

ONE MAN USED TO HAVE A SLED-DOG-TEAM,
BUT REALIZED THAT HAVING ROUTINE THINKING MADE IT REDUNDANT.

A DAD SAID TO THE LAD:

"LET'S PLAY A GAME, TELL ME: WHAT'S THE ONE THING YOU CAN'T STARVE TO DEATH?"

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HOW MAN'S ARTISTIC WORLD MOST OFTEN WORKS

HARMONS HURT -- AND TELL NEURONS TO, "SING THE BLUES".

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ONE GUY ASKS:

"WHAT'S BETTER THAN BECOMING, 'MORE CONSCIOUS'?",

AND ANSWERS:

"KNOWING SOME ONE WHO IS."

(HE SAYS THAT HIS ORIGINAL VERSION WAS:

"WHAT'S EASIER THAN BECOMING, 'MORE CONSCIOUS'?",

BUT SAYS EVEN FEWER PEOPLE LIKED THAT ONE!

..(I ASSUME HE'S ENGAGING IN A BIT OF IRNOY -- WHAT D'YA THINK!?! --
AM I GIVING HIM TOO MUCH CREDIT!?)

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IN ANOTHER SOLAR SYSTEM RESIDES THE BELIEF THAT
JUST BEFORE YOU DIE, IF YOU SMILE REAL BIG, YOU'LL GO OUT HAPPY;
BUT THERE'S ALSO A COUNTER BELIEF THAT SAYS IF YOU STRUGGLE REAL HARD,
JUST AS YOU'RE EXPIRING, THAT YOU'LL GO AWAY EVEN HAPPIER.

A MOST STRANGE LEGEND HAS IT THAT ONE CREATURE FROM THIS COSMIC AREA
LEFT AND LANDED ON ANOTHER WORLD, AND GOT THE BEINGS THERE TO APPLY THIS
IDEA TO THE RELATIONSHIP OF THEIR THINKING AND PHYSICAL MATURITY.

...(AND PLEASE DON'T ASK WHICH OTHER WORLD THIS MIGHT HAVE BEEN.)

ONE RECENT NIGHT, AS HE WAS CLOSE TO DOZING OFF, A MAN LAY AND THOUGHT:
 "IF IT'S HARD FOR A PROFICIENT POLE VAULTER TO EVER TAKE UP WEIGHT LIFTING,
 THEN CONSIDER THE DIFFICULTY IN EVER COAXING A CAR TO TRY IT ON THREE WHEELS,
 OR PROMPTING A TRAIN TO TAKE IT TO A RUNWAY."

THIS WHOLE AREA OF REFLECTION SEEMED TO CAUSE HIM GREAT, GRIPPING DISCOMFORT,
 AND FRUSTRATION --

SO HIS MIND QUICKLY LEFT IN AND SOOTHED:

"THERE, THERE.....NOW YOU JUST CALM DOWN AND GO TO SLEEP."

GANG DEFINITIONS

SANITY, NORMALCY, ACCEPTABLE, (AND THE LIKE): THE ABILITY NOT TO THINK OUTSIDE
 THE ORDINARY LIMITS.

AND A VIEWER WRITES: "AFTER CAREFUL STUDY OF THINGS YOU'VE TALKED ABOUT,
 SHOULDN'T THERE BE LIKE A MIDDLE, AN INTERUM TERM FOR AN AREA SOMEWHERE
 BETWEEN THINKING AND CONSIIOUSNESS!?" -

QUITE SO, SIR, AND EVIDENTLY YOU WERE NOT ABOUT WHEN I
 PRESENTED THE CONCEPT OF, "NEURALIZING" --
 THE ACT OF NOTICING SOMETHING WITHOUT DESCRIBING IT.

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A TRAVELING PSYCHOLOGIST CAME TO THE VILLAGE
PROMOTING HIS APPROACH OF: "HEY -- LET'S ALL FEEL GOOD ABOUT OURSELVES."
AND WHEN THE KING HEARD OF THIS, HE SAID: "HEY -- LET'S DON'T." --
AND THE PEOPLE DIDN'T.

IN ONE KINGDOM, (AKA AS ONE GUY'S OWN BODY),
A FOREIGN SPIRIT CAME TO VISIT, AND AFTER LOOKING THINGS OVER FROM
THE BOTTOM OF THE COMMONERS, TO THE TOP OF THE ROYALTY,
IT SCRATCHED ITS HEAD AND SAID: "WELL JUST WHO IS IN CHARGE OF THINGS!?"
BUT ALAS -- THIS IS A TRICK LEGEND, IN THAT MEN CANNOT NORMALLY DO THIS
TO THEMSELVES.

OH, THEY CAN DREAM ABOUT IT --
WRITE ABOUT IT, AND DISCUSS IT UNTIL THE COWS JOIN THE MERCHANT MARINES,
BUT SEE -- TO ACTUALLY "DO IT" REQUIRES WHAT WAS MENTIONED AT THE
VERY BEGING OF THE TALE -- AN EXTRINSIC FORCE --
A POSITION OF AWARENESS, NOT NATIVE TO ORDINARY CONSCIOUSNESS,

AND WITHOUT THIS -- THE TRICK'S ON YOU! -- AND THE KING STAYS THE KING.

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ONE MAN HIT HIMSELF SO HARD IN THE BACK OF THE HEAD THAT
HE COULD NO LONGER LOOK BEHIND HIM.

ONE DAY THE BIG GUY AND THE SNAKE WERE SITTING AROUND TALKIN',
AND THE FORMER SAID TO THE LATTER:
"NOW THAT THAT PAIR I CREATED DOWN IN THE GARDEN CAN THINK,
AND NOW THAT YOU DONE ABOUT FIGURED OUT WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON AROUND HERE,
IF YOU WANT TO, I'M GONNA LET YOU TRY AND TALK TO THEM ABOUT IT.",
AND CONTRARY TO THE BIG GUY'S EXPECTATION OF THE SNAKE'S ENTHUSIASTIC
REACTION, THE SCALY ONE JUST SAT FOR A WHILE, LOOKING THOUGHTFUL,
THEN FINALLY REPLIED: "THIS IS A GAG, RIGHT!? --
YOU'RE JUST TRYING TO GET ME TO GO DOWN THERE, AND END UP DOING A
CHEAP IMITATION OF SOME LAND-LOCKED MYSTIC, RIGHT!?',
AND THE BIG GUY WAS FORCED TO SLAP HIM ON THE BACK AND HAVE A GOOD LAUGH.

HEY, BOYS & GIRLS: GENES MAY JOKE, BUT THEY DON'T PLAY. HEY!

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A FRESH LOOK AT THE SCORE-KEEPING OF REALITY

CRIMINALS DON'T KILL PEOPLE -- STATISTICS DO.

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THE LOGIC-OF-IT EXPLORED ONCE MORE

YOU CAN'T BE CONSCIOUS OF CONSCIOUSNESS UNLESS YOU THINK,
AND ONCE YOU DO THINK, (ORDINARILY SPEAKING),
THE ACT ITSELF THEN FOREVER LIMITS CONSCIOUSNESS.

AND A HEALTHY LOOKING, SWEATY KID WITH A CORTICAL, NORDIC TRACK ASKED:
"SO WHAT CAN A POOR BOY DO?", AND THE SALESMAN REPLIED:
"OKAY, IF I SAID: 'THINK ABOUT IT!', YOU'D KNOW WHAT I MEANT, RIGHT!?",
AND THE LAD AGREED,
SO THE MAN CONTINUED:
"THEN - 'THINK ABOUT IT" -- AND EVERY TIME YOU REALIZE THAT YOU ARE --
-- GO BEYOND IT!",
AND THE KID TOOK OFF A 'RUNNIN'.

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TIME FOR A: POP QUIZ

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A SALESMAN AND A MYSTIC?

ANSWER: EVERYTHING IN THE WORLD.

THEN ANOTHER YOUNGSTER SUDDENLY THOUGHT: "IN THAT CASE, THEN HOW'RE YOU EVE
GONNA FIND A PLACE TO PURCHASE TRANSCENDENTAL DATA!?" COME ON, LET'S ALL RU

THE SPEAKER ON THE CORNER PROCLAIMED:

"ONLY MEN WITH AN EXTRAORDINARY RANGE AND FLEXIBILITY OF AWARENESS CAN MENTALLY EMCOMPASS THE EXTREMES OF OPPOSING IDEAS, DREAMS, AND PROPOSALS."

BUT A CHAP IN THE CROWD STEPPED FORWARD AND COUNTERED:

"OH YEAH -- HOW ABOUT MEN WITH SILLY PUTTY FOR BRAINS!?"

AND MOST OF THE CROWD CHIMED IN: "YEAH!"

THE EDITOR OF THE PUBLISHING HOUSE. (WHO WAS ACTUALLY THE KING IN DISGUISE), SAID TO THE ASPIRING AUTHOR:

"I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU "CALL" IT -- FICTION IS STILL FICTION!

NOW GET ON OUTTA HERE AND LET ME SLEEP."

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TWO CATS WERE TALKING AND ONE OF THEM SAID:

"HOW COULD YOU IDENTIFY A REALLY BAD CASE OF FLEAS?",

AND THE OTHER ONE ASKED: "HOW?", AND THE FIRST ONE REPLIED:

"WHEN THE SPRAYING FOR THEM ITSELF KILLS YOU."

THE SECOND FELINE MULLED ON THIS NOTION FOR A WHILE, THEN THOUGHT:

"IF AESOP WERE STILL ALIVE, (AND I BELIEVED IN HIM),

I'D BE TEMPTED TO ALLEGORIZE THIS INTO APPLICATION REGARDING THE

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HUMANS' CONDITION-OF-CONSCIOUSNESS, AND THEIR THINKING."

A DAD ASKED THE LAD:

"YOU REALIZE THAT MAN'S THE ONLY CREATURE THAT DOESN'T BITE OR SCRATCH
HIS PRIMARY IRRITANTS OFF HIMSELF!?"

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OUR PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE NIGHT

DEAR VIEWERS:

LEAST YOU GET MISLEAD BY WHAT I SAY:

DO BE AWARE THAT HUMANITY IS NOT "STUPID"! --

EVERYBODY KNOWS FULL WELL WHAT'S GOING ON! --

IT'S JUST THAT EVERONE ELSE IS TOO "POLITE" TO SAY ANYTHING ABOUT IT.

THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION, AND HAVE A PLEASANT TRIP.

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AND FOLLOWING THIS BRIEF COMMERCIAL BREAK WE'LL RETURN WITH THE STORY OF HOW
LIFE ONCE HAD LOCAL CONDITION CALL EVERYONE ON THE PLANET TOGETHER
FOR WHAT WAS ANNOUNCED AS A, "VERY IMPORTANT MEETING",
BUT WHEN EVERYONE ARRIVED AND SETTLED DOWN
THEY WERE TOLD IT WAS ALL A JOKE.

SO STAY TUNED -- AND WE'LL BE RIGHT-T-T BACK!

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THE HEAD OF THE PHYSICS DEPARTMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAMBURG
HAS REVEALED THAT ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS HE HAS BEEN VISITED BY
AN EXTRATERRESTRIAL UFP -- AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING PSYCHIATRIST --
WHO HAS DISCLOSED TO HIM THE FACT THAT "SERIOUSNESS IS CAUSED BY FEAR".

A SURE WAY TO SPOT PREVAILING COLLECTIVE, (AND THUS, VACUOUS), THINKING IS THAT IT IS ALWAYS RESPECTABLE.

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SEEN FROM A PROPER DISTANCE,
THE OVERALL PARADE OF MAN IS GOING SOMEWHERE, AND APPEARS TO BE ORDERLY.
BUT THIS CAN'T STOP A FEW FROM INTERNALLY HAVING A BIT OF INDIVIDUAL SPORT.

ALTHOUGH IT'S NEVER BEEN DONE BEFORE,
I SEE NO REASON WHY YOU COULDN'T, (IN PASSING), REVERSE THE
NORMAL COURSE OF THE GAME & CLAIM THAT LIFE PURPOSEFULLY MADE SO MANY ORDINARY
MINIMUM-CONSCIOUS MEN SO THAT IT WOULDN'T BE SO LIKELY TO GIVE A
DISTURBING AMOUNT OF ATTENTION TO ITS FAVORED FEW, STRUGGLING FOR MORE.

HUH!? -- HOW 'BOUT IT!? -- USUALLY IT'S THE MYSTICS THAT SEEM TO
GET THE SHORT END IN VERBAL COMPARISONS SUCH AS THIS.

WHY NOT A BREAK FOR THEM FOR A CHANGE!?

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THIS ONE PLANET,
IN GRADITUDE TO THE MAN WHO SAVED ITS SUMMER HOME FROM MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE,
OFFERED HIM HIS CHOICE OF REWARDS:
HE COULD GO TO THIS OTHER WORLD AND EITHER:
HELP THE CREATURES THERE, OR: ENTERTAIN THEM.
BUT HE, (BEING NO DUMB, OFF-THE-RACK, HAND PUPPET),
LEPT NOT TOO HASTILY AS HE PAUSED AND PONDERED:
"HUMM...DIDN'T A CERTAIN REPTILE RECENTLY ALMOST FALL FOR THIS SAME GAG!?"

ONE MAN THOUGHT:

"THE UNIQUE THING ABOUT DRUGS THAT I REALLY LIKE
IS HOW THEY HELP TO TALK-TO-MYSELF BETTER."

AND HIS NORMAL NEURLA JUICES SAID:

"WHAT THE HELL YOU THINK I'VE BEEN DOING FOR YOU ALL THESE YEARS!? --
-- TEACHING YOU TO MAKE MONEY IN YOUR SPARE TIME AT HOME, STUFFING ENVELOPES

TO BELIEVE, (AT THE ORDINARY LEVEL), THAT OTHERS KNOW MORE THAN YOU
IS SIMPLY YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF CANNIBALISM.

HOW LIFE KEEPS THE "LOCAL" TALENT SHOW GOING

IT MAKES IT SO THAT MOST ANYONE WITH A GUITAR, PAINT BRUSH, OR WORD PROCESSOR
WHO DOESN'T, "FEEL SO HOT",
CAN MAKE OTHERS TEMPORARILY FEEL LIKEWISE.

AND WITH THAT PARTICULAR KIND OF "DELIGHT" SINGULAR TO HUMANS,
SEVERAL PEOPLE BEGAN LEAPING ABOUT AND SQUEALING:
"UUUH! -- WE JUST 'LOVE IT' WHEN WE HATE IT!"

SOME MENTAL PATHOLOGY

A "REMBRANDT-DECEASED" DOES NOT DANCE-WITH-THE-ANGELS,
BUT WITH THE ANTI-REMBRANDT....SAME AS WITH YOUR FRONTAL LOBES.

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THE CIVILIZED GROWTH OF MAN IS IMPORTANT ONLY TO ONE PERSON -- EARTH.

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THE DAY CAME WHEN THE MAN TO HIMSELF DECIDED CONCLUSIVELY:

"I WILL EITHER: 'DISCOVER THE GREAT TRUTH', AND

AWAKEN TO A NEW STATE OF CONSCIOUSNESS',

OR ELSE I WILL KILL MYSELF.",

AND HIS SELF'S POTENTIAL YOUNGER BROTHER REPLIED: "SO WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE!?"

AND NO VIEWER ASKED FOR A REPEAT OF THIS STORY.

TODAY'S "INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT" FROM A QUASI-UFO

TO BE A, "HUMANITARIAN", YOU'VE FIRST GOT TO BE BETTER THAN YOUR
 RUN-OF-THE-MILL, "HUMAN".

...(IF NOTHING ELSE,

IT HELPS KEEP DOWN THE NUMBER OF UNNECESSARY CHARITIES.

"DADDY, HERBERT CLAUSEN, (THAT KID WHO LIVES OVER BY THE TRACKS),
 SAYS THERE AIN'T NO SYNONYM FOR, 'OXYMORON'."

"WHY SON, (CHUCKLE, CHUCKLE), YOU JUST GO RIGHT BACK,
 AND YOU ASK LITTLE HERBERT IF HE'S NEVER HEARD OF
 THE WORD, 'UNNECESSARY'."

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SOME TIME LATER THAT DAY,

ONE OF THE FAUX FELLOWS ON THE SAUCER RUBBED ONE OF HIS FOURTEEN CHINS,
 AND MUSED: "EVEN GIVEN THE FACT THAT IT'S HUMANS DOING IT -- STILL:
 WHAT IN THE WORLD DOES THE NOTION OF, 'NECESSARY' HAVE TO DO WITH
 CONSCIOUSNESS!? -- WHICH IS WHERE ALL THIS PARTICULAR STORY GOT STARTED!?"

AND ONCE AGAIN, BOILS & GOIRTERS, AN EXAMPLE OF WHY ALL NORMALLY PERCEIVED
 EXTRATERRESTRIALS ARE IMAGINARY....JUST THE KIND THE ORDINARY PREFER.

ONE CITY REVELER CONFIDES THAT THE WAY HE TELLS HE HAD "REAL" FUN
OVER THE WEEKEND IS WHEN HE WAKES UP MONDAY MORNING AND FINDS:
HIS HEAD CAKED IN BLOOD,
HIS CAR COVERED IN DENTS,
HIS BED FULL OF STRANGERS,
AND HIS HAIR WON'T LAY DOWN FOR SPIT!

IN A LAND-OF-METAPHOR,
A MAN'S CONSCIOUSNESS MIGHT MAKE SIMILAR OBSERVATIONS REGARDING MATTERS
NOT NECESSARILY SO PHYSICAL.

OUR NEW MYTH FOR THE DAY

ONCE A TIME -- LONG AWAY AND FAR FROM CERTAIN --
ON ANOTHER WORLD,
A CERTAIN MAN FOUND A CERTAIN ROCK THAT EVERYONE HAD BEEN SEARCHING FOR;
AND THE FIRST TIME ROUND, HE RAN BACK TO THEM AND PROCLAIMED HIS DISCOVERY.

SECOND VERSION:

SINCE THAT ONE DIDN'T WORK,
NEXT TIME,
(AFTER HE FOUND THE CERTAIN ROCK EVERYONE HAD BEEN SEARCHING FOR),
HE CAUSALLY WANDERED BACK TO TOWN, AND METAPHORICALLY REVEALED HIS FIND.

THIRD EDITION:

BASED ON THE STRIKING FAILURE OF HIS PREVIOUS SUCCESSES,
THIS TIME ROUND, (AFTER MAKING THE MIRACULOUS DISCOVERY),
HE DIDN'T SAY NUTHIN'! --
AND PRET-TEE SOON A LARGE NUMBER OF VERY IMPORTANT & INTELLIGENT PEOPLE
BEGAN TO LOOK HIM UP AND QUESTION HIM INTENTLY ABOUT ANYTHING
"OUT-OF-THE-ORDINARY" OF WHICH HE MIGHT SOMEHOW, BE AWARE.

FOURTH VERSION: I'M ASSUMING THAT YOU IMMEDIATELY RECOGNIZED THAT LAST ONE
FOR THE BULLSHIT THAT IT IS, AND NOW PROBABLY CARE TO HEAR NO MORE FROM ME
ON THE SUBJECT. WELL -- "BOO HOO!"

SUPER ALL-AROUND UPDATE

THE THING-MOST-SERIOUS CAN'T BE PRESENTED, "SERIOUSLY".

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LESSER UPDATE

HOW CAN YOU TELL THAT SOMEONE'S LYING?
-- THEY USE A LOT OF MODIFIERS.

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ONE MAN PRESENTS THIS: "ALLEGORY FOR PEOPLE WHO'RE AFRAID OF ALLEGORIES";
(HE SAYS HE OFFERS IT UP IN THE SPIRIT OF NOT PERSONALLY "LIKING" PEOPLE
WHO'RE AFRAID OF ALLEGORIES.
AND IT GOES LIKE THIS:)

"PEOPLE WITH SAVINGS ACCOUNTS ARE AFRAID OF DEATH."

HE ASSURES ME THAT HE HAS AN EVEN HARsher VERSION,
BUT FROM THE GOODNESS-OF-HIS-HEART, HE'LL REFRAIN FROM REVEALING IT.

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AFTER READING EXTENSIVELY ABOUT: MYSTICISM, TRANSCENDENTAL THOUGHT, & THE LIKE
ONE MAN PAUSED TO FINALLY MUSE:

"JUST WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE GREAT LIBERATING EXPERIENCE,
AND THE ERASING OF A BLACKBOARD!?"

BE SURE AND STAY TUNED. IN THE NEXT HALF HOUR WE'LL BE BRINGING YOU
THE LATEST SCORES.

ONE MAN ADOPTED THE MOTTO: "WASTE NOT -- WANT NOT.",
WHILE HIS BROTHER FORGED AHEAD TO: "WANT NOT -- WANT NOT."
...AND LIFE HAS REQUESTED THAT I NOT OFFER YOU UP ANY POTENTIALLY,
PERSONAL COMMENTARY ON THIS MATTER AT THE PRESENT TIME BOMB.

THE CRUDE DON'T CARE MUCH FOR ALLEGORIES,
THE MORE SOPHISTICATED DO, BUT NOT FOR WHAT THEY ACTUALLY REPRESENT.
THIS LEAVES IT TO THOSE OTHER FEW WHO UNDERSTAND THE BIOLOGICAL PURPOSE OF
WORDS TO KEEP WRITIN' 'EM UP, AND THEN TRASHING THEM.

AND NOW FOR TONIGHT'S READING FROM "THE NEW INTELLIGENCE BOOK OF IMPORTANT,
HISTORICAL QUIPS & DIALOGUES". (PAGE 222, UPPER LEFT COLUMN):

"BEING ALIVE IS NO LAUGHING MATTER."

"YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN."

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MOST UNEXPECTEDLY,

A CERTAIN MAN APPEARED, ADVERTISING HIMSELF & HIS SERVICES AS:

"THE MIGHTY Z: HE WHO TAKES THE MYSTERY OUT OF MYSTICISM."

,,,NEED I COMMENT TO YOU ON HIS GLARING LACK OF LOCAL SUCCESS!?

YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN.

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