

IF YOU'RE NOT ACTIVELY TRYING TO EXPAND YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS
THERE IS AN ALMOST IRRESISTABLE URGE TO WHINE AND COMPLAIN.

"COULD THAT BE CONSTRUED AS A HINT!?"

"CAN YOU GET A GUN BACK IN A BULLET ONCE IT'S BEEN FIRED?"

THE REASON YOU READ OF NO MYSTICAL SAILORS IN THE PUBLIC HISTORY OF EXPLORATION
IS THEY NEVER LEAVE MAPS.

....OKAY -

AND THE REASON THEY NEVER LEAVE MAPS IS BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T USE ANY.

I KNOW -- I KNOW,

THAT CAN'T BE SO,

AND YOU'RE RIGHT!.....WELL, YOU'RE KINDA RIGHT,

AND KINDA NOT-RIGHT,

WHICH ITSELF IS A REFLECTION OF HOW A NON-LINEAR MAP WOULD HAVE BE FOLDED,

...IF YOU HAD ONE.....AND WANTED TO TAKE IT WITH YOU.....

....IN YOUR POCKET.....IF YOU HAD ONE.

"I HAD NO POCKETS -- AND COMPLAINED,

UNTIL I MET A MAN WHO HAD NO PANTS!,

AND AT FIRST I FELT ASHAMED FOR MY PREVIOUS WHINING -- UNTIL I REALIZED THAT
A MAN WITH NO PANTS DON'T NEED NO DAMN POCKETS!.....(DOES HE!?!.....)

"OF WHAT INTELLECTUAL IMPORTANCE IS AN INDIVIDUAL
IF THEY THINK WHAT EVERYBODY ELSE THINKS!?"

"BUT WHAT IF WHAT EVERYBODY ELSE THINKS IS CORRECT,
COMPREHENSIVE, AND ENLIGHTENED!?"

"OH, WELL THAT'S A DIFFERENT MATTER."

THUS CONCLUDES TODAY'S EPISODE OF:

"THE LIFE & TIMES OF BOZO THE SUPER-COLLECTIVE CLOWN".

...(YOU KNOW, THE ONE YOU HOPED HAD DIED FOR YOUR INANITY.)

ONE MAN'S APPROACH INVOLVES THREE STEPS:
FIRST YOU ASK YOURSELF WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT BEING ALIVE,
AND SECOND YOU ASK YOURSELF WHAT IT FEELS LIKE TO BE ALIVE,
AND THEN YOU CAN GO TO THE THIRD STEP.

STUPIDITY: ONE SIZE FITS ALL.

ONE MAN SAID: "STUPIDITY" STRIKES ME AS A RATHER HARSH WORD....
...THOUGH I'M TOO DUMB TO KNOW WHY!?!
THANK YOU."

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OKAY, LET'S BE GENUINE AND CLEARLY DEFINE STUPIDITY:

STUPIDITY IS IN NOT BEING AS MENTALLY ACTIVE AS POSSIBLE.

SUCH AN UNDERSTANDING TAKES IT FROM THE REALM OF PERSONAL INSULT
TO AN OBSERVATION OF VITALITY.

SO STOPPED, AND MUSED ONE MAN:
"IF REAL MORALITY EQUATES TO A SUPERIOR AWARENESS,
(AS DOES, CHARITY, TOLERANCE AND COMPASSION)
THEN WHAT AMONGST THE AREAS THAT MAKE MAN UNIQUE
DO NOT ALSO!?"
..."NONE.", CONCLUDED HE, "NONE."

IS IT THEN, ON THIS BASIS THAT WE HAVE NO:
PROVINCIAL PRIESTS,
NO PAROCHIAL HISTORIANS,
NO SECTARIAN PSYCHIATRISTS,
AND NO ILLIBERAL LEADERS!?

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THE "THIRD LAW OF THE COLLECTIVE 'CIVIL JUNGLE'" IS THAT:
WOLVES ARE BUT LEAD BY WOLVES.
...(ANYTHING BEYOND THAT -- YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN!)

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THERE IS A WELL GUARDED BELIEF AMONG A GROUP OF TOP PHYSICISTS
THAT PROGRESS IN ALL AREAS OF SCIENCE WOULD BE EXCELLERATED
IF THE ERADICATION OF MODIFERS WAS POSSIBLE.

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THE KING THOUGHT: "COMPLEX SENTENCES ARE FOR COMMONERS."

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CONSISTANCY: AN UNDERWATER SURVEY

IS A MAN'S CEASELESS EFFORTS TOWARD AWAKENING, STATIC & MORIBUND? --
IS A SHIP'S RUDDER SO!?

OF COURSE, (AS CONTRASTED WITH THE ORDINARY'S RELATIONSHIP TO THEIR CONSCIOUSNESS)
ANY COMPETENT CAPTAIN IS MINUTELY FAMILIAR WITH THE MECHANICS OF
HIS VESSEL'S STEERING.

POINT, COUNTERPOINT

"ANYONE WHO EXERCISES IS AN IDIOT!"

"ANYONE WHO THINKS MORE THAN THEY HAVE TO IS A FOOL!"

WE PLANNED TO BROADCAST A THREE-SIDED DEBATE ON THIS SUBJECT,
BUT THE REHEARSAL OF SAME BLEW OUT THE CRONDULIAN NION FILTERS
IN OUR CAMERAS SO REPEATEDLY THAT WE WERE FORCED TO LEAVE IT AT THE TWO.

THERE WAS ONCE A MAN WHO WAS QUITE ENTANGLED WITH THE AFFAIRS OF MAN....
....UNTIL HE REALIZED WHAT WAS GOING ON!.....WHICH MENTALLY, IS NOTHING.

IF YOU WISH TO TEST A FISH'S COMPLAINTS WITH WATER
OFFER TO TAKE HIM OUT OF IT.

IT IS PERFECTLY PERMISSIBLE FOR ANYONE IN THE TRADE OF:
RELIGION, MEDICINE, MARITAL RELATIONSHIPS, OR MENTAL HEALTH
TO HOLD THIS UP, METAPHORICALLY, NEXT TO THEIR ACTIVITIES FOR THE SAKE OF.....
.....WHAT EVER.

.....(BUT IF YOU DO,
DON'T COME TO ME LATER SEEKING UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION.)

"AH, LESTER, DON'T BE SO HARD ON THE BOY."

"WELL HOW'D YOU FEEL IF SOMEONE SAT ON YOUR MANDOLIN!?"

THE MASS PARADE

THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD IS SAFE,
THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD IS SANE,
LIVING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE MENTAL ROAD
WILL KEEP YOU BELIEVING IN YOUR NAME.

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FROM A WORM'S VIEW: TO BE-MORE-CONSCIOUS
IS TO LOSE-YOUR-MIND
WHILE ACTUALLY -- LOSING NOTHING.

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ONE ASPECT OF MAN'S COLLECTIVE, INTELLECTUAL PROGRESS IS IN:
NARROWING DOWN THE POSSIBILITIES.

THIS SERVES SCIENCE WELL ENOUGH,
BUT IS ALMOST ANTIPODAL TO A MYSTICAL MAN'S PRIVATE INTERESTS.

EVERYTHING'S BASED ON A THEORY,
MEN BELIEVE SOME THEORIES ARE BETTER THAN OTHERS,
THAT IS THEIR THEORY.
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OUT ON HIS MAKE-BELIEVE, BOOK PROMO TOUR, A REPORTER ASKED THE MYSTICAL AUTHOR:
"WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR MAJOR INFLUENCE?",
"BEING ALIVE", HE REPLIED.

GUILT: CATERPILLARS ON THE NERVOUS SYSTEM.

TRANSCENDENTAL RESEARCHING

THERE'S A SOURCE OF INFO,
 INTO WHICH ONE CAN PLUG,
 THAT REQUIRES NO MODEM,
 OR LIBRARY CARD.

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HOW COME THE ENLIGHTENED DON'T WRITE!?,
 HOW COME THE AWAKENED DON'T READ!?,
 HOW COME MYSTICS DON'T MAKE THE COVER OF
 SPORTS ILLUSTRATED!?

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IN MONASTERIES, DO MONKS SIT AND DROWSILY DREAM
 OF WHAT IS GOING ON AT THE PLAYBOY MANSION,
 WHILE SOME WHERE, LIBERTINES, IN PASSING FLIRT,
 WITH NOTIONS OF SPIRITUAL REDEMPTION.

"OH - JUSTICE, JUSTICE! -- WHEREFORE ART THOU, SWEET JUSTICE!?"

"WHY, I'S RIGHT CHERE!"

"OH-H-H.....WELL.....DRATS!"

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EXPANDED CONSCIOUSNESS THINKS NOT OF FAIRNESS, EQUITY & JUSTICE,
INTHAT IT BE SUCH.

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THE SIMPLE HAVE LITTER BOXES -- THE MORE COMPLEX, THOUGHT.

STATUS REPORT

THE REFLECTION OF ONE OBSERVER:

"AS LONG AS CRIMINALS REMAIN HEROES

I KNOW THAT MAN IS STILL MARCHING AT THE SAME OLD TEMPO."

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A MYSTIC'S GUIDE TO WHINNING

ACT ON IT OR SHUT UP.

TODAY'S TRANSCENDENTAL GRAMMAR LESSON

DON'T LET CONSCIOUSNESS BE WHERE THE MIND STAYS AT.

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A STICK-IN-THE-GROUND IS STILL A,
STICK-IN-THE-GROUND,
WHETHER IT'S A: MAY POLE,
A SWORD-OF-VICTORY,
A BOUNDARY MARKER,
OR A STICK-IN-THE-GROUND.

HOW MANY TIMES MUST THE SAME TRAIN BE ANNOUNCED!?. ANY WAY!?

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THREE ALTERNATE POTENTIAL PROTOCOLS

YOU CAN "DO THE RIGHT THING" BECAUSE SOMEONE TOLD YOU THAT YOU SHOULD - OR,
YOU CAN "DO THE RIGHT THING" BECAUSE YOU BELIEVE IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO - OR
YOU CAN KNOW WHAT LIFE'S ACTUALLY ABOUT, THEN NATURE WILL TAKE ITS COURSE.

THE EITHER & NOT OF IT

YOU'RE EITHER ORIGINAL, OR YOU'RE NOT.

PURSUANT TO SOME READING IN THE AREA OF ANTHROPOLOGICAN LINGUISTICS,
 ONE MAD PAUSED AND PONDER: "WHICH DID COME FIRST: SPEECH OR WRITINGS?!?",
 THEN SETTLED THE MATTER SATISFACTORILY IN HIS OWN MIND
 VIA THE QUESTION: "HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF A TONGUE OF THE MONTH CLUB!?"

TO ROUTINE VIEWS: PROGRESS MAY BE SWEET, SEMI-SWEET, OR BITTER,
 BUT DON'T MAKE TOO MUCH OF IT,
 FOR AFTER ALL,
 IF INDIVIDUAL TASTE WAS VALID CRITERION,
 AT THE TOP OF EACH WEEK'S, BEST SELLER LIST
 WOULD BE 6 BILLION DIFFERENT COOK BOOKS.

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IN THAT SUCH A POSSIBILITY IS INCOMPREHENSIBLE TO MUNDANE MINDS,
 LIFE PROVIDES, FOR THE MASSES,
 NON-PERSONAL STANDARDS, VIA THE NUMEROUS INSTITUTIONS,
 TO RELIEVE THE INDIVIDUAL OF SUCH PRESSURE.

(AS YOU MAY PRETTY QUICKLY SUSPECT,
 A FEW, SCATTERED HERE-&-THERE,
 DON'T SEE THIS POTENTIAL RELAXIATION AND GRANT-OF-EXEMPTION
 IN THE SAME FAVORABLE LIGHT AS THE ORDINARY.)

SOME EXERCISE THEIR BODY,
 SOME TRY TO THEIR MIND,
 THE MORE AWAKENED DO SO TO THEIR WHOLE FRIGGIN' SYSTEM.

NOW TODAY'S: "MADE SIMPLE" TIME ON THE SHOW:

AWAKENED CONSCIOUSNESS IS LIKE "ACTIVE THOUGHT" AS OPPOSED TO THE NORMAL PASSIVE.

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IN MAKING THINGS "SIMPLIER"
ALWAYS LURKS THE DANGER OF CAUSING MEN TO:
"GO DOWN TO THE SEA IN SHIPS",
AND NOT FINDING ANY SEA.
...BUT HEY! -- DON'T BLAME ME.

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REALITY WRIT SMALL

LIFE MADE THE LOCAL SO THE SIMPLE COULD HAVE EXAMPLES,
....AND APPARENT EXCULPATORY EXCEPTIONS TO THE UNIVERSAL.

HOW TO KILL SOMEONE WITHOUT LEAVING A TRACE OF EVIDENCE

TELL THEM WHAT TO THINK.

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HOW TO LIVE AND DIE WITHOUT LEAVING A TRACE

LET THEM TELL YOU.

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TODAY'S ENLIGHTENMENT: THE NEXT MORNING SUN, JUST OVER THE HORIZON.

"JUSTICE" IS ONLY VISIBLE AGAINST THE FULL BACKDROP OF THE UNIVERSAL.

REASONABLE MENTAL EXPECTATIONS HAVE THE DISASTROUS POTENTIAL OF
KEEPING YOU REASONABLE.

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"SIMILAR TO PORNOGRAPHY", (SAID ONE MAN),

"I CAN'T DEFINE WHAT A PORCUPINE IS -- BUT I KNOW ONE WHEN I SEE IT!"

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THE IRRELEVANT CAN BE AS USEFUL TO AN ALERT MIND AS ANYTHING ELSE.

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UPON A CLOSER EXAMINATION, 3 1075
EVEN AHAB WAS FORCED TO EXCLAIM:
"WELL, QUIVER ME TIMBERS."

COMEDIANS: PEOPLE WHO ONCE THOUGHT THEY "SAW SOMETHING",
THEN LAUGHED IT AWAY.

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CRITICS: MEN WHO WERE ORIGINALLY COMEDIANS BUT COULDN'T BEAR THE PRESSURE.

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REPORTERS: PEOPLE WHO ONCE STEPPED IN SHIT AND THOUGHT:
"GEE, I COULD MAKE A LIVING AT THIS."

PRIESTS: MEN WHO AGREED WITH THEM, BUT THOUGHT THEY SHOULD SPLIT THE TAKE.

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ANY THING THAT CAN BE DESCRIBED CAN BE DE-DESCRIBED.

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IN THE THOUGHTS OF THE AWAKENED,
ALL EXAMPLES ARE GENERIC --
IN THAT THEY LOCALLY EXEMPLIFY NOTHING APART FROM THE UNIVERSAL.

If it's NOT INSTANT,
AND EXTEMPORANEOUS —
— it's NOT ORIGINAL.

HAPPY MEN DON'T CARE! --
BUT THE REALLY HAPPY ONES KNOW WHY THEY DON'T.