

A MAN WHO FOR MANY YEARS HAD WORKED ON THE PUZZLE
ONE DAY SUDDENLY FOUND HIMSELF IN THE MIDST OF THE SOLUTION,
AND IMMEDIATELY THOUGHT: "HOW SIMPLE IT IS! --
NO WONDER I NEVER FIGURED IT OUT."

SHORTLY AFTER LIFE MADE MAN, AND GOT HIS INTELLECT CRANKED UP,
SORT OF AS A JOKE, OR MAYBE AS A CHALLENGE,
IT PUSHED HIM TOWARD THE DOOR AND TOLD HIM:
"OKAY, NOW GO OUT THERE AND GET EVERYTHING ORGANIZED."

EVEN AMONG THE ORDINARY THERE ARE THOSE WHO ARE SIMPLE,
AND THOSE WHO ARE MORE COMPLEX,
EXCEPT IN THEIR CASE THEY TEND TO BE OVERLY COMPLEX --
-- COMPLEX IN WAYS THAT DO THEM NO BENEFIT.

ALONG THE WAY, ONE GUY THOUGHT:
"JEEZE! -- IF THINGS DIDN'T KEEP GETTING WEIRDER,
THEY WOULDN'T EVEN BE BEARABLE."

AT THE ENTRANCE TO EVERY TRANSCENDENTAL HIGHWAY
IS A SIGN DECLARING SUCH AN EXORBITANT TOLL FEE AS TO KEEP OUT THE MERELY CURIOUS
AND THOSE IN VEHICLES INSUFFICIENTLY COMPLEX TO COMPLETE THE TRIP;
ONE SUCH SIGN SAYS: "NO ONE KNOWS WHAT THEY'RE GOING TO SAY NEXT",
AND THOSE WHO CAN'T SEE THIS CAN NEVER GO PAST THIS.

ONE DAY,
IN THE MIDDLE OF THE MEDITATIVE PRACTICE HE'D PURSUED FOR MANY YEARS,
A MAN WAS SUDDENLY STRUCK:
"MY GOD! -- WHERE MIGHT I BE TODAY
WERE IT NOT FOR ME!?"

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TECHINCAL UPDATE FROM OUR SERVICE MANUAL:

A GOOD QUESTION CAN BE AS USEFUL AS A GOOD ANSWER,
BUT NEITHER CAN MATCH THE BENEFITS OF AN EXPLODING SMALL APPLIANCE.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE FEW & EVERYONE ELSE

MEN DON'T WANT TO UNDERSTAND LIFE -- THEY WANT TO DISCUSS IT.

MORE STEREOSCOPIC VIEWS FROM A THREE DIMENSIONAL LANDSCAPE

RELIGION: A PHILOSOPHY IN SEARCH OF A NAME.

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MAN DOES NOT HAVE BOTH A MIND AND A BODY UNTIL HE HAS A MIND TO SAY THAT HE DOES
H AND AFTER THAT, WHO IS LEFT TO SAY OTHERWISE!?

DURING THE HEIGHT OF MORNING RUSH HOUR
A MAN SUDDENLY STOPPED HIS CAR IN THE MIDDLE OF THE FREEWAY
BRINGING TRAFFIC TO A STANDSTILL,
THEN, AT THE TOP OF HIS VOICE, SCREAMED:
"DOES ANY ONE KNOW WHAT THE HELL LIFE IS ALL ABOUT!?",
AND A VOICE FROM SEVERAL CARS BACK YELLED BACK:
"I DO -- BUT I'M LATE FOR WORK ALREADY --
SO, IF YOU WOULDN'T MIND MOVING....."

OBSERVING THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN NOW AND WHEN HE WAS YOUNGER, A MAN MUSED:
"I KNOW THAT TIMES CHANGE -- BUT HOW MUCH ACTUALLY SO, DO PEOPLE!?"

MANY QUITE ORDINARY MEN LIKE TO SAY THAT SIMPLY BEING ALIVE IS A MIRACLE --
BUT THE REAL ONE IS IN EVER UNDERSTANDING WHAT BEING ALIVE IS ACTUALLY ABOUT.

ANOTHER VERSION OF HOW/WHY POSSIBLY CAME ABOUT THE NOTIONS OF
MYSTICISM AND SECRET KNOWLEDGE

THE NATURE OF LIFE & REALITY IS SO PLAIN AND OBVIOUS
AND SO FEW PEOPLE EVER SEEMED INTERESTED THEREIN,
THAT THE FEW WHO WERE, DECIDED SOMEWHERE ALONG THE WAY, IN RESPONSE THERETO,
TO START MAKING IT ALL SOUND MORE COMPLICATED & CONCEALED
THAN WAS ACTUALLY THE CASE.

TODAY'S LESSON:

JUST BECAUSE THERE'S A NAME FOR SOMETHING DOESN'T MEAN IT EXISTS,
AND JUST BECAUSE THERE'S NOT A NAME FOR SOMETHING DOESN'T MEAN IT DOESN'T EXIST
AND JUST BECAUSE I SAY THIS DOESN'T MAKE IT TRUE,
AND JUST BECAUSE YOU DON'T BELIEVE IT DOESN'T MAKE NOT TRUE.

LOCK UP WHEN YOU LEAVE.

THE TITLE OF THE ULTIMATE EXPOSÉ: "THERE AIN'T NOTHING TO EXPOSE".

WHEN HE FIRST UNDERTAKES THE MYSTICAL JOURNEY
A MAN FINDS MANY ROADS OPEN TO HIM,
BUT AFTER SOME DISTANCE, THEY BEGIN TO NARROW AND MERGE,
AND THE MANY POSSIBILITIES BECOME BUT ONE.

ONE MAN LEARNED HOW TO WRAP SILLY PUTTY IN A METAL JACKET
WITH OUT DESTROYING THE INTEGRITY OF EITHER.

NO MATTER HOW EDUCATED OR SOPHISTICATED YOU MAY BE
YOU ARE A THROW BACK TO PRIMATIVE TIMES IF YOU HAVE FAITH IN WORDS,
FOR TO DO SO IS TO ENTERTAIN SPOOKS AND GOBLINS,
AND BELIEVE IN SPIRITS FROM THE DEAD.

YOU'LL NEVER GET RICH & FAMOUS BY EXPLAINING LIFE -- ONLY BY CRITICISING IT.

THE CONTINUING FABLE OF THE PRIZE

AFTER MANY YEARS OF SEARCHING FOR THE TREASURE
A CERTAIN MAN FINALLY CAME UPON IT,
AND WHEN HE OPENED THE CHEST, HE FOUND IT EMPTY,
AND UNDERSTOOD IT WAS HIS DUTY TO KEEP IT THAT WAY.

THE SCIENTIFIC NEUROLOGY OF THE SIMPLE & THE COMPLEX

A BUSY MIND IS NOT NECESSARILY A MORE COMPLEX ONE.

THOUGHT TO CONSCIOUSNESS IS AS THE ASYMETRICAL TO THE SYMETRICAL.

ANALYZATION WITHOUT ORIGINALITY IS A JOKE --
.....NOT FUNNY, BUT A JOKE.

OME MYSTIC, (WHO NEVER DESCRIBED HIS WAY), DESCRIBED IT THUSLY:
"IT IS LIKE A PICKING OF LICE FROM YOUR HAIR
UNTIL YOU FORGET THERE IS A DISTINCTION BETWEEN YOUR HAIR AND THE LICE."
...(HE ALSO NOTED THAT WHILE THE WORD, "FORGET" DID NOT ACCURATELY CONVEY
WHAT WAS INVOLVED, NEITHER DID ANY OTHER VERBAL SYMBOL.)

TODAY'S TANGLED TALE

THERE WAS ONCE A KING WHOSE PEOPLE WERE OUT OF CONTROL,
IN AN ATTEMPT TO RECTIFY THE SITUATION HE FIRST SOUGHT TO FORCIBLY SUDUE THEM,
AND WHEN THAT DIDN'T WORK, HE TRIED TO REIGN THEM IN THROUGH KINDNESS,
WHICH WAS EQUALLY UNSUCCESSFUL,
THEN - SOME HOW, BY ACCIDENT - HE DID NOTHING BUT WATCH THEM,
AND LO! -- THEY CEASED TO BE ANY SOURCE OF DISTURBANCE.

MORAL: IF YOU DON'T REALIZE THAT THIS STORY IS ABOUT YOUR OWN THOUGHTS,
AND NOT ABOUT A BUNCH OF UNRULY PEOPLE,
THEN A MORAL TO IT'S A WASTE OF TIME.

THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF THE AWAKENED IS LIKE AN ARMED FORTRESS --
-- BUT WITHOUT THE ARMAMENT.

THE ONLY THING ANYONE ACTUALLY KNOWS IS THAT WHICH IS ORIGINAL WITH THEM.

ADDENDUM TO OUR MANUAL OF INTERIOR DESIGN:

BOOKS MAKE BETTER DECORATIONS TO A ROOM THAN DO OTHER PEOPLE'S IDEAS TO A MIND.

ALL WHO FIND THEIR WAY, DRAW MAPS,
BUT THE MORE OFTEN THEY VISIT, THE LESS INTEREST THEY HAVE IN CARTOGRAPHY

THERE IS A "MYSTIC'S SECRET SHORT CUT TO MENTAL & VERBAL EFFICIENCY" --
IT'S CALLED, "THE SHUT UP".

AT FIRST A MAN IS CONFUSED AND NOT-KNOWING,
AND WITH ENLIGHTENMENT COMES UNDERSTANDING,
BUT BEYOND THAT IS AN UNDERSTANDING OF SUCH A NATURE THAT
IT CANNOT EVEN BE CALLED UNDERSTANDING.