTAL THOUGHT, "CLOSER", AND, "VERGING ON"  
ARE NOT SPATIAL DISTANCES -- BUT STATES OF MIND.

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THE BALANCE

WHEN THINKING'S JUST A HOBBY,  
CONSCIOUSNESS IS MORE.

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AND NOW A LATE BREAKING STORY FROM THE NEAREST CITY:

IF IT AIN'T BAD -- IT AIN'T NEWS.

SO WHAT ELSE IS NEW!? --

AND -- WHY!? --

AND WHY AREN'T THERE ADDITIONAL POSSIBILITIES!?,

AND WHO CONVINCED YOU THAT 'THEY'RE NOT!?

ANYONE WHO BELIEVES THAT BAD NEWS IS ACTUALLY NEWS --

OR THAT IT IS EVER, "LATE BREAKING",

OR THAT IT IS EVEN, "MEANINGFUL",

IS CERTAINLY THE CITY'S KINDA GUY.

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AS THE AUTHOR SAT, AUTOGRAPHING COPIES OF HIS NEW BOOK WHICH WAS ENTITLED:  
"IF YOU LET A MYSTIC MOVE INTO YOUR SPARE BEDROOM YOU WON'T NEED A LIBRARY.",  
A MAN APPROACHED HIM AND ASKED:  
"DO YOU MEAN THAT METAPHORICALLY, OR LITERALLY?",  
AND THE SCRIBE SIGHED SOFTLY TO HIMSELF AND THOUGHT:  
"GOD! -- I WISH I'D TAKEN UP BASKETBALL."

HOW TO STAY SIMPLE

STAY UPSET.

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A MAN'S MIND IS LIKE AN OLD SHOE INWHICH HIS BRAIN FEELS COMFORTABLE.

MYSTICS ARE THE SORTS OF PILOTS WHO ENGAGE IN:  
MASSIVE-AIR-STRIKE, BUNION REMOVAL.

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FRONT LINE PHILOSOPHY

NO ONE CAN HURT YOU BUT YOU,  
YOU ARE YOU BECAUSE LIFE MADE YOU YOU,  
THEREFORE: NO ONE CAN HURT YOU BUT LIFE,  
AND IF IT'S LIFE DOING IT! --  
THERE'S NOT A DAMN THING YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT SO: "GIVE IT UP, GWINEVERÉ!"

THE HEADS OF IMAGINARY FOES MAKE POOR OVER-THE-MANTLE TROPHIES FOR REAL WARRIOR

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AMUSEMENT PARK UPDATE

AS LONG AS YOU SPECULATE -- YOU CAN RIDE.

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A VIEWER WRITES:

"WHY DON'T YOU SAY THAT A MYSTIC IS LIKE A PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT  
IN A WORLD OF COMMERCIALS!?"

WELL, I APPRECIATE YOUR INTEREST IN OUR SHOW, BUT I ONLY USE MY OWN ORIGINAL  
MATERIAL.

THE PROCLIVITY OF PHENOMENA, OR: HOW THINGS TEND TO GO AROUND HERE.

IF YOU COULDN'T THINK, YOU COULDN'T WORRY,  
AND IF YOU COULDN'T WORRY, WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE TO THINK ABOUT!?

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CREATION, DREAMS & DNA:  
OUR HISTORY OF MAN, TODAY:

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SNAILS DO NOT ALONE, LEAVE TRAILS.

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RELIGION WAS INITIALLY TO INSPIRE THE MYSTICAL IN MAN,  
THEN CAME PSYCHOLOGY TO PROMOTE FEELINGS OF THE FAMILIAR;  
AND LASTLY -- ALWAYS LASTLY -- STILL EXISTS THE FEW, STILL OUT FRONT.

ONE GUY THOUGHT:

"ALMOST ALL CLICHES WERE ORIGINALLY NEAT --  
....IF PEOPLE WOULD JUST QUIT REPEATIN' 'EM."

THE TITLE OF THIS ITEM WAS:

"THE BEAUTY & MUSIC OF WORDS -- IN THEIR INITIALITY"

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THE SIMPLE DO MYTHS OF DEATH -- THE COMPLEX, OF LIFE.

THE DANGER IN GETTING "TOO SMART" WHILE STAYING IN THE CITY  
IS THAT IT MAKES YOU GET REAL WIDE IN THE HIPS.



ONE MAN SAYS HE ONCE HEARD MYSTICS DESCRIBED AS, "WEALTHY BOAT PEOPLE FROM MARS"

AN EXPANDED STATE OF CONSCIOUSNESS ENTAILS FIRST: DISASSEMBLING THE MIND,  
THEN PUTTING IT BACK TOGETHER IN A MANNER NEVER INTENDED.

.....IN THIS LIFE TIME

ONE GUY'S THEORY IS THAT, "EVERYONE'S CRAZY",  
HE SAYS HE DOESN'T ACTUALLY BELIEVE IT, BUT THAT IT HELPS EXPLAIN A LOT.

IN ONE GEOMOETRY,  
WHAT IS MYSTICAL THOUGHT, AND TRANSCENDENTAL IDEAS OTHER THAN A:  
PROPER COMPLEXING OF THE SIMPLE,  
AND A SIMPLIFYING OF WHATEVER'S LEFT!?

WHILE PLAYING WITH A NEIGHBOR'S TREE, A KID THOUGHT:  
"WOULDN'T IT BE FUNNY IF EVERYBODY ACTUALLY KNOWS WHAT THE 'SECRET KNOWLEGE' IS  
BUT THAT NOBODY BUT MYSTICS THINKS IT'S IMPORTANT!?!?",  
AND THE BIRCH HAD TO MUFFLE A GIGGLE.

THE NORMAL TOPOGRAPHY OF CONSCIOUSNESS IS THOUGHT,  
BUT THIS IS NOT THE ONLY SHAPE IT CAN TAKE.

THE RELIGIOUS: WOULD-BE MYSTICS WHO COULDN'T WRITE THEIR OWN MATERIAL.

ONE GUY'S MOTTO IS: "HEY MAN! -- LIFE WANTS YOU TO BE MORE COMPLEX."



YOU KNOW --

A MYSTIC IS A LOT LIKE A PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT IN A WORLD OF COMMERCIALS