

LET'S START WITH SOME "FACTS":

FACT: GETTING STARTED IS ALWAYS THE HARDEST PART.

FACT: ONLY IF YOU'RE ORDINARY.....OR DEAD.

AFTER HE'D BEEN DECEASED FOR SOME TIME, ONE GUY LOOKED AROUND AND SAID:
"I'M SICK OF DEATH!",
AND LOCAL CONDITIONS RESPONDED: "CONSIDER THE ALTERNATIVE.",
AND WITH SOME CHAGRIN, THE GUY WAS FORCED TO ACCEED.

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THE HA HA REVIEW

ANY TIME YOU FORGET THAT YOUR OWN LOCAL CONDITIONS HAVE A SENSE OF HUMOR
JUST REMEMBER THAT THEY STILL CAUSE SUICIDE PREVENTION CENTERS TO BE OPEN.

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EVERYTHING THAT GROWS, EATS,
PARADES EAT,
PLANETS EAT,
LIFE EATS.

"HEY, HON", CRIED A MIND, "WHAT'S FOR DIN?"

TODAY'S: PSYCHOLOGICAL UPDATE

THE IDEA OF, "MASKS" CAME TO MAN AFTER HE FIRST DISCOVERED MASKS.

AND A GROUP OF ANALYISTS, (TIED TO AN UNOCCUPIED DOG SLED),
HOWLED THEIR OBJECTION TO THIS COMMENT.

MOOSE NUMBER ONE TURNED TO MOOSE NUMBER TWO, (AS THEY CHEWED), AND NOTED:
"IF MEN DID HAVE A SOUL THEN COULD BE RELIGIOUS". (CHEW, CHEW),
"AND IF THEY DID HAVE MINDS THEN THEY COULD USE COUNSELING." (CHEW, CHEW).

SCENE TWELVE -- TAKE TWENTY-TWO

THE LOCAL DIRECTOR CALLED THE CITY TOGETHER AND ANNOUNCED:
"THE CAST OF CHARACTERS WE'LL BE USING IN TODAY'S SHOOTING
WILL BE BASICALLY THE SAME AS YESTERDAY'S --
...AND LAST MONTH'S --
...AND LAST YEAR'S --
...AND..." , AND SOME PEOPLE BEGAN SHOUTING BACK:
"YEAH, YEAH -- WE GET THE PICTURE."

AND NOW: TIME FOR A MYTH:

AND LO! -- NAY, DOUBLE LO! --
THE DAY CAME WHEN WAS LOOSED UPON THE EARTH
A RAGING HORDE OF UNCONTROLLABLE METAPHORS.

"WE EAT OUR OWN REFUGE.", DECLARED ON MAN,
AND MANY NEAR-BY DISAGREED, AS THEY CONTINUED TO PICK THROUGH THE GARBAGE.
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER THE MAN WAS CORRECT OR NOT,
LOOK TO THOSE WHO NEVER COMMENT ON THE MATTER.

ALL CRITICISM IS PLAGIARISM.

LIFE TOLD LOCAL CONDITIONS:

"I PUT YOU IN CHARGE DOWN THERE TO SEE THAT NOTHING ANOMOLOUS EVER GETS TOO OUT OF CONTROL, AND IF YOU WANT TO KEEP ALL YOUR PERKS YOU BETTER SEE TO IT. AND CONDITIONS SALUTED: "YES SIR! -- I ALWAYS IMMEDIATEY SIT ON A MYSTIC JUST AS SOON AS I SPOT ONE.", AND LIFE SEEMED TO GRUNT ITS APPROVAL AS IT TURNED AND WALKED AWAY.

FOR YOU SCHOLARS TRACKING & RECORDING THIS PROGRAM,
I DON'T KNOW WHETHER THIS ITEM SHOULD BE FILED UNDER:
FAIRY TALES, OR: RELIGIOUS MYTHS, OR: SOREHEAD HUMOR!?

WHENEVER THE DUMB BEGIN TO SUSPECT AGAIN JUST HOW DUMB THEY REALLY ARE
THEY ALSO BEGIN TO EXPERIENCE A SUBTLE DESIRE TO ATTACK.

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COMPETING INTELLECTUALLY IS ADMISSION OF DEFEAT, AND PROOF OF NO CREATIVITY.

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AFTER BECOMING, "WELL EDUCATED",
ONE MAN DECLARED: "WHAT THE HELL DOES ANY THING MEAN!?",
AND NEAR BY STOOD HIS SMILING PROUD DAD WHO COMMENTED:
"TIME WAS WHEN HE'D ONLY SAY THAT ABOUT SPECIFIC THINGS!"

AS PEOPLE BEGIN TO BECOME CIVILIZED, CRIME BECOMES SERIOUS BUSINESS,
ONCE THEY FULLY ARE, IT CAN BE A PASTIME.

ONLY THE SIMPLE OF MIND TAKE SUCH NEWS AND LOOK OUTWARD FOR ITS SIGNIFICANCE,
I IN FACT HAVE ALREADY NOTED FOR YOU THAT PEOPLE BECOME SOCIOLOGISTS
BECAUSE THEY'RE AFRAID TO BE PSYCHOLOGISTS,
AND THAT PEOPLE BECOME PSYCHOLOGISTS BECAUSE THEY'RE AFRAID TO BE THEOLOGISTS,
AND ALL OF 'EM BECOME WHAT THEY ARE FOR THE SIMPLE REASON THAT
THEY'RE ALL AFRAID OF BECOMING REAL, INDIVIDUAL PEOPLE.

IN THE UPPER LEVEL, MORTAL PRISON,
MEN ARE HELD NOT BY CHAINS, BUT BY HABIT, FEAR, AND IMITATION.

THE WARDEN TOLD THE GUARDS: "AS LONG AS MEN HAVE UN-FOCUSED AWARENESS
WE HAVE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT."

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A POET STOOD ON A HILL AND RECITED:
"IN A WORLD THAT'S FILLED WITH STRIFE,
YOU MAY ASK WHAT GOOD IS LIFE..."
AND LIFE STEPPED IN TO SAY: "YOU JUST TRY IT!"

AN ELABERATION OF AN ITEM FROM OUR LAST SHOW
CONCERNING HOW TO TELL IF YOU ARE A MYSTIC:

ONE DAY YOU LOOK AROUND AND SUDDENLY THINK: "I'LL BE DAMNED." --
THAT'S ALL -- NOTHING MORE -- JUST THAT.

HOW TO TELL IF YOU ARE ORDINARY

YOU'RE EITHER: SATISFIED,
OR YOU'RE NOT SATISFIED -- BUT
YOU'RE SATISFIED WITH THE REASONS OTHER PEOPLE GIVE FOR WHY
YOU'RE NOT SATISFIED.

ONE MAN CALLED HIS PET RAT, "YOU DUMB PIN HEAD MUTHER",
BUT THE FURRY ONE DEMURED ON THE BASIS THAT THE NAME WAS ALREADY TAKEN
IN THAT HOUSEHOLD.

A VIEWER WRITES:

"I BET YOU THINK THAT SOME OF THAT STUFF YOU READ ON THE AIR IS REALLY FUNNY! -
...AS A MATTER OF FACT, SO DO I....AND THAT'S WHAT BOTHERS ME!....
....WELL, ME AND MY MIND, THAT IS.

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK,
KEEP ME ON YOUR MAILING LIST,
AND DON'T FORGET TO SEND ME MY TWO DOLLAR REBATE
ON THAT BRAKE FLUID I BOUGHT.
SINCERELY", ETC.

ONLY THE UN-AWAKENED UNDERTAKE CHARITY.

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HORMONES MAKE US HUMAN,
HORMONES MAKE US BEASTS.
- SO WHAT ELSE IS NEW!?

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THE BELIEF THAT CONDITIONS CAUSE CRIME WOULD CRUMBLE & FALL WERE IT NOT FOR THE
CONTINUING SUPPORT AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE SIMPLE OF MIND.

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A QUICK GLIMPSE INTO THE OLE FUTURE

AT EARTH'S GRAND CONVENTION, EVERYONE'S STATE OF AWARENESS WILL BE THEIR
NAME TAG.

ANOTHER EXCERPT FROM THAT: SECRET HANDBOOK:

A MYSTIC'S MAIN JOB IS TO: HAVE FUN.

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INSTEAD OF TRYING TO EXPAND HIS CONSCIOUSNESS,
ONE MAN DECIDED TO BECOME AN INTELLECTUAL, (EXPLAINS HE):
"IT'S SORT OF LIKE BEING A WEATHER FORECASTER
IN THAT I CAN TELL YOU ABSOLUTELY WHAT HAPPENED YESTERDAY."

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TO TRY AND KEEP THINGS UNDER CONTROL,
LOCAL CONDITIONS TOLD ONE GROUP OF ROWDIES THAT IF THEY DIDN'T, "CALM DOWN",
IT WAS GOING TO START PUTTING HEALTH FOOD IN THEIR DRUGS.

ALL THE WORLD'S RELIGIONS AND PHILOSOPHICAL SYSTEMS BEGAN AS
ONE MAN'S ORIGINAL THINKING --
-- (YOU CAN TAKE IT FROM THERE.)

A VIEWER WRITES:

"WHY DO YOU KEEP INSINUATING THAT A MAN WHO KNEW THE SECRET OF LIFE
WOULDN'T TELL ANYONE ELSE!?! " --

-- "INSINUATE", HELL! -- WHAT ARE YOU, VIEWER -- DEAF!?

THUS FAR IN HISTORY MAN HAS COMPOSED THE: UNFINISHED SYMPHONY,
POSED THE: UNANSWERED QUESTION, AND COMMENED THE: INCOMPLETED JOURNEY --
-- WHAT'S NEXT!?!

NEURO-PHYSO, PLOP-PLOP UPDATE

THE MIND IS TO THE BRAIN AS THE INTESTINES ARE TO THE STOMACH.

IF -- YOU ARE AN ORDINARY, EVERYDAY PERSON, YOU MAY IGNORE THIS NEWS.

ONE GUY LOOKED AT LIFE AND SAID:

"I MAY BE A SIMPLE SHIT, BUT EVEN I'M NOT THAT SIMPLE!"

.....AND AS IS SO OFTEN ITS WANT, LIFE JUST SMILED AND LET THE OUTBURST PASS.

BIOLOGICAL UPDATE

ONLY ONE TYPE OF CREATURE CARES FOR OTHERS AT ITS OWN EXPENSE:
THE STUPID, THE CIVILIZED, AND THE ORDINARY.
...(I KNOW THIS SOUNDS LIKE THREE, BUT THEY'RE ALL THE SAME.)

THE EARTH IS HUNGRY! --

-- LOOK IT UP IN THE DICTIONARY.

TO BE "SANE" IS TO BE FAIRLY CERTAIN WHAT WILL HAPPEN FROM ONE DAY TO THE NEXT;
TO BE OF MYSTICAL BENT IS TO HATE THE POSSIBILITY!

HAR, HAR! -- "OF WHAT?", ASKED A GUY IN THE BACK!

ONE MAN TOLD HIS SON:

"IF YOU CAN'T BE ORIGINAL, DON'T TRY AND EXPLAIN OR EXCUSE IT AWAY --
AREN'T, AFTER ALL, CANNIBALS THE ULTIMATE REFORMERS!?"

NOW MAKE YOURSELF USEFUL -- GO SHAVE A PORCUPINE...OR STUDY MORALITY,.....
...OR SOMETHING."

ONE CITY EARTH DWELLER RECENTLY MADE THIS COMMENT:

"DOWN HERE, WE'RE ALL FOOLS,

AND THOSE WHO QUOTE OTHERS IN SUPPORT OF THEIR FOLLY ARE 'INSTITUTIONAL FOOLS'
WITHOUT, (NECESSARILY), THE INSTITUTIONS."

....AND SEVERAL PEOPLE IN THE "PROFESSIONS", (STANDING NEAR-BY) TOOK EXCEPTION!

LIFE HAS FEW ABSOLUTE, UNCONDITIONAL RULES AT THE LOCAL LEVEL,
BUT ONE OF THEM IS THAT: NO ONE WHO KNOWS WHAT'S GOING ON CAN BE IN CHARGE.

... (Oh,

AND LIFE THANKS YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING IN THIS MATTER,
AND SAYS THAT IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT YOU CAN GO SOME WHERE ELSE.)

ONE GUY'S CREEDO

IF YOU LOOK TO OTHERS FOR INSPIRATION,
YOU'LL NEVER RUN OUT OF THINGS TO LOOK FOR.

ANTHROPOLOGICAL UPDATE

MEN INVENTED MIRRORS ONCE THEY GOT TOTALLY SICK OF BLAMING THEMSELVES.

AND A VIEWER ASKS:

"SHOULDN'T THAT ACTUALLY BE LISTED UNDER: ELECTRONIC NEWS!?"

THE WAY YOU CAN TELL THAT A MYSTIC "CARES" IS THAT HE PRETENDS TO CARE.

ROMANCE: A BRIEF ESSAY

TOES ATTRACT TOES, AND,
FINGERS, FINGERS,
BUT WHO CARRIES THE ALURE FOR NEURONS?!

AND SIR GAWAIN GA-MOANED: "OH, WHERE AM I, NOW THAT I NEED ME!?"

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ONE MAN USED TO MAKE UP TOUCHING, INSPIRATIONAL PROVERBS SO SO HE COULD
LAUGH AT THEM.

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FROM THE SUPPLIMENTAL INSERT IN OUR LATEST JOKE & NOVELTIES CATALOG.
COMES THIS INTERESTING ITEM:

"THE BEST WAY TO BE A 'MYSTIC' IS TO BE FROM ANOTHER WORLD."
...(IT'S ON PAGE S3, NEXT TO THE DISCONTINUED WHOOPIE CUSHION.)

AND A BOY ASKED HIS MOTHER: "CAN THE MELANCHOLY EVER BE MYSTICS?",
AND SHE REPLIED: "YES, BUT THEY'LL ALWAYS BE, 'MELANCHOLY MYSTICS'."

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AND A VIEWER ASKS: "WHY'D YOU HAVE TO ADD THAT!?"

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TODAY'S EXPOSE

THOSE WHOSE COMPREHENSION OF: THE MEANING OF LIFE, COMES FROM BOOKS HAS BEEN
SECRETLY, "JOY-BUZZED" BY LIFE.

HUMOR IS A BY-PRODUCT OF THE PARADE NEVER BEING ABLE TO STOP.,

ONE DAY, ONE GUY GOT HOLD OF THE SUPER HORN AND ANNOUNCED TO THE WHOLE WORLD THAT THE NEXT DAY HE WAS GOING TO PLAINLY EXPLAIN WHAT LIFE WAS ALL ABOUT, AND IMMEDIATELY LARGE BUNCHES OF PEOPLE LET IT BE KNOWN THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE "SHOWING UP" IF WHAT HE HAD TO SAY WAS NOT CRITICAL AND NEGATIVE!

ONE DAY,

IN A WOOD, NEAR A SPARKLING BROOK,

A MAN SAT DOWN TO REST OF A SLIPPERY ROCK, AND RUBBED HIS FEET AS HE REFLECTED:

"IF MY THOUGHTS ARE LIKE MISTER MICROPHONE,

THEN THE CONSCIOUS BEHIND THEM IS MRS. STATIC & INTERFERENCE."

ONE DAY,

IN A BODY, NEAR A BUBLING G.I. TRACT,

A MAN'S DIGESTION CHUCKLED AND MUSED:

"YES, AND I'M LEE DE FOREST.",

AND LIFE,

AND A MYSTIC,

STANDING OVER BY THE MAIN SWITCH TURNED AND SILENTLY SMILED AT ONE ANOTHER.