IN THEIR LIVES, MEN GO THROUGH DIFFERENT STAGES --
WITH MOST IT GOES LIKE THIS: THEY'RE BORN, THE LIVE, THEY DIE.
A FEW TRY TO ADD TO THAT.

AT THE MENTAL LEVEL,
TRYING TO "MAKE SENSE" OF THE MIND IS THE SAME AS TRYING TO DO SO
WITH THE STOMACH.

THE PLACARD ANNOUNCED THE SPEAKER'S TOPIC TO BE:
"LANGUAGE: THE ENTRY WAY TO INCREASED KNOWLEDGE:
LANGUAGE: THE CATTLE GUARD TO GREATER UNDERSTANDING.",
AND HE DIDN'T EVEN BOTHER TO SHOW UP.

A MAN ASKED HIMSELF:
"HOW FAR MUST ONE LOOK TO FIND THE CONNECTEDNESS OF EVERYTHING?,
HOW FAR IS THE MYSTERIOUS FROM THE MUNDANE?,
HOW FAR IS THE EXTRAORDINARY FROM THE EVERYDAY?,
AND HOW COME ALL MYSTICAL MONASTERIES ARE CLOSED ON MONDAY?"

THE STREET LEVEL JUSTICE-OF-IT-ALL RE-EXAMINED AGAIN

ATILA IS NEVER DEPRESSED, AND ST. AUGUSTINE NEVER SATSIFIED.

THE FIRST EXPLORER TO CROSS THE NEW CONTINENT AND LOOK OUT UPON THE FRESH OCEANS ON THE OTHER SIDE, THOUGHT TO HIMSELF:
"SO THAT'S WHY MEN'S BRAINS HAVE TWIN LOBES."

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TODAY'S GAME IS BEING PLAYED BETWEEN THE:"LET IT ALL HANG OUT-ERS",
AND THE: "LET'S BE CALM AND RESERVED".

THIS, TODAY'S GAME, IS PLAYED EVERY DAMN DAY OF THE WEEK!,
IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T NOTICED, SIR!

ONE MAN THOUGHT:
"THE TRAVEL'S BEEN GREAT,
BUT HOW DO YOU HANDLE THE POSSIBILITY THAT THERE'S ONLY ONE NEW BUS STATION AVAILABLE IN EACH LIFE TIME!?"

I'LL JUST BET THAT THE ANSWER TO THAT IS THE SAME AS EVERY OTHER "MYSTIC'S REPLY" TO IMPOSSIBLE QUESTIONS.

In-Town Occultism Abruptly Explained

A "psychic in the know" can tell a lot about a person from their handwriting,
They can, for instance, tell if the person is literate or not,
If they are alive or not,
And wheather they can pay for the reading or not.

The truly sane by-pass psychological analysis & psychiatric assistance
And go right to the source of the -- "what-ever-they-think-it-is"

For some,
The "cutting-out-of-the-middle-man"
Is the elimintaion of the problem.

After a careful survey of civilization, one man thoughfully reflected thereo
"If, in that setting, we are all yet-groping, all still growing,
All partial-children, stumble-bums, boobs, idiots, and
One eyed men on unicycles! --
Then why should one feel pride in being a 'professional' in such a context!?"

PRISONS HAVE BARS,
LIFE HAS GUILT,
AND ALL PARADES HAVE A MARKED ROUTE TO FOLLOW.

THIS QUEERY ENTERED ONE PERSON'S MIND:
"WHY IS ALL OF MAN'S BEST LOVED DRAMA, POETRY AND LITERATURE ALWAYS ABOUT FEELINGS --- AND NEVER THOUGHTS?"

THE MORE YOU STRIVE, DOGS TO CONVERT, THE GREATER NUMBER OF FLEAS YOU HOST,
AND ALL YOUR EFFORTS TO DEFEND YOUR POSITION ONLY INVITES ADDITIONAL ATTACK.

I SUPPOSE THIS COULD BE OF METAPHORICAL INTEREST TO PROSELYTES & PHILOSOPHERS
BUT A REAL NEURAL EXPLORER WOULD FIND HEREIN,
HINTS OF ACTUAL, PRACTICAL VALUE.

BUT THEN AGAIN THAT'S ALWAYS THE DISTINCTION:
WHERE THE SIMPLE SEE THE LITERAL, THE MORE COMPLEX SEE MYTH,
AND WHERE THE ROUTINE SEE ALLEGORY, THE FEW DISCOVER "HANDS-ON" INSTRUCTIONS.

SO, NO WONDER NO ONE TRUSTS A MYSTIC.

FROM OUR DEPARTMENT OF: "MY HOW FASTER TIME HAS LEARNED TO FLY",
THIS ITEM:"POPULAR CONTEMPORARY QUOTE UPDATED BY CITY OBSERVER REFLECTING MAN'S GENERAL LACK OF PERSEVERANCE", SAYS HE:

"EVERYONE SHOULD SPEND AT LEAST 15 MINUTES TRYING TO BE FAMOUS."

Another Look At The Native Injustice Of Life

There's infor and encouregement all around you concering how to be dumber,
Cruder and less conscious,
But where's the other side of the coin!?

Another feature for just the, "regular folks" in our viewing audience.

THE MYSTICAL ADVENTURE: PART 86

THE YOUNGER MAKE THE MORE EXCITED SEEKERS, AND THE OLDER, THE BIGGER FOOLS.
SOMEWHERE INBETWEEN, IS WHERE THE RIGHT PATH LIES.

...OH, BY THE WAY,
AS POINGANT AND PITHY AS THAT SOUNDED -- IT'S NOT TRUE;
THE"RIGHT PATH" IS WHERE EVER YOU FIND IT -- NOT WHERE ANYONE SAYS IT IS.

ONE MAN TRIED TO SEND PART OF HIS BRAIN TO CAMP,
BUT DISCOVERED IT WAS MORE EFFICIENT TO SEND CAMP TO THAT PART OF HIS BRAIN.

CITY INFO-MERCIAL NEWS

OVER THERE,
PEOPLE WILL PAY TO HAVE YOU BEAT THEM UP,
AND PEOPLE WILL PAY FOR YOU TO OFFER SYMPATHY FOR THEIR BEATINGS,
BUT THE ONE THING THEY WON'T PAY FOR IS TO HAVE SOMEONE EXPLAIN
THIS SITUATION TO THEM.

BUT JUST THINK --
IF PEOPLE WEREN'T SMARTER THAN HORSES
THEY'D HAVE NO PROBLEMS SUPERIOR TO THE EQUESTRIAN VARIETY.

MORAL: THERE IS A PURPOSE TO ALL THINGS --
BUT ALL OF THE PURPOSES ARE ALL THE SAME.

ONE FATHER TOLD HIS SON: "'FAIRNESS' IS IN NOT ASKING ANYONE ELSE TO DO ANYTHIN
THAT YOU WOULDN'T DO YOURSELF.", AND THE LAD'S MIND SECRETLY REPLIED:
"NAY, 'FAIRNESS' WOULD BE IN NOT ASKING ANYONE ELSE TO DO ANYTHING."

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ASK YOURSELF THIS: IS THERE A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN "THINKING ABOUT SOMETHING",
AND BEING "CONSCIOUS OF IT"?,
AND TO THE QUICK EYE, THE IMMEDIATE AND OBVIOUS ANSWER IS "YES"! --
...BUT THEN ....YOU BEGIN TO THINK ABOUT IT.

THE WELFARE OF MANKIND AS A WHOLE IS IN PART SEEN-TO BY THE SPOKESPERSONS
FOR HIS MANY COMMON INTSITUTIONS.

THE SANE SHOULD LEAD THE MUNDANE,
AND THE BLAND SHOULD DIRECT THE COMPLACENT.
A TRUE EXPLORER IS - ON HIS OWN.

From The Neophyte Physician's Handbook

If you don't make patients believe they're sick
They won't accept your prescription,
And they won't accept your presciption unless <u>it</u> has a definite name.

...(This is also a brief history of: "The Visible Evolution Of The Human Thinking Machine.")

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A Neural Warrior's Story

One day a certain knight had a severe shiver when he thought:
"What will happen if I ever quit finding life so.....funny!?"

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Friendship is not charity --
Nor is the reverse so.

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Not only do the ordinary whine too much,
But at another level, the mystically inclined are inclined to do so even more

...Yeah, you're right! -- That <u>ain't</u> funny!

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THE REASON THAT THERE ARE NO SATISFYING ANSWERS TO ANY OF MAN'S IMPORTANT QUESTIONS IS BECAUSE THERE'S NOT SUPPOSED TO BE.

AND A VIEWER PONDERED:
"IS THIS ANYTHING LIKE THE MAN WHO USED TO PASS BY THE DAM EVERY DAY, AND EVERY DAY CLAIM THAT IT WAS BREAKING!?"

A MAN WHO UNDERSTANDS LANGUAGE CAN WRESTLE IT TO THE GROUND,
AND MAKE IT LOOK REALLY RIDICULOUS --
BUT LANGUAGE DOESN'T CARE! --
WHAT THE HELL DOES IT HAVE TO CARE ABOUT!?

...WHY DON'T YOU TAKE A LESSON FROM LANGUAGE!?

CITY CULTURE

MEN READ SO THAT THEY WON'T HAVE TO LISTEN TO THE RADIO,
MEN LISTEN TO THE RADIO SO THAT THEY WON'T HAVE TO WATCH TV,
MEN WATCH TV SO THAT THEY WON'T HAVE TO THINK,
AND SOME MEN THINK SO THAT THEY WON'T HAVE TO READ.

"SAY", INJECTS ONE VIEWER, "HOW'D THE TERM, 'SOME MEN' SLIP IN THERE!?"

CITY CULTURE -- LOVE IT OR HATE IT -- IT'S STILL YOUR CULTURE --
-- IF YOU LIVE IN THE CITY.

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AND FOR ALL OF YOU FIRST FAMILIES AND MAIN-LINERS OF THE OUTSKIRT'S HOBO VILLAGE, THIS ITEM:

THE WAY YOU CAN DEFINITELY SPOT A MAN WHO KNOWS WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON AROUND HERE IS THAT HE NEVER TELLS ANYONE WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON AROUND HERE

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ONE MAN PAINTED THE INSIDE OF HIS SKULL WITH REFLECTIVE PAINT
SO THAT HIS BRAIN WOULD HAVE SOMETHING INTERESTING TO LOOK AT.

THE OTHER NAME OF CIVILIZATION IS, "PREDICTABLITY";
THE MIDDLE NAME OF SANITY IS, "RELIABILITY",
AND THE REAL NAME OF EVERY-DAY, LOW-LEVEL, 40 WATT,
JUST-BARELY-MAKING-IT-BE INTELLIGENCE IS, "DEPENDABILITY",
SO GUESS WHERE THAT LEAVES EXPANDED CONSCIOUSNESS!?,
...AND SEE WHY IT'S NOT CALLED, AND ASKED OUT MORE ON FRIDAY NIGHTS.

YES, SOME MYSTICS DO LIVE IN CAVES, AND SOME LIVE IN MONASTERIES,
BUT FAR TOO MANY OF THEM LIVE IN THEIR HEAD.

SEE, FISH FEEL AT HOME IN THE WATER,
AND BIRDS FEEL COMFORTABLE IN A NEST,
SO YOU CAN'T EXPECT A HECK OF A LOT MORE FROM THE BRAIN -- RIGHT OFF THE BAT.

AN UN-TITLE ITEM RELATED TO GOD-KNOWS-WHAT!

IF YOU DON'T DRESS UP FUNNY, OR ACT FUNNY -- HOW'LL YOU KNOW YOU ARE ONE!?

FROM HIS OFFICE WINDOW, THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY
LOOKED DOWN ON THE DAY'S STUDENT DEMOSTRATION AND THOUGHT TO HIMSELF:
"THERE NOTHING WRONG WITH YOUTHFUL IDEALISM,
BUT WOULDN'T IT BE SOMETHING TO BE ABLE TO STILL ACT SO
AFTER YOU DISCOVER THAT THERE'S NOTHING TO BE IDEALISTIC ABOUT!?"

More Strange Medical Facts & Human Curios

TRYING TO THINK JUST INFLAMED ONE MAN'S MIND WORSE THAN USUAL.

THE ORDINARY BELIEVE IN MYTHS BECAUSE IT MAKES THEM FEEL IMPORTANT,
MYSTICS LIKE THEM BECAUSE THEY WANT TO BE LIKE THEM.

ONE MAN SAYS HE THINKS THAT PEOPLE WHO WANT TO BE MYSTICS JUST WANT TO DO SO
JUST SO THEY WON'T BE SO MISERABLE.

AFTER SOME CONSIDERABLE TIME OF BEING BOMBARDED BY NON-STANDARD IDEAS,
ONE MAN'S MIND SCREAMED: "I CAN'T TAKE MUCH MORE OF THIS!",
AND THE MAN REPLIED: "GOOD! -- THAT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR!"

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WHILE UNSADDLING HIS STEED ONE DAY,
A CERTAIN NEURAL KNIGHT SUDDENLY REALIZED:
"LIFE CAN CHANGE SO QUICKLY THAT THERE'S REALLY LITTLE NEED TO TAKE A TRIP."
BUT ONLY A MAN CAN PROPERLY DISCOVER SUCH WHO CAN MAKE LIFE CHANGE."

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IN THE CITY,
ANYONE WHO PROFESSES TO, "SET YOU FREE"
IS THEMSELF A CAPTIVE, OR ELSE AS BIG A FOOL AS YOU FOR LISTENING.

A MAN WHO CAN BE MORE CONSCIOUS
NEVER HAS ANYONE TO BLAME -- BUT HIMSELF --
-- AND WHY WOULD HE EVER DO THAT!?

ONLY THE UNENLIGHTENED SEE A NEED FOR BEING HUMBLE,
AND ONLY THE STUPID FEEL A NEED TO BRAG.

THE SPEAKER NOTED:
"MEN HAVE TRIED TO DANCE THEIR WAY TO HIGHER STATES OF CONSCIOUSNESS,
THEY HAVE TRIED TO CHANT THEIR WAY THERE,
AND THEY HAVE TRIED FASTING THEIR WAY, EVEN EATING THEIR WAY.",
AND SOMEONE ASKED: "SO WHAT IS LEFT?",
AND HE REPLIED: "WHAT HAS EVER BEEN LEFT!?",
AND THEREBY WERE A FEW PRESENT, STRUCK WITH THE REALITY OF IT.

AFTER SOME STUDY AND EXPERIENCE IN THE AREA,
ONE MAN DECIDED THAT INSTEAD OF ACTUALLY TRYING TO BECOME A MYSTIC
THAT HE'D JUST THINK-AND-TALK ABOUT IT 'TIL HE GOT SICK OF IT.

...(CAN WORK EVERY TIME.)

"THE DULL ALWAYS ENVY THE ENTHUSIASTIC."

"ALWAYS?"

"I SAID ALWAYS, DAMMIT!"

ANOTHER UN-TITLED ITEM, IN REFERENCE TO SOME MATTER UNSPECIFIED

LITERAL RELIGION IS ONE INTERPRETATION OF IT.

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IN THE PRIVACY OF HIS OWN SYMBOLIC WORKSHOP, ONE MAN THOUGHT:
"THINKING WHAT YOU'VE ALREADY THOUGHT IS THE WORST POSSIBLE FORM OF INCEST."

...AND, (AS IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY CLEAR TO ME),
DOES ENCOURAGE THE PREDOMINACE OF WEAK, REGRESSIVE GENES."

CIVILIZATION KNEW IT HAD IT MADE WHEN IT REALIZED PEOPLE WOULD PAY TO HEAR OTHER PEOPLE TALK.

MYTH

THERE WAS ONCE A GREAT MYSTERY THAT EVERYONE SOUGHT,
IT LIVED IN A DARK, HIDDEN CAVE,
THEN ONE DAY SOMEONE DRUG IT OUT INTO THE LIGHT,
AND EVERYONE LOST INTEREST IN IT.

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AND NOW FOR SOME: "POST-MYTH ANALYSIS"

"WELL, TELL ME BART, JUST WHAT DID THEY EXPECT WOULD HAPPEN!?"
"GEE, KURT, THAT'S A TOUGH ONE! -- BACK TO YOU."

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AT FIRST IT WAS: "I HAVE BECOME THE KIND OF MAN WHO WANTS TO BECOME A PARTICULAR KIND OF MAN.",
AND THEN IT WAS: "I HAVE BECOME THE KIND OF MAN I USED TO LAUGH AT.",
AND THEN:"I HAVE BECOME THE KIND OF MAN I USED TO SECRETLY ADMIRE."
AND FINALLY IT WAS: "I HAVE BECOME THE KIND OF MAN I ORIGINALLY WANTED TO BE."