

TO THE MORE CONSCIOUS,  
WHAT EVER EVERYONE ELSE IS THINKING IS WRONG -- EVEN IF IT'S CORRECT.

ONE MAN TOLD HIS MIND:

"PICK A SUBJECT -- ANY SUBJECT --  
NOW -- FORGET IT!"

TODAY'S CREATION MYTH

IN THE BEGINING, EVERYTHING WAS SIMPLE,  
THEN LIFE MADE MAN, AND THINGS GOT MORE COMPLICATED,  
THEN MAN CONJURED UP HIS NOTIONS OF WHAT LIFE IS, AND THINGS REALLY WENT WILD!  
...(IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T NOTICED.)

\* \* \*

NOW ON TO OUR: ARTS DESK -- FIRST FOR SOME MUSIC NEWS

AS A COLLECTION OF GREATEST HITS FROM THE 70'S  
ONE MAN RE-THOUGHT ALL THE THOUGHTS HE'D HAD BACK THEN.

\* \* \*

AND NOW FROM THE BALLET WORLD

ONE MAN THOUGHT:  
"GOD!, I'M SICK OF THE PAST! --  
I JUST WISH I'D GET SICK ENOUGH OF IT TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT."

\* \* \*

AND NOW: THE HOCKEY SCORES

GRAVITY 6, WISHING 0.

\* \* \*

SCIENTISTS HAVE ALWAYS BELIEVED THEY'D FIND "THE ANSWER"-- OUT THERE,  
AND MYSTICS -- IN HERE.

THEY'VE BOTH GONE ABOUT THEIR RESPECTIVE BUSINESS WHILEST LIVING UNAWARES  
IN A ONE ROOM APARTMENT WITH A DRAGON WHO KNOWS IT ALL.

WHAT IS CIVILIZATION BUT: OPINION AND OPPOSING OPINION,  
BELIEF AND COUNTER BELIEF,  
SUPPOSITION AND ALTERNATIVE!?

CIVILIZATION: MAN'S MENTAL LIFE EXTERNALLY WRIT.

THE SIMPLE ARE ATTRACTED TO HORMONAL THINGS, THE MORE SOPHISTICATED, NEURAL ONES  
-- BUT THEY BOTH OVER DO IT.

PROVERB UPDATE

ONE GUY CUT OFF HIS FACE TO TEACH IT A LESSON FOR BEING UPSET REGARDING  
SIMILAR ACTION HE'D TAKEN AGAINST HIS NOSE TO TEACH IT ONE.

CONCORDANT: AFTER A CERTAIN TIME,

A MORE CONSCIOUS MAN DOES NOT HAVE TO WARN HIS PARTS TO: "WATCH IT!"

-- BY THEN, THEY'RE WELL AWARE OF WHAT HE'S UP TO,

AND SELDOM NEED REMINDING TO STAY OUT OF THE WAY.

AS THE WAS LEAVING THE HOSPITAL, A REPORTER ASKED HIM IF HE HAD ANY ADVICE  
TO OFFER OTHERS BASED ON HIS HARROWING EXPERIENCE, AND HE REPLIED:  
"IF I DO, HOW MUCH WILL I BE PAID FOR IT?",  
AND THE REPORTER REPLIED: "WHY, NOTHING, OF COURSE.",  
AND THE MAN NOTED:  
"WELL, DOES NOT THAT ABOUT SAY ALL THAT NEED BE SAID  
REGARDING THE MATTER OF 'ADVICE'!?"

A KID ASKED HIS OLD MAN:

"HEY, I HEARD IT SAID THAT: 'IF YOU SIMPLY FLOAT, YOU'LL FLOAT DOWN STREAM' --  
HOW ABOUT IT!?",

AND HIS PAPA REPLIED:

"ARE WE TALKING WATER SPORTS HERE, AND MATTERS MENTAL?"

FACTS: A VIEW FROM THE CITY

FACT: HORMONES "KNOW IT ALL"!

FACT: SO WHAT!? -- WHAT GOOD DOES THAT DO ME!?

CONCLUDING FACT: EVERYONE WHO LIVES ANY WHERE TOO SPECIFIC  
IS USUALLY TOO PAROCHIAL TO EVER SEE MUCH OF ANYTHING.

NOW ON TO STOCK QUOTATIONS

ONE BROKER'S LATEST THEORY OF THE MARKET IS THAT:  
HORMONES AND NEURONS BOTH RESIDE IN THE SAME METRO AREA,  
BUT DUE TO THEIR INDIVIDUAL ALLEGIANCE TO THEIR OWN 'HOOD  
EACH OF THEIR INVESTMENT PORTFOLIOS ARE RESTRICTED IN SCOPE.

MORAL: THOUGHT HAS ITS LIMITS -- BUT NOT THE ONES IT PUTS ON ITSELF.

"HEY!", SAID A GUY TO HIS WIFE, "I'M UP TWO AND A QUARTER!",  
AND SHE SAID: "DON'T YOU WISH."

\* \* \*

THE DIFFICULTY IN COVEYING NON-PARTISAN THOUGHT TO OTHERS IS THAT  
IT OFTEN SEEMS LIKE A SILVER BULLET TO THEIR EVERYDAY, WEREWOLF AWARENESS.

COVERING HIS EARS FROM THE CHILD-DRIVEN CACOPHONY,

AN OLDER BROTHER SAID TO HIS YOUNGER SIBLING:

"KIDS SURE DO MAKE A LOT OF NOISE.",

TOWHICH THE LAD RESPONDED: "YES, AND ALSO SIMPLE MINDED ADULTS.",

...AND TO THAT, THEY HAD TO GIVE ONE ANOTHER A HIGH-MINDED, FRATERNAL, HIGH-FIVE

ONE MAN THOUGHT:

"OKAY, LET'S TRY IT AGAIN:

IF AWARENESS IS A RIVER, THEN ATTENTION IS A BOAT.....NO,

IF AWARENESS IS A BOAT, THEN ATTENTION IS A RUDDER.....WAIT...WAIT,

IF AWARENESS IS A BOAT, THEN ATTENTION SHOULD BE -- COULD BE, AN ENGINE."

LATER,

WHEN THIS EFFORT HAD PAST,

HE SAT ALONE AND THOUGHT:

"GOD!, BUT I LOVE MY DRUGS, AND OTHER MAJOR DISTRACTIONS!"

TO THE DEFINITIONS DESK, DONIZETTI

COLLECTIVE INTELLIGENCE: LETTING OTHER PEOPLE'S ATTENTION BE YOUR ATTENTION.

IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND OF THE UNIVERSAL SING OFF  
THE THREE FINALIST GROUPS TOOK THEIR PLACES AND RESPECTIVELY LET FLY:

IN YO HEAD,  
IN YO HEAD,  
THAT'S WHERE YOU LIVE IS,  
IN YO HEAD.

IN YOUR BOD,  
IN YOUR BOD,  
THAT'S WHERE YOU LIVE IS,  
IN YOUR BOD.

AND LASTLY:           IN THIS LIFE,  
                          IN THIS LIFE,  
                          THAT'S WHERE YOU LIVE IS,  
                          IN THIS LIFE.

AND THE WINNER IS.....

PART OF BEING CIVILIZED, SANE AND ORDINARY IS IN ACCEPTINGS IDEAS THAT AREN'T SO  
BECAUSE THEY SOUND GOOD.

ONE MAN WAS A LUMP OF EXCESSIVE ASPHALT ON THE SHOULDER OF A HIGHWAY,  
BUT RETURNED IN THE NEXT LIFE AS A SEMI CARRYING WATERMELONS.  
PRAISE BE TO REINCARNATION AND A YEAR ROUND GROWING SEASON IN CALIFORNIA.

A VIEWER SAYS:

"WHILE I RECOGNIZE A LITERAL TELLING OF REALITY,  
AND UNDERSTAND THE USE OF SYMBOLISM,

IT IS NOT OFTEN THAT ONE ENCOUNTERS ALLEGORY PRESENTED AS METAPHOR.

IS THIS WHY, AT TIMES, I AM ABLE TO PICK UP YOUR SHOW ON  
MULTIPLE CHANNELS SIMULTANEOUSLY?"

ONE BOY NOTED TO HIS KID SISTER:

"NO ONE'S ACTUALLY RELIGIOUS PAST THE AGE OF TWELVE --  
AFTER THAT, THEY'RE JUST FRIGHTENED AND FAKING IT."

AND NOW THIS DE SOTO-VOCE EXCERPT FROM THE MYSTIC'S SECRET HANDBOOK

WHAT ORDINARY PEOPLE CALL "THINKING" IS DAMN-NEAR -- EMBARRASSING.

AND THIS LETTER, INTO THE OFFICE OF DOCTOR KNOWLEDGE:

"DEAR DOCTOR: IS IT POSSIBLE TO BE A MYSTIC AND STILL THINK LIKE EVERYONE ELSE?"

"DEAR SIR", REPLIED THE DOCTOR,

"IF WHAT YOU MEAN TO ASK IS IF YOU CAN BE A MYSTIC AND STILL BE ABLE TO,  
'THINK LIKE EVERYONE ELSE?',"

THE ANSWER IS: HEY, THAT'S THE ONLY WAY TO EVER EVEN GET STARTED!

P.S.: SHOULD I BE KINDA DUMB AND SORTA HOPE YOU GET WHAT I MEAN!?!?"

ATTENTION TIME ON THE SHOW

IF YOU HAVE TO QUOTE OTHERS TO MAKE YOUR POINT, YOU DON'T GET THE POINT.

\* \* \*

"SEE KID", SAID A GUY TO A KID WHO WANTED ANSWERS,  
"THE THING IS,  
EVERYTHING YOU WANT TO KNOW -- LIFE ALREADY KNOWS.

NOW GO ON OUT AND PLAY WHILE YOU PONDER WHAT THIS SIGNIFIES REGARDING YOUR SEARCH

\* \* \*

NOW TIME FOR A: MIDDLE SCHOOL DEFINITION

PARTISAN THOUGHT: THE BEST FRIEND LOCAL REALITY EVER HAD.

...AND PLEASE!, BOYS & GIRLS,

DO NOT CONFUSE THIS PHRASE WITH THE MORE COMMON WORD, "BLINDNESS".

\* \* \*

LOOKING BACK OVER HIS LIFE, ONE MAN SAID TO HIS BODY:  
"WELL, I MUST SAY, YOU'VE LEAD ME ON QUITE A MERRY CHASE, THUS FAR.",  
AND IT REPLIED: "HEY, DON'T PULL THAT SHIT ON ME --  
YOU ALREADY TRIED IT TWO DAYS AGO ON YOUR MIND.",  
"OH.", HE REPLIED.

THE "A,B,C's" OF NEW INTELLIGENCE

A: EVERYONE'S CONSCIOUSNESS IS THEIR OWN PRIVATE AFFAIR.

B: EVERYONE'S CONSCIOUSNESS IS PUBLICLY CONCEIVED.

C: NO ONE BUT A MYSTIC CAN COUNT PAST C.

\* \* \*

NOW BACK TO THE KITCHEN FOR MORE TIPS ON: MAXIMIZING MAXIMS

"GETTING PAST THE FIRST STEP" DOESN'T MEAN ANYTHING IF  
YOUR SECOND IS JUST GOING TO BE A REPEAT OF THE FIRST.

AND FROM THE: CHEF'S DICTIONARY

NON-PARTISAN THOUGHT: THE NON-COMMERCIAL BRAND OF, "MENTALBURGER HELPER".

WALL STREET TIP: ONLY THOSE DEALING IN MONETARY TRADES CAN ACTUALLY,  
"OVER-EXTEND" THEMSELVES;  
THE LEANER AND POORER THE MORE ALERT BECOME,  
THE STRANGER AND RICHER THEY GET.

\* \* \*

ONE GUY'S TAKE:

"TALK MEANS NOTHING -- BUT WITHOUT IT THEY'D BE NOTHING TO TALK ABOUT."

AWARNNESS AND ATTENTION: ANOTHER LOOK AT IT

ANIMALS HAVE ATTENTION, BUT NO AWARNNESS OF THEIR ATTENTION,  
MEN HAVE BOTH --- AND THE POTENTIAL TO EXERCIZE THEM SIMULTANEOUSLY.  
...BUT IT IS JUST A "POTENTIAL".....BUT DON'T LET THAT STOP YOU.

A LEGEND AMONGST ONE FAR AWAY PEOPLES ASSERTS THAT,  
WHILE ALIVE, MAN IS A VENTRILOQUIST'S DUMMY, AND LIFE, THE VENTRILOQUIST,  
AND WHEN YOU DIE, THE POSITIONS ARE REVERSED.

...(THE TALE DID ORIGINALLY INCLUDE MENTION OF THOSE WHO STRUGGLE FOR  
GREATER INDIVIDUAL CONSCIOUSNESS, BUT TACTICAL TERMINTES  
DESTROYED THAT PART OF THE RECORD.)

A GENTLEMAN WRITES THE KNOWLEDGE DOCTOR:

"DEAR DOCTOR: WHAT EXACTLY IS 'CIVILIZATION' OTHER THAN SIMPLY -- TALK!?",  
AND THE DOCTOR REPLIED: "HEY, YOU GOT ME."

"HOW COMES IT!?", THOUGHT A LAD WHO'S BEEN WATCHING OUR SHOW,  
"THAT THE SIMPLE SEEM TO WANT TO MAKE THEIR PHYSICAL EXISTANCE MORE COMPLICATED  
WHILE THE MORE-CONSCIOUS APPEAR HEADED IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION!?"

A VIEWER WRITES:

"RECENTLY,

WHILE CHANNEL SURFING,

I THOUGHT I'D DROWNED! --

-- BUT NO!, I'D JUST ACCIDENTALLY TUNED IN TO YOUR PROGRAM."

FROM OUR VIS A VIS DESK

HORMONES ARE REALITY -- NEURONS, METAPHORS,  
THEN WHEN NEURONS PRODUCE VERBAL REALITY, IT BECOMES A METAPHOR.

\* \* \*

## NOW A COUPLE OF RELATED, HUMOROUS STORIES

\* EVEN IF YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO BE ORIGINAL, THERE'S STILL THE TWO PROBLEMS OF:  
REMEMBERING TO BE, AND,  
MAKING THE EFFORT TO BE.

\* ONE MAN WAS SO FAITHFUL TO THE TRADITIONS OF HIS MYSTICAL SCHOOL THAT  
EVEN AFTER HE DIED, IT WAS MANY YEARS BEFORE HE LET ANYONE KNOW.

AND A VIEWER WRITES: "I DON'T SEE ANYTHING FUNNY, OR CONNECTED ABOUT  
EITHER ONE OF THEM." --

-- NO, YOU WOULDN'T.

ONE MAN'S LATEST GRASP OF IT:

"IF THE COLLECTIVE ACTUALLY KNEW ANYTHING -- THEY WOULDN'T BE THE COLLECTIVE!"

...(YOU GOTTA ADMIT --

IT'S HARD TO ARGUE WITH THINGS YOU CAN'T ARGUE WITH.)

THE PROPER DEFINITION OF WHAT PEOPLE CALL, "THE TRUTH"  
IS A CERTAIN ELECTRO-CHEMICAL CONSISTANCY.

MAN'S ROUTINE MENTAL LIFE: THE RELIANCE ON PRECEDENT WHERE NONE VALIDLY EXISTS.

ANGER: A VERBAL POSTACRD FROM PARADISE

ALL ANGER COMES FROM THE GUTS,  
ALL FOOLISH DISPLAYS, FROM THE MOUTH.

ANGER: YOU GOTTA LOVE IT! -- WISH YOU WERE HERE, BEATRICE DEAR.

OKAY, ANOTHER DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A MYSTIC AND A ROUTINE PERFORMER IS THAT  
TO STAY IN BUSINESS,  
IF IT COMES TO A DECISION OF HAVING TO EITHER PLEASE HIS AUDIENCE, OR HIMSELF,  
THE LATTER WILL CHOICE THE FORMER.

WHEN WORDS CEASE BEING INFORMATION, OR AT LEAST, ENTERTAINMENT,  
THEY BECOME DRUG-LIKE,

A CORRESPONDANT MUSES:

"SEEMS TO ME THAT A MYSTIC WOULD HAVE TO BE EITHER A  
CONCUSSIVE CREAM PUFF,  
OR A FORTRESS FILLED WITH MOUSSE.

OH, P.S.: I GUESS HE COULD BE SOMETHING ELSE ALSO.  
YOURS", ETC.

TODAY'S USEFUL SECRET LEGEND

---

EVERYONE HAS A TWIN BROTHER, (OR SISTER) WHO FEELS BETTER THAN THEY DO --  
-- IF THEY COULD JUST FIND THEM.

THEY CALL STORIES ABOUT EVERYDAY PEOPLE, "HUMAN INTEREST STORIES"  
SO YOU'LL THINK THEY'RE INTERESTING.

ENTERTAINMENT & THE TRANSCENDENTAL

FULLY DEFINED & DESCRIBED: THE GREAT SECRET WORK:

THE GRANDEST PRODUCTION ON BROADWAY! --  
-- AND WHEN WORKING RIGHT -- SANS MARQUE.

\* \* \*

NOW: AN OCCUPATIONAL UPDATE

IF THEY'RE NOT, IMPERSONALLY, OBJECTIVELY, TRYING TO MAKE YOU MORE CONSCIOUS,  
THEN, NO MATTER WHAT THEY'RE PEDDLING, OR WHATEVER ITS COST,  
THEY'RE DISHONEST, SIDEWALK SHILLS,  
PRIMED TO "TAKE" YOU AND THEMSELVES IN THE CITY'S OLDEST RUNNING CON GAME.

\* \* \*

A KID STOPPED -- CUPPED HIS EAR, AND ASKED HIS FATHER:  
"HEY, WHAT WAS THAT?", AND THE OLD MAN REPLIED: "IT'S NOTHING.",  
BUT THE KID INSISTED: "NO, DIDN'T YOU HEAR THAT!? -- IT WAS SOMETHING.",  
AND THE ELDER REPLIED: "OH, I HEARD IT ALL RIGHT, BUT IT WAS STILL NOTHING --  
IT WAS JUST THE SOUND OF LIFE."

\* \* \*

HORMONES, LOVE AND THE TRANSCENDENTAL THINKER

EVERYONE IS LOOKING FOR THEIR, "OTHER HALF" -- EXCEPT A MYSTIC! --  
-- HE IS HIS!