

THE MAYOR SO ADDRESSED THE CITY, WITH SOME "GOOD ADVICE", ALL AROUND:
"IF YOU'RE SIMPLE-OF-MIND, 'TIS GOOD TO BE STRONG-OF-ARM."

...(TO BE TOTALLY CANDID WITH YOU,

I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT HE PERSONALLY COMPOSED SUCH A MESSAGE! --

...I FIGURE LIFE PUT HIM UP TO IT!)

THE ROUTINE EMOTIONAL LIFE OF ORDINARY PEOPLE IS SO FLIMSEY AND TENUOUS
THAT IT'S ALMOST NECESSARY TO TALK ABOUT IT TO HELP HOLD IT TOGETHER.

ALL RATS EVENTUALLY DROWN,
MANY DROWN BEFORE THEY DIE,
AND THESE WANT YOU TO HOLD THEIR HAND.

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OVERALL, THE PARADE IS ORDERLY -- WHILE INTERNALLY IT CAN SEEM OTHERWISE.

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ONE MAN SAYS HE'S ABOUT COME TO THIS DAMN-NEAR, MATHEMATICAL CONCLUSION,
 HE SAYS: "IF LIFE DOES WANT US ALL TO BECOME CIVILIZED,
AND, CIVILIZATION IS BASED ON RULES & LAWS,
AND, 'BEING CIVILIZED' CONSISTS IN ABIDING BY THESE LAWS
WITHOUT, 'THINKING ABOUT THEM',
 THEN, ERGO: LIFE DOES NOT REALLY WANT PEOPLE THINKING FOR THEMSELVES, NOW DO IT!

...(WOULD YOU LIKE TO ANSWER THAT ONE!?)

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AND NOW FOR MATTERS MUSICALE; A LOOK AT OUR TOP 40 LIST

COMING UP THE CHARTS FAST, (FOR THE LAST SIX THOUSAND YEARS, AS A MATTER OF FACT)
 IS THAT HOT LITTLE NUMBER ENTITLED:

"YOUR STOMACH CAN'T THINK AND YOUR MIND CAN'T ROCK & ROLL."

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IN RE LANGUAGE: SACRED WORDS: AN OVERVIEW

THE BELIEF IN SACRED WORDS IS WHAT ERADICATED THE DODO.

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THE SIMPLE BELIEVE IN MYSTERY SHIPS -- THE MORE CONSCIOUS, IN MYSTERIOUS CARGO

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DAY SAILOR'S QUEERY: WHY DO NO VIEWERS EVER ASK ME TO TELL THEM WHAT
"BELIEF" ACTUALLY AMOUNTS TO !?!

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LIFE REMINDS THE BODY TO STAY ALIVE THRU HUNGER - AND THE INTELLECT, THRU ATTENTION.

ONE DAY IN THE WOODS, (WHILE ENJOYING THE SPRING BEAUTY OF POND SCUM),
ONE MAN PAUSED TO SO REFLECT:
"DEAR GOD HAS GIVEN ALL OF HIS CREATURES BRAINS:
HE'S GIVEN PIGS, PIG BRAINS,
COWS, COW BRAIN,
SHEEP, SHEEP BRAINS, AND MAN, HUMAN BRAINS.
...BUT....HUMMM...SOMETIMES I WONDER IF
THE OED DEAR DOESN'T PERIODICALLY GET DISTRACTED WHILE MAKING THE DISTRIBUTION!

PHYSICALLY, A MAN'S HEALTH IS HIS HEALTH -- MENTALLY, HIS AWARENESS.

FROM OUR: "HOW TO DEAL WITH IT" DEPARTMENT

IF YOU'RE ASKED A QUESTION, AND YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT,
ALWAYS BEGIN YOUR REPLY WITH A RELATED, PERSONAL ANECDOTE.

IF LIFE HOLDS YOUR ATTENTION -- LIFE HOLDS YOU.

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LIFE REMINDS THE BODY TO STAY ALIVE THRU HUNGER - AND THE INTELLECT THRU ATTENTION
AND ATTENTION HAS BUT ONE FOOD -- AWARENESS.

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THE LESS YOU'RE ABLE TO INTERNALLY ENTERTAIN AND INFORM YOURSELF
THE MORE YOU MUST SEEK SAME FROM WITH OUT.

IF PHYSICALLY, THE QUALITY OF HEALTH DEPENDS ON YOUR DIET
THEN MENTALLY, IT RESTS ON YOUR AWARENESS.

THE MAYOR OF ONE CITY ONE DAY HAD THIS TO SAY:

"PEOPLE ARE NOT DUMB! --

PEOPLE ARE NOT STUPID! --

PEOPLE ARE NOT CRIPPLED AND FLAWED AND LESS THAN THEY SHOULD BE! --

DAMMIT!, PEOPLE ARE... WELL, HE-~~Y~~ JUST PEOPLE!"

...(NOW DAT'S DE KINDA GUY WHO'LL STAY IN OFFICE A LONG-G-G, LONG TIME!)

WHAT UNCONTROLLED ATTENTION DOES TO CONSCIOUSNESS IS NOT UNLIKE:
"WALKING THE DOG", OR, "ROCKING THE CRADLE".

THE LEGEND OF THE PEOPLES ON THIS ONE WORLD SAYS THAT
IF YOU GET TO BE REALLY GOOD FRIENDS WITH LIFE
IT'LL LET YOU DIE FROM WHATEVER YOU WANT TO.

(THE LEGEND-WITHIN-THE-LEGEND GOES ON TO SAY THAT
LIFE EVEN ALLOWS A FEW TO LIVE WHATEVER THEY WANT TO.)

AND YET ANOTHER DESCRIPTION OF IT:

A MYSTIC IS SOMEONE WHO WON'T LET SOMEONE ELSE ENTERTAIN HIM --
...EVEN IF IT WAS POSSIBLE.

OKAY, (FOR YOU ADVANCED, "PUSHY-SORTS"), TRY THIS ONE ON, (IN THE FIRST DRESSING ROOM):

A MYSTIC IS A GUY WHO CAN'T BE ENTERTAINED.

...(PERHAPS IF WE TOOK IT UP A BIT IN THE LENGTH....)

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TO BE UNDER-CIVILIZED IS TO PLACE TOO LITTLE VALUE ON HUMAN LIFE,
TO BE PROPERLY SO IS TO PLACE MORE VALUE ON IT THAN YOU KNOW IT DESERVES --
...JUST LIKE YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO! IF YOU'RE CIVILIZED,...

AND NOW ANOTHER: "CITY INTELLIGENSIA" FEATURE:

IF YOU MUST PROVE YOU KNOW SOMETHING -- YOU DON'T KNOW NOTHIN'!

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ONE DAY,
 ON A MEDITATIVE WALK IN THE WOODS,
 A MAN SUDDENLY STOPPED AND THOUGHT:
 "WHAT IF,
 BEHIND THEIR SERENITY EXTERIORS,
 MYSTICS ARE ACTUALLY SUPER AGGRESSIVE!? -- WOW!, WHAT A POSSIBILITY!",
 AND BEHIND A TREE,
 AS A MORE CONSCIOUS LION CONSUMED A LESS SO GAZELLE,
 IT SAID: "SO WHAT'S THE POINT!? -- WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL!?....."

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AND NOW SOME: HEALTH NEWS

NO ONE IS DUMBER THAN THEY CAN BE.

...(OR PERHAPS THAT WAS OUR: INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT FOR THE DAY.)

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A VIEWER WRITES: "WOULD YOU PLEASE REPEAT THE ONE YOU READ RECENTLY THAT SAID
 THE BENEFIT OF BEING REALLY DUMB IS THAT YOU CAN NEVER REALIZE JUST HOW
 REALLY DUMB YOU ARE?.....I DON'T KNOW, I SEEMED TO HAVE SOME HOW
 MIS-HEARD IT THE FIRST TIME 'ROUND."

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IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANYTHING ORIGINAL TO SAY, YOU DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY.

SOME MORE: BLACK HOLE MATH & LOGIC

THE MORE CONSCIOUS YOU BECOME, THE LESS INTEREST YOU HAVE IN HISTORY --
 -- AT FIRST, ANCIENT -- LATER ON, RECENT.

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NOW FOR SOME: INVESTMENT NEWS:

TO EMOTIONS, THE PAST DOESN'T EXIST -- THAT'S WHY THE INTELLECT MUST INVENT IT

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ACCORDING TO A TALE ON ONE WORLD,
 LOCAL CONDITIONS ONE DAY PULLED ITS SIX SHOOTERS,
 AND AMINED THEM AT THE MIND'S FEET, THREATENING:
 "IF YOU EVER DO QUIT TALKIN', YOU'LL HAVING TO START A'DANCIN' --
 -- AND YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS!" --
 IT MEANS YOU'D BE RIGHT BACK THERE WITH YOUR SORRY OLD DRINKIN' BUDDIES,
 BACK WHERE I FIRST FOUND YOU.",
 AND THE STORY CONCLUDES WITH THE MIND UNDERSTANDING THE WARNING, AND
 TAKING IT QUITE SERIOUSLY.

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THE MARTIAL ARTS -- AS PRACTICED UPSTAIRS:

HAVING MORE FLEXIBLE AWARENESS ALLOWS ONE TO MENTALLY "KICK ASS".

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AN UPDATING IN THE HISTORY OF PSYCHOLOGY

WHILE A RUSSIAN FINALLY TRAINED DOGS IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY,
LIFE HAD ALREADY DONE SO WITH MAN, YEARS-S-S AGO.

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ONE MAN SAYS HE'S COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT CIVILIZATION'S NOT WORTH THE
PAPER IT'S WRITTEN ON.

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THE SAME PEOPLE WHO BELIEVE THAT EDUCATION DEVELOPES INTELLIGENCE
WOULD ACCEPT THE CLAIM THAT JELL-O MOLDS IMPROVE THE TASTE OF THE GELATIN..

A VIEWER WRITES:

"ARE YOU EVER GOING TO STOP SAYING THINGS THAT MAKE ME INCREASINGLY THINK THAT
MAN IS UNBELIEVABLY STUPID!?"

....IF SO,

WOULD YOU PLEASE ANNOUNCE THE DATE IN ADVANCE SO THAT I CAN BE SURE
AND TUNE IN?

YOURS", ETC.

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CONSCIOUSNESS IS YOURS TO SPEND,
AND MOST PEOPLE DIVIDE THEIRS BETWEEN THIS-OR-THAT, (OR SOME VARIATION THEREOF)

THE TITLE OF THIS ITEM SHOULD HAVE BEEN:

"THE POTENTIAL UNLIMITED EXPENDITURE OF MENTAL WEALTH."

TODAY'S FACTUAL LEGEND

SINCE 99% OF THE WORLD CAN'T FIGURE OUT WHAT'S GOING ON
THEY ASSUME NO ONE ELSE CAN EITHER.

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ONE OF THE NEURAL ADVANCE GUARD TOLD HIS SON:

"THE SOONER YOU REALIZE THAT THOSE LESS AWARE THAN YOU RUN THE ROUTINE WORLD,
THE BETTER!

.....AND, OH YEAH -- AND THAT THAT'S THE PROPER ARRANGEMENT, ALSO."

ONE DAY A MAN CONFIDED TO HIS POSSUM AS THEY STOLLED IN THE MOUNTAINS:

"YOU KNOW, VIDO,

ALL OF LIFE'S CONSTRUCTIONS ARE BEAUTIFUL --

...BUT I SWEAR TO POGO, SOME SEEM MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN OTHERS."

AND FROM THE PEAKS AND VALLIES, RETURNED THIS ECHO:

"ANY CRITICISM THAT CAN BE MADE OF ANY ASPECT OF HUMAN EXISTANCE IS BOTH:
JUSTIFIED, AND TOTALLY UNFOUNDED.",

...(AND UNDER HIS MARSUPIAL BREATH VIDO MUTTERED: "I KNEW THAT.")

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A QUICK REMINDER OF HOW, IF YOU'RE CIVILIZED, TO TELL THAT YOU'RE STILL ALIVE:
YOU SPEAK IN CLICHES AND THINK IN GRIDLOCK.

THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS SPECIFIC, "BAD ADVICE",
(ADVICE SIMPLY BEING LIFE'S INTERNAL MEMOS, VIA MAN),
THE ONLY REAL BAD ADVICE WOULD BE ANY THAT A REAL THINKER WOULD ENTERTAIN.

MUCH OF THE ADDITIONAL CONTROL A MYSTIC NEEDS OVER HIS AWARENESS
COMES AT THE EXPENSE OF ANIMAL EMOTIONS.

....SO DON'T SAY I DIDN'T WARN YOU, ROVER!

...AND, OHY YEAH:

ALTHOUGH HE FAVORS IT, A MYSTIC IS BY NO MEANS A "FRIEND" OF CIVILIZATION.

THOSE WHO CRITICIZE OTHERS ARE SUFFERING FROM ONE OF TWO POSSIBLE ILLS:
EITHER: SIMPLE MINDEDNESS, OR,
POOR MEMORY.