

THE MORE-CONSCIOUS KNOW A SECRET -- BUT THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS.
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BUT THEY KNOW THAT IF THEY TOLD YOU THAT YOU WOULDN'T KNOW.

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THE ENLIGHTENED KNOW A SECRET -- BUT THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS.
....OH, THEY KNOW ALL RIGHT,
BUT THEY KNOW THAT IF THEY TOLD YOU THAT YOU'D GO: "WHAT THA HELL WAS THAT!?"

EVERYONE KNOWS "WHAT THEY KNOW" -- NOTHTING MORE, AND NOTHING MORE,
AND THAT IS THE SECRET THAT
NONE SAVE THE FEW CAN FACE.

THE UNRECOGNIZED BENEFIT OF ACTIVE CONSCIOUSNESS IS THAT
IT DOESN'T KNOW ANY THING.

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HOW CAN YOU SPOT "THE WORLD'S GREATEST MAGICIAN"?
- HE'S THE ONE WHO NEVER GETS CAUGHT AT IT.

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A MAN ASKED LIFE: "IS IT POSSIBLE TO BE TOO SMART FOR YOUR OWN GOOD?
AND WITH A SNORT, LIFE REPLIED: "WHY DON'T YOU TRY IT AND SEE."

THE CONTROL TOWER TOLD THE PILOT THAT ALTHOUGH IT WAS FOGGY AND DENSE
THAT HE WOULD STILL BE ABLE TO OPERATE NORMALLY --
-- WHICH IS WHAT THE MIND ALWAYS TELLS ITSELF! --
-- AND, (SAD TO SAY) -- IS TRUE.

A MAN DECLARED:

"I WILL ONLY BELIEVE IN THE GODS WHEN THE NEWS BECOMES GOOD.",

AND THE PRIEST COUNTERED:

"BUT IF THE NEWS WAS GOOD WE WOULDN'T NEED THE GODS.",

AND THE MAN COUNTER COUNTERED:

"DO YOU HONESTLY BELIEVE YOU CAN DISTRACT ME AS EASILY AS THAT!?",

AND THE PRIEST JUST GRINNED.

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ONE DAY A MAN ASKED LOCAL CONDITIONS:

"SAY, WHO DO YOU WORK FOR?",

AND L.C. JUST WIGGLED ITS EYE BROWS AND SMILED.

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ONE DAY A MAN ASKED HIMSELF:

"WHAT DO I BELIEVE IN,

AND WHO DO I WORK FOR?",

BUT BEFORE HE COULD REPLY, HE LOST TRANSMISSION TO HIMSELF.

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ONE DAY A MAN STOOD UP TALL AND ANNOUNCED: "EVERYBODY HATES A CRITIC! -- THAT'S WHY LIFE MADE HALF OF YOU BE ONE." - AND, WHAM! -- HE WAS OUTTA THERE.

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HOME OWNER'S TIP: NEVER CALL A FURNACE MAN TO CLEAN YOUR ATTIC.

HOW IT CAN ACTUALLY BE BENEFICIAL TO THINK OTHER PEOPLE'S THOUGHTS:

IN SOME WORLDS,
IF YOU WET YOUR PANTS
IT DOESN'T COUNT -- IF YOU'RE:
WEARING SOMEONE ELSE'S PANTS.

.... FOR YOU POTENTIAL TRANSCENDENTALISTS IN OUR AUDIENCE, THIS IS ALSO OUR:
"HERRENDOUSLY DECEPTIVE, DESTRUCTIVE AND TRUE-NATURED LIE FOR THE DAY"!

....CLOSE UP YOUR EARS, CHILLUN --

OR ELSE GO OUT AND PLAY --

-- SOME WHERE OUT SIDE THIS PATHETIC REALITY-- (DON'T CHU KNOW).

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ONE MAN WROTE A TALK SHOW: "CAN I BE ON?",
AND THEY REPLIED: "YOU ALREADY ARE."

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SOME WHERE -- HELL, ANY WHERE -- THIS SIDE OF THE ACTUAL ENLIGHTENMENT
 IS THE MOMENT-TO-MOMENT OPPORTUNITY TO EITHER BE DRIFTING IN MAN'S NORMAL
 DULL, LETHARGIC, AND PONDEROUS STATE OF MENTAL AWARENESS,
 (WHICH IS TOTALLY ADEQUATE TO LIVE A ROUTINE EXISTANCE), OR TO CONTINUALLY
 SHAKE ONESELF,
 ENLIVEN THE BRAIN,
 AND SET PERCEPTION FREE,
 TO SEE WHAT IT MIGHT SEE.

THE REALITY OF THIS CONSTANT POSSIBILITY, RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE,
 IS WHAT MAKES THE SIMPLE WANT TO DREAM OF THE MYSTIC AS BEING SO
 FAR, FAR AWAY, AND SO
 HARD, HARD TO FIND.

OKAY -- DEFINE "THE MORE AWAKENED":

OKAY -- THOSE WHO "KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON"-- AND -- CAN FACE IT.

EVERY 7 OR 8 YEARS, MANY PEOPLE ALMOST GO TO PIECES --
ONLY TO REVIVE THEMSELF FOR ANOTHER 7 OR 8,
AND SO ON.

YOUR STATE OF CONSCIOUSNESS IS YOUR SENSE OF TIME --

YOUR STATE OF CONSCIOUSNESS IS YOUR SENSE OF SPACE --

YOUR STATE OF CONSCIOUSNESS IS YOUR SENSE OF LIFE, -- A

YOUR STATE OF CONSCIOUSNESS IS YOUR SENSE OF YOU.

PRETTY IMPRESSIVE, HUH!? --

-- UNLESS YOU'RE A LION,

OR A PIG,

OR A MOOSE, OR SOMETHING.

HOW TO SPOT THE MORE-AWAKENED UNDER CONVERSATIONAL CONDITIONS

IF YOU TELL THEM THAT YOU "KNOW WHAT THEY MEAN" --
THEY'LL IMMEDIATELY MEAN SOMETHING ELSE.

EVERYONE'S MENTAL "WAR STORY":

"THERE I WAS ~~BEING~~ SURROUNDED!,
SNIPERS ON MY LEFT!,
MINE FIELDS ON MY RIGHT!,
MY ORDERS LEFT NO CHOICE,
I HAD TO STAY AND FIGHT."

EVERYONE'S STORY IF
THEIR AWARENESS WAS SHARP ENOUGH TO TELL IT.

THE COMMON ATTEMPTS TO ALTER CONSCIOUSNESS ARE AT BEST
GAMES OF CHANCE,
AND AT WORST -- RUSSIAN ROULETTE.
ONLY THE MYSTIC'S WAY OFFERS SPECIFIC, KNOWN POSSIBILITIES.

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ONE MAN NEVER CARED IF IT RAINED --
UNLESS DROPS THREATENED HIS OWN HEADSTONE.

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SIMPLE MINDS CAN ALWAYS COME UP WITH A SPECIFIC, LOCAL EXAMPLE TO DENY THE REALITY OF THE UNIVERSAL.

HOME OWNER'S TIP: NEVER CALL A ROOFER TO CLEAN YOUR ATTIC.

AFTER REACHING INSTANBUL,
ONE MAN BEGAN PURUSING A BOOK,
ONLY TO STOP AND THINK:
"HOW DO PEOPLE READ THIS CRAP!?"

EVERYONE, (INCLUDING SCIENCE), KNOWS WHAT THE BRAIN RUNS ON,
BUT NONE BUT THE AWAKENED, CONSCIOUSNESS.

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SAID A MAN: "MY FEET TINGLE."
REPLIED A REPLY: "AND WELL THEY SHOULD."

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AND TELLS THE LEGEND,
OF THE SILENT STRANGER,
WHO RODE INTO TOWN,
WEARING THE LEAD-LINED SOCKS.

AND THEN GOES THE MYTH,
OF THE GHOSTLY PILOT,
WHO BUZZED THEIR RANCHES,
SPORTING THE FILTER CAP.

WHEN OFF CAMPING,
THE MYSTIC,
AS PROTECTION,
ALWAYS CARRIES HIS, "WAKE ME WHEN IT'S OVER" KIT.
...(AND JUST TO BE DOUBLY SAFE,
ALSO TAKES ALONG AN, "IT'S OVER".)

RETAIL SHOPPERS' MONEY SAVING TIP

AFTER SURVEYING RELIGION, SPORTS, ENTERTAINMENT AND POLITICS, ONE MAN SAID:
"WHY DON'T ALL OF YOU JUST DIRECTLY 'SUCK-UP-TO' THE BIG DOG'S ASS,
AND CUT OUT THE MIDDLE-MAN'S MARK-UP!?"

... and we told a guy:
"Watch it, Bub!"

WITHIN THE WORLD OF DEBATE CAN
ALL THE UNKNOWN CONCEAL ITSELF;

WITHIN THE MIND OF MAN CAN
ALL DARK CORNERS HIDE. RIGHT OUT IN THE OPEN.

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WHEN YOU HEAR THE SOUND OF IMPOTENT GUNFIRE,
ASK NOT FOR WHOM THE CARROUSEL TURNS,
FOR IT IS I, SWEET ECKHART,
COME TO DISPLACE THAT UNCERTAINTY
IN THY JOURNEY THROUGH THE WOOD.

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"HELP! -- MY GOD! -- I'VE BEEN SHOT!"

"WHERE?"

"RIGHT HERE -- RIGHT HERE IN THE OPEN. OH MY GOD."

SUCH,
(GIVEN THE CHANCE),
WOULD BE THE COMPASSION OF FULFILLED CONSCIOUSNESS
FOR THE MIND.

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HOME OWNER'S TIP: NEVER CALL A SIDING INSTALLER TO CLEAN YOUR ATTIC.

THE VISIBLY MOVING
ALWAYS SEEMS TO BELIE THE APPARENTLY STATIONARY.

HOW TO SPOT A MYSTIC IN A BLIZZARD -- OR ANY WHERE ELSE

IF YOU ASK HIM WHERE HE'S GOING HE WON'T TELL YOU.

ONLY PEOPLE WHO "KNOW A LOT",
BELIEVE THEY'RE SMART --
BUT IN MOST CASES - (BY THEN) -- IT'S ALREADY TOO LATE.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE LOCAL & THE UNIVERSAL,
BETWEEN THE SYMETRICAL & THE ASYMETRICAL,
BETWEEN THE FOREGROUND & THE BACKGROUND:

OFTIMES,
WHEN THE MIND THINKS SOMETHING IS GOING ON -
CONSCIOUSNESS DOESN'T.

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ONCE YOU UNDERSTAND THE TRIP,
IT'S NOT NECESSARY TO PHYSICALLY RIDE THE MYSTICAL EXPRESS OUT OF PARIS --
-- ALL YOU NEED DO IS THINK IN WAYS NOT NATIVE TO THE CITY OF SEMI-BRIGHT LIGHTS.

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ONE GUY DID USED TO TALK TO THE GODS! --
BUT ONLY IF THEY'D LET HIM CALL COLLECT.

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THE ROUTINE MIND DELINED:

A FROG MAKING WAVES IN A POND -- THEN,
WONDERING WHERE THEY CAME FROM.

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ONE MAN SAID HE'D BELIEVE IN SUPERNATURAL FORCES -- WHEN,
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HOW TO SPOT A REAL MYSTICAL WARRIOR: HE NEVER FIRES BACK.

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SCOWLING IN THE MIRROR, ONE MAN WARNED HIS REFLECTION:
"DON'T MAKE ME MAD -- I'M HOLDING A BASEBALL BAT! --
....AND THE MORTGAGE TO YOUR MOTHER'S GOOD LOOKS."

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REAL WARRIOR'S REAL MORAL: DUCK!, DAMMIT -- DUCK!

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TODAY'S FABLE

LOCAL CONDITIONS TURNED OUT TO BE SO APPARENTLY ADVERSE TO
ONE GROUP OF CREATURES
THAT TO COMPENSATE,
AND HELP THEM COPE,
LIFE GAVE THEM THE TRICK OF BEING ABLE TO SAY "I",
AND TO THINK OF THEMSELVES AS SEPARATE INDIVIDUALS.
....(WELL, TRUTH IS,
I THINK IT ALSO DID IT AS A PRACTICAL JOKE.)

ONE MAN HAD WHAT HE CALLED HIS, "UNDERSTANDING", WHICH WENT:
"ANYONE WHO THINKS THEY HAD THE LEAST LITTLE THING TO DO WITH WHAT THEY ARE
IS A TOTAL AND COMPLETE IDIOT." --
HE NEVER REVEALED THIS TO ANYONE --
AND ASKED ME NOT TO --
BUT I GUESS IT'S TOO LATE NOW.

THE KIND OF PEOPLE WHO VOCALLY,
WANT TO BE MYSTICS THE WORST,
USUALLY MAKE THE WORST MYSTICS.

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THE REASON MEN LIKE TO TALK ABOUT JUSTICE IS
BECAUSE THEY DON'T LIKE WHAT IT IS --
SO IT'S MORE FUN JUST TO TALK ABOUT IT.

THE LOCAL ALWAYS SEEMS AN EXCEPTION TO THE UNIVERSAL.

THE AWAKENING,
THE ENLIGHTENMENT,
THE EXPANDED STATE OF CONSCIOUSNESS
ARE ALL LIKE SUDDENLY SETTING A STALLION COMPLETELY FREE FROM
ITS LIFE-LONG CONFINEMENT IN A CORRAL.
....(COURSE, MOST PEOPLE DON'T KNOW IT WAS PINED UP TO BEGIN WITH.)

HOME OWNER'S TIP: NEVER CALL AN INTERIOR DECORATOR TO CLEAN YOUR ATTIC.

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HOME OWNER'S FINAL TIP: NEVER CALL ANYONE TO CLEAN YOUR ATTIC --

WHAT ARE YOU -- NUTS!? --

IT CAN'T BE DONE, AND IT'S NOT DIRTY ANY WAY!

...WELL -- SURE, IT IS!, BUT SO WHAT!?

WHAT ARE YOU -- NUTS!?!...I MEAN, WORRYING ABOUT IT & ALL.

SO - DON'T FORGET: NEVER CALL ANY ONE.

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ONE GUY SAID: "MY BODY'S LIKE A FINE TUNED MACHINE.",
AND WAS ASKED: "HOW ABOUT YOUR MIND?",
AND REPLIED: "MY BODY'S LIKE A FINE TUNED MACHINE."

HOW TO SPOT THE ENLIGHTENED

IF YOU ASK THEM WHERE THEY CAME FROM, THEY'LL CREATE A BLIZZARD.

ONE MAN SAID: "I HATE STUFF.",
AND SOMEONE SAID: "YOU MEAN THERE'S STUFF YOU HATE!?",
AND HE SAID: "No, I HATE STUFF."

ONCE A MAN'S CONSCIOUSNESS HAS REACHED ITS FULLER POTENTIAL
HE CAN LOOK BACK ON HIS LIFE UP UNTIL THEN
ALMOST AS A "METAPHOR WITHIN AN ALLEGORY" --
OH, REAL ENOUGH,
BUT STILL --
ALMOST AS A METAPHOR WITHIN AN ALLEGORY.

THE COLLECTIVE SAYS: "WHY TAKE A CHANCE!?",
AND THE INDIVIDUAL THINKS: "WHO AM I TO THINK OTHERWISE!?"

NOTE TO YOU -- YEAH, YOU!:
IF YOU THINK THAT THIS IS "THINKING",
WELL BUSTER, YOU GOT ANOTHER THINK COMIN'!

THE AWAKENED AND THE SCARED

TO LET SOMETHING BOTHER YOU IS BLASPHEMOUS.

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"THE PROOF": TAKEN RIGHT FROM THE LIFE & MOUTH OF MAN

IF CONSCIOUSNESS DIDN'T HAVE A GREATER POTENTIAL,
WE WOULDN'T -- WE COULDN'T,
BE STANDING AROUND TALKING ABOUT IT.

NO NEED TO LOOK: PART ONE HUNDRED & TWENTY-TWO

THE REAL MYSTIC CARRIES HIS OWN MONASTERY,
SECRET SCHOOL,
HIDDEN TEACHING,
AND PRIVATE PRACTICE.

ALL THE MORE PRIVATELY *ALY*
IN THE FUTURISTIC PRIVACY
OF HIS OWN HEAD.

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HOW TO SPOT THE MORE AWAKENED IN PARADISE:

WHEN THE BUSES ARE CALLED -- THEY DON'T SHOW UP.

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BEING MORE CONSCIOUS,
PUTS ONE IN CONTROL -- BUT,
"IN CONTROL"
IN AN UNEXPECTED, AND
NUTTY KINDA WAY.