

WHEN THE FIRST MAN TO ACHIEVE A NON-STANDARD STATE OF AWARENESS
REALIZED THERE WAS NO "SECRET" INVOLVED,
TO HELP SHIELD HIS FRIENDS LATER, WHEN THEY ASKED ABOUT THE EXPERIENCE,
HE SAID HE COULDN'T TELL THEM DIRECTLY BECAUSE IT WAS A "SECRET".

AND THUS WERE ALL THE LITTLE BEARS, AND PIGGIES ABLE TO GO TO
GO TO BED COMFY -- IMAGINARILY FED-&-FULL.

HEALTH, FINANCES & MAN'S ROUTINE MENTAL STRAIN

ONE GUY THOUGHT: "IF HEADACHES WERE STROKES, I'D BE ON MEDICARE."

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UNRELATED MORAL: THE GREAT THING ABOUT THIS KIND OF ACTIVITY IS THAT ITS INCONSISTANCY IS MATCHED ONLY BY THE REALIABILITY AND CONSITRICTION OF ORDINARY THINKING.

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ONCE THE PATIENT WAS IN THE PROPER POSITION THE MYSTICAL SURGEON ASKED:
"DO YOU WANT ME TO GREASE UP JUST MY FINGER, OR MY WHOLE HAND!?"

...AND THAT "UNDERSTANDING-IN-SOME-THAT-STRUGGLES-TO-BE" CRIED OUT IN REPLY:
"NAY! -- YOUR ENTIRE BODY AND ALL THAT YOU KNOW! --

FOR TIME IS SHORT, AND I KNOW NOT HOW LONG I CAN LAY SEIGE TO THE OPERATING ROOM.

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A BOY ASKED HIS FATHER: "HAVE YOU NOTED THAT MYSTICS NEVER SPEAK OF AN AFTER LIFE"
AND AS YOU CAN PROBABLY IMAGINE, THE ELDER MADE A REPLY HAVING SOMETHING TO DO
WITH THE MATTER OF "BLUNT, EXTREME EFFICIENCY".

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A CONTEMPORARY WRAP-UP OF MAN'S INTELLECTUAL PROGRESS THUS FAR

MEN DON'T KNOW SQUAT ABOUT NOTHING!

...(AS ALWAYS, THOSE OF YOU SO INCLINED, [OR INCLINED UPON],
MAY TAKE THIS AS OUR "JOKE FOR THE DAY".)

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WHEN ONE MAN HEARD OF THE, "RIGHT BRAIN-LEFT BRAIN" THEORIES,
HE SQUEALED: "GREAT GAWD A'MIGHTY! -- NOW I GOT DOUBLE THE CHANCES!"
....(YOU CAN LAUGH NOW.)

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TODAY'S FABLE

IN THE FOREST ONCE APPEARED AN EXOTIC COLORED BIRD WHO
BEGAN TO TELL THE CREATURES THINGS THAT THEY'D NEVER EVEN
THOUGHT ABOUT THINKING ABOUT,

AND JUST AS THEIR INTEREST WAS REACHING AN UNPRECEDENTED PITCH
A COMMON BROWN BEAR SUDDENLY CAME UP AND ATE IT.

ALL THE CREATURES WERE THROWN INTO A STATE OF DISROUGHT PANIC,
AND BEGAN SCREAMING AT THE BEAR: "WHY DID YOU DO THAT!? WHY DID YOU DO IT!?",
AND HAVING NO ANSWER TO SUCH A QUESTION, THE BEAR REPLIED:
"I CAN'T TELL YOU -- IT'S A SECRET."

MORAL: GET THE HELL OUTTA BED OR IT'LL GROW ON YOU.

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Life is hiding --
Yes it is --
Indeed it is --
-- Right out in the open.

Let's consider it: A consciousness that is dull,
defused,
untethered,
unfocused,
jerky,
lifeless,
noisy,
and unaware of itself --
all-in-all, simply a consciousness which
a real person finds unacceptable.

"UPDATE UPDATE" INQUIRY:

WHICH IS CURRENTLY STRONGER IN MAN: HIS BIOLOGY, OR HIS PSYCHOLOGY?
- ARE THERE NOT STILL MORE DRINKERS THAN MEDITATORS!?

BE SURE AND TUNE IN FOR OUR NEXT UPDATE WHEN WE WILL BE DROPPING A
FRENCH COOKING SCHOOL ON A ZEN MONASTERY.

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FOR THE SAKE OF EFFICIENCY.

ONE MAN BEGAN CLIMBING UP AS HIGH IN THE LOWER PARTS OF HIMSELF AS HE COULD,
WITH THE INTENT TO "LEAP-OUT", AND EVENTUALLY, "GRAB-HOLD-OF", AND,
"BRING-DOWN" GRAVITY.

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THE HEAD MONK TOLD THE NEOPHYTES:

"NONE OF US CAN REST EASY AS LONG AS THE LAWS OF PHYSICS STILL PREVAIL."
...BUT THE KING & ALL THE TOWN'S FOLKS CAN -
SINCE THEY KNOW THAT THIS IDEA IS TOTALLY INSANE!

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A LAD ASKED HIS FATHER: "IS IT IMPORTANT IN LIFE TO KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING?",
"WHY BOY, I DIDN'T KNOW YOU COULDN'T SEE! -- HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN BLIND
IN THE HEAD?"

One guy's motto was: "Why remind yourself of anything!?"
...(To which I add: Dig it dudes!)

TODAY'S SECOND FABLE

THERE WAS ONCE SOME BEARS WHO SAID THEY WANTED TO FLY --
THEY SAID IT -- BUT NEVER ACTED IT.

MORAL: THE END.

SEEING HIMSELF IN THE MIRROR, ONE MAN THOUGHT: "YOU LOOK LIKE HELL!",
 THEN QUICKLY ADDED: "BUT LOOKS AREN'T EVERYTHING --
 IN FACT", HE FURTHER THOUGHT,
 "WHY WOULD AN INTELLIGENT MAN EVEN LOOK AT REFLECTIONS
 WHEN THE REAL THING IS AVAILABLE!?"
 ..(AND THE POOR THING IN THE MIRROR JUST SHOOK ITS HEAD.)

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AS SHE WAS SQUIRMING DOWN GOOD UNDER THE COVERS, SOCRETES' GIRLFRIEND ASKED:
 "WHAT IS THIS BIG DEAL ABOUT: 'KNOWING YOURSELF'!?",
 AND THE STORMY STONE-CUTTER WANTED TO NOTE FOR HER THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN
 TRAVEL BROCHURES FOR THE PLACE,
 AND THE ACTUAL "DISAPPEARING ACT" OF BEING ON THE ELYSIAN FIELDS BUT....
 THE HOUR WAS LATE,
 AND SHE'D OVER-ATE,
 PLUS, WHO LIKES A SMART-ASS AT BED TIME.

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The Civilized Life Of Man: The world's largest material illusion.

AFTER EXPERIENCING AN UNEXPECTED MISHAP A MAN SAID:
"JEEZE! -- THAT HASN'T HAPPENED TO ME IN TEN YEARS.",
AND HIS BUDDY SAID:
"HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT SO EXACTLY!? --
I THOUGHT YOU DIDN'T KEEP TRACK OF TIME!?",
AND THE MAN REPLIED:
"I DON'T --
THAT'S WHY I MADE IT UP --
SO'S I'D HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY."

PSA: FRIENDS DON'T LET FRIENDS TALK ALONE.

MORE OF THE GREAT CONSPIRACY POLITELY REVEALED

LIFE PRODUCES ALL THE DEPARTURE SCHEDULES, AND POSTS THEM ALL OVER THE TERMINAL TO KEEP PEOPLE FROM REALIZING THEY'RE NOT GOING ANY WHERE.

"AND - HEY!", ADDED APOLLO THE HUN, "KNOW SOMETHIN' ELSE!? -- EVERY STINKIN' PART OF CIVILIZATION IS IN CAHOOTS WITH IT,"

IN LIEU OF DRINKS,
THE CO-PILOT CAME ON THE INTERCOM
OFFERING AN ON-BOARD, IN-HOME, CORRESPONDANCE COURSE FOR SAILORS ENTITLED:
"HOW TO THROW YOUR VOICE PAST THE SIRENS -- OR:
THE THROTTLING OF ONE'S OWN VENTRILOQUIST FOR FUN & PROFIT AND EVEN MORE FUN."

MEANWHILE: THE CAPTAIN OF THE LEAKY BUCKET ASSURED ONE AND ALL THAT
IN SPITE OF THE REALITY-OF-THE-SITUATION
EVERYTHING WOULD "BE ALL RIGHT"
JUST AS LONG AS NO ONE THOUGHT ABOUT IT.

MORAL: IN A STORM, BEARS WILL BUT ALMOST ANY STORY.

ONE MAN COULD EXPLAIN ANYTHING --
IT DIDIN'T DO HIM ANY GOOD --
HE WAS A MYSTIC.

TWO CONTRASTING, POSSIBLE HEAD CONDITIONS

MIND-ON-THE-HOOF -- CONSCIOUSNESS-ON-THE-WING.

THE MATTER OF METAPHORICAL THOUGHT & POETIC SPEECH
TOTALLY COVERED & COMPLETELY EXPOSED

REALITY: THE ULTIMATE ALLEGORY.

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OKAY - FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO APPRECAITE "ALTERNATIVE POSSIBILITIES",
A SHIFTED RE-TELLING OF THAT LAST ONE:

NON-LITERAL, NON-LATERAL SPEECH & THOUGHT FEARLESSLY UNCLOTHED & DEFINED:

THE-ALLEGORY-OF-ALL-ALLEGORIES: THINGS AS THEY ARE.

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AND TO TRY AND COMPENSATE, ONE MAN LOUDLY PROCLAIMED:
"LET HE WHO IS WITHOUT SOCKS CAST THE FIRST SHOE."

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THE MYSTIC'S ONE-OF-A-KIND, MENAGE A TROIS
IS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HIS MIND, LIFE, AND THE NORMALLY UNOBTAINABLE.

Should debate ever end
So would evolution on this planet
As worked through man.

The secret is hiding --
Yes it is --
Indeed it is --
-- Right out in the open.

SO, ONE DAY, THOUGHTETH ONE MAN:

"MYSTICISM WOULDN'T SEEM SO MYSTERIOUS IF THERE WAS SOME COMMON TERM FOR IT!?"
AND TALK ABOUT YOUR COINCIDENCES -- THERE IS! -- IT'S CALLED: "BEING ALIVE".

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AS THEY CLIMBED INTO BED MOSES' GIRLFRIEND SAID:

"DO YOU KNOW THAT YOU TALK IN YOUR SLEEP," --

-- AND HE DID --

-- WHICH WAS ONE OF THE REASONS HE RESISTED THE CONDITION.

AND YET ANOTHER DIFFERENCE, (IF THERE BE ANY)
BETWEEN THE WOULD-BE MYSTICS, AND THE REAL THING IS THAT
WHEN THEY TALK ABOUT THE AWAKENING, THE "WOULD-BE'ERS" WANT YOU TO LIKE THEM,
WHILE THOSE WHO ACTUALLY "KNOW-WHAT-THEY'RE-TALKING-ABOUT"
WANT ONLY^ FOR YOU TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THEY SAY -- AND USE IT.

The awakening is hiding --

Yes it is --

Indeed it is --

Right out in the open, and you are the open.