

IN PARIS,  
ONE TRAVELER, ANXIOUS FOR INSTANBUL,  
MEMORIZED ALL OF THE SCHEDULES, PERTINENT THERETO,  
AND FOR MANY A DAY KEPT THEM AT LEAST ALWAYS IN THE BACK OF HIS MIND --  
AND EVEN WHEN APPARENTLY NOT-IN-MOTION,  
HE FOUND THIS CONSTANT REMEMBERANCE TO BE OF BENEFIT.  
AND THEN -- AND THEN ONE DAY,  
EVEN THOUGH HIS INTEREST IN THE JOURNEY SEEMED NO LESS STRONG,  
HE REALIZED HE WAS NOW VERY SELDOM THINKING ANY MORE ABOUT THE SCHEDULES.  
IN PARIS, MANY UNEXPECTED THINGS ARE POSSIBLE.

ONE MAN WOULD TELL HIS MIND:  
"PICK A SUBJECT -- ANY SUBJECT.",  
AND ONCE IT DID, HE'D IGNORE IT.

ACCORDING TO ONE LEGEND,  
ALL THINKING CREATURES, AT THE MOMENT JUST BEFORE THEY'RE BORN, THINK:  
"NOW WHAT THE HELL IS THIS ALL ABOUT!?!"

...(SEE!? --

THAT'S WHY YOU DON'T HAVE TO HOLD NEW-BORN BABY ELEPHANTS UP BY THEIR TRUNK,  
AND SLAP 'EM ON THE ASS TO GET THEIR VOCALIZING STARTED.)

OVER ON ONE WORLD

LIFE SENT AROUND A MAN TO HELP ASSUAGE THE INHABITANTS' APPREHENSIONS  
REGARDING CHANGE,  
BY HAVING HIM REASSURE THEM THAT NONE WAS POSSIBLE.

"HEY!", WONDERED ONE MYSTIC, "AM I SUCH A MAN?",  
THEN ANSWERED HIMSELF BY FURTHER WONDERING IF YOU ARE SUCH INHABITANTS.

THE INSTINCTIVE WORLD IS BY NATURE, A DANGEROUS PLACE --  
MAN'S MENTAL WORLD, IMAGINARILY SO.

TO MAKE UP FOR NOT BEING MORE CONSCIOUS,  
ONE MAN BELIEVED THAT HE, "THOUGHT MORE".

ONE NEAT THING ABOUT STILL LIVING IN KANSAS IS THAT THERE,  
NOTHING UNEXPECTED EVER HAPPENS.

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ONE MAN SAID TO HIS MIND:  
"TELL ME EVERYTHING YOU KNOW ABOUT LIFE -- AND DON'T USE EXAMPLES!"  
...(A LESSON FOR US ALL, WOULDN'T YOU SAY!?)

THE INSTINCTIVE WORLD IS BY NATURE,  
INESCAPABLY, A DANGEROUS PLACE,  
WHICH MEN UNDERSTAND, AND ACCEPT;  
BUT IN THEIR MENTAL LIFE, THEY COME TO NO SIMILAR UNDERSTANDING.



WHILE ORDINARY MEN CHEERISH THEIR HOME PLACE,  
AND MEASURE HAPPINESS BY THE TIME THAT THEY SPEND THEREIN --  
-- A KNIGHT SEES THIS LOVE AS A MENTAL DISPLACEMENT,  
A METAPHOR REFLECTING  
MAN'S FEAR OF CHANGE.

IN A LECTURE ADVERTISED AS:  
"MEXICAN FOOD AND MAN'S COLLECTIVE POWER OF RECALL.",  
THE SPEAKER'S COMMENTS CONSISTED OF BUT THIS TERSE DEFINITION:  
"HISTORY: RE-FRIED MEMORY."

MANY A MORNING,  
IMMEDIATELY UPON AWAKENING,  
ONE MAN WOULD SAY TO HIS MIND: "YOU STILL HERE!?!"

EACH DAY MEN SAIL FORTH IN SEARCH OF "THE REALITY OF LIFE"  
IN THEIR PARTICULAR AREAS OF INTEREST,  
NO REALIZING THAT THEREIN, THEY ARE THE REALITY OF LIFE.

THE INSTINCTIVE WORLD IS BY NATURE, AN UNAVOIDABLY DANGEROUS PLACE,  
SO TOO SEEMS TO BE MAN'S MENTAL WORLD,  
AND THEREIN, A SLIGHTLY DAZED CONDITION SEEMS THE BEST PROTECTION.

THE NORM'S NEVER FUNNY.

AS REGARDS THE EXPANSION AND CORRECTION OF A CERTAIN MYTHOLOGICAL IDEA

THERE IS ONLY ONE TRUE FORM OF SACRAFICE,  
AND IT IS NOT PHYSICAL,  
IT IS NOT AN APPEASEMENT TO SUPERNATURAL FORCES,  
AND ABOVE ALL -- NO ONE CAN DO IT FOR YOU.

....(IS IT ANY WONDER THE OVERWHELMING POPULARITY OF RELIGION  
COMPARED TO SUCH THINGS AS: WHITLIN',  
THINKIN',  
WATCHING SQUIRRELS, AND LEARNING THE TANGO.

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TO THEIR PEERS DO THE SIMPLE MISTAKENLY ASCRIBE  
WILFULL, CONSPIRATORIAL POWERS.



MID WAY THROUGH HIS QUESTFUL LIFE,  
ONE KNIGHT STOPPED AND REFLECTED ON THE AMOUNT OF EFFORT HE'S THUS PUT FORTH,  
COMPARED TO THE APPARENT SUCCESSES HE'D THUS ACHIEVED, AND THOUGHT:  
"TALK ABOUT YOUR, MUCH-ADO ABOUT MUCH-A-LITTLE !"

....BUT --  
BEING THE STAWART WARRIOR HE WAS,  
HE WIPED THE FAUX SWEAT FROM HIS BROW,  
CHINCHED TIGHTER HIS IMAGIANRY SADDLE,  
AND SAID TO HIS SOLE TRUSTY STEED: "ALL RIGHT BOY -- LET'S RIDE SOME MORE."

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RATHER THAN EVEN SPEAK TO HIS MIND DIRECTLY,  
THIS ONE MAN BEGAN USING AN INTERMEDIARY.

THE NORM'S NEVER FUNNY --

WHICH IS WHY MEN CAN SEE NO DANGER IN THE SERIOUSNESS WITHWHICH THEY TAKE  
COLLECTIVE THINKING AND SHARED REALITY.

THE GRADUATION

RELIGION PICKS ON THE BODY,  
THE PSEUDO-MYSTIC, ON THE MIND,  
WHILE THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER IS THAT YOU'D BE BETTER OFF:  
WHITLIN' AND WHISTLIN' AND A DOIN' THE TANGO.

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TO A TRUE ARTIST --  
HIS WORK IS NOT WORK -- BUT PLEASURE!  
WHY CAN'T THIS BE SO WITH THINKING?!

AFTER CONSIDERABLE TIME ON THE MYTHICAL TRAIN,  
ONE PASSENGER GAZED OUT A WINDOW AND PONDERED:  
"IF I COULD HAVE GRANTED, ONE WISH - WHAT WOULD IT BE:  
THAT THE TRAIN WOULD GO FASTER REGARDLESS OF WHAT I DO?,  
THAT I COULD STEP OFF THE TRAIN, THEN GET BACK ON, ANY TIME I WISHED?  
THAT I WAS ON SOME OTHER TRAIN?,  
OR PERHAPS THAT I'D NEVER GOTTEN ABOARD ANY TRAIN IN THE FIRST PLACE?!?  
...BUT -  
BEING THE TRUE TRAVELER HE WAS:  
HE BRUSHED THE MOMENTARY UNCERTAINTY FROM HIS TROUSERS,  
STOOD AND SHOOK THE PASSING SELF-PITY FROM HIS SHOES,  
THEN MADE HIS WAY TO HIS OWN INTERNAL DINING CAR,  
WHEREIN THE DAY'S SUITABLE REPAST IS ALWAYS BEING SERVED.

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OF THE MODELS OF LIFE,  
PROPOSED BY MAN,  
THOSE GET ACCEPTED WHICH  
CHALLENGE THE LEAST.

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THE MENTAL FOOD PROPER FOR ROUTINE MINDS  
IS ALWAYS THAT WHICH IS MOST JEJUNE.

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IN SPECIFIC AREAS, THE MAJORITY IS THE NORM  
AND IS THUS NOT SEEN BY ITS INHABITANTS AS HUMOROUS.

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AN ALERT MAN SHOULD NOT TRAIL AFTER HIS OWN MENTAL NORM & OPIONION MAJORITY.

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AS ONE MAN ATTEMPTED TO MENTALLY "FIGURE OUT" THE SECRET  
HIS MIND WOULD URGE:

"THAT'S RIGHT -- ASK ME MORE QUESTIONS!"

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AS ONE MAN ATTEMPTED TO RHETORICALLY EXTRACT FROM LIFE, THE SECRET,  
IT COYLY COOED TO HIM:

"IF YOU ASK NO DUMB QUESTIONS I CAN HARDLY MIS-LEAD."

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AS ONE MAN ATTEMPTED TO DIRECTLY COURT THE SECRET ITSELF,  
IT COQUETTISHLY COACHED HIM:

"ASK ME NO QUESTIONS AND I'LL ASK NONE OF YOU;  
THINK NOT IN QUESTIONS, BUT IN TERMS OF PLAIN SIGHT."

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WHEN ONE WOLF DISCOVERED HE COULDN'T TAKE PHYSICAL CONTROL OF THE PACK,  
HE WRAPPED HIMSELF IN THE CANNINIAN FLAG AND SAID: "LET'S VOTE ON IT."

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HORMONES, DIRECT -- NEURONS, MACHIAVELLIAN.

.....(JUST LIKE THEY'RE S'POSED TO BE.)

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REGARDING THINGS: INSTINCTIVE, MENTAL, SIMPLE & COMPLEX

INSTINCT IS SIMPLE -- THE MIND, NOT.

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WITH INCREASING FREQUENCY,  
WHEN ASKED ABOUT HIS WHEREABOUTS,  
ONE MYSTIC WAS ABLE TO TRUTHFULLY REPLY:  
"OH, HE'S NOT HERE.",  
AND WAS SORELY SAPPY & PLEASED OVER THIS ABILITY.

RATHER THAN CONTINUING TO TANGLE WITH HIS MIND  
ONE MAN TRIED TO MAKE PEACE WITH IT --

....BUT ONLY ON HIS TERMS! --

....WHICH DOOMED THE ATTEMPT FROM THE START --

....(OR SO IT SEEMED.

....[MAYBE HE SHOULD TALK TO THAT GUY WHO STARTED TO  
USE AN INTERMEDIARY !?!!])

DREAMERS WHO HANG AROUND MYTHICAL STATIONS  
ALWAYS BELIEVE THAT THE BEST TRAINS HAVE GONE.

TO AN ORDINARY MIND, LIFE WILL GRANT PERMISSION TO DWELL UPON ANYTHING --  
-- NO MATTER HOW DISPICABLE,  
BUT NOT SO WITH A WARRIOR.

THERE IS AN UNNOTED, DUALY PROTECTIVE ASPECT TO ALLEGORICAL SPEECH  
AS IT IS TAKEN BY THE SIMPLE-OF-MIND:

IT FIRST, MAKES THEM BELIEVE THINGS ARE STRANGER THAN THEY ACTUALLY ARE,  
AND SECONDLY, THEY TEND TO TAKE IT LITERALLY.



THE FIRST VOICE SAID:

"THERE IS THE MATTER OF FREQUENCY,  
AND THERE IS THE MATTER OF ACCURACY."

AND A SECOND VOICE ASKED:

"ARE WE BY ANY CHANCE SPEAKING OF THE ATTEMPT TO INCREASE AWARENESS!?!.....  
...BUT, NO.", HE THOUGHT,

"ONE OF THE MATTERS MENTIONED IS NICE -- BUT SUPERFLUOUS IN OUR INSTANCE."

IN COMBAT TRANSCENDENTAL,

THE WARRIOR VICTORIOUS MAY BE HE WHO SIMPLY MAKES THE MOST SHOTS.

TERPSICHORY AND THE GREAT HUMAN DIVIDE

IF INSTINCT IS A TWO STEP, THE MIND IS A WALTZ.

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FROM THE DICTIONARY OF INSULTS & AFFRONTS

THE SUPREME ILLUSION: WORKING ON ONESELF.

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SOMEONE SAID TO CERTAIN MYSTIC:

"IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WON'T DO FOR A CHEAP LAUGH!?",

"YES", HE REPLIED. "SOMETHING THAT IS ACTUALLY - COSTLY."

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ONE MAN SAID TO HIS MIND:

"OKAY, WHO'S THE SMARTEST, YOU OR ME? --

-- AND DON'T LET YOUR FEAR OF ME INFLUENCE YOUR ANSWER.",

AND HIS MIND THOUGHT TO ITSELF:

"FEAR!? - FEAR!? -- WHAT FEAR!?",

AS THE MAN SMUGLY AWAITED A REPLY.

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ONE GUY FINALLY THOUGHT:

"YOU KNOW, I'LL BET YOU COULD ACTUALLY LEARN A LOT FROM YOUR MIND --

...IF YOU KNEW HOW TO DEAL WITH IT THE RIGHT WAY."

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THE BEAUTIFUL INJUSTICE OF IT ALL

EVEN THOUGH THE WAY IS INTERNAL,  
AND THE INTERNAL IS THE REALM OF THOUGHT,  
NO AMOUNT OF MERE THOUGHT WILL SEE YOU THROUGH.

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FOR A WHILE, ONE MAN SAID THAT WHAT HE FOUND MOST OBJECTIONABLE IN HIS MIND'S ACTIVITY WERE THE SUBJECTS IT SPOKE TO HIM ABOUT; THEN LATER HE DECIDED THAT WHAT WAS REALLY MOST ANNOYING WAS THE REPETITIVENESS WITH WHICH IT SPOKE OF THE SUBJECTS; BUT LATER STILL HE CONCLUDED THAT WHAT WAS ACTUALLY MOST OFFENSIVE WAS NOT THE SPECIFIC SUBJECTS COVERED, NOR THE REPEATED TIME SPENT THEREON, BUT RATHER THE FACT THAT THE MIND NEVER TOOK A BREAK FROM ITS ACTIVITY.

FOR QUITE SOME TIME HE FOUND HIS CONCLUSION SATISFACTORY.....AND YET.....  
.....AND YET, HE'D STILL SOME TIMES WONDER IF THERE WAS  
STILL MORE TO IT THAN THAT (!?!)

ONE MAN TRIED TO BLOW UP A BALLOON UNTIL IT BURST! --  
LH THEN) TO TRY AND ACCOMPLISH THE SAME END,  
HE TRIED FILLING IT UP WITH SOMETHING NEW.

THAT CERTAIN SILENCE THAT  
BOTHERS THE CROWD  
PLEASES A FEW AT ITS FRINGES.



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ON ONE CERTAIN VERBAL WORLD,  
THE CREATURES WERE PERMITTED TO SPEAK IN METAPHORS FOR A LIMITED NUMBER OF YEARS

A MAN WITH THAT CERTAIN-TURN-OF-MIND  
CAN ALWAYS SEE SOMETHING IN ANYTHING THAT OTHERS DO NOT SEE.  
...COULD IT BE BECAUSE HE MAKES IT UP? --  
-- EVEN IF TRUE -- SO WHAT!?,  
IT'S NEW --- AND ONCE HE POINTS IT OUT, IT IS THERE.

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QUICK! -- NAME WORD DEFINITELY NOT IN A MYSTIC'S VOCABULARY? --  
-- "SINCERITY", (AND ITS SEVERAL ANTONYMS).

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THE SIMPLIER THE MIND  
THE MORE ATUNED IT BE TO THE EGREGIOUS FLATTERY OF LOCAL CONDITIONS.

YET ANOTHER REASON THAT MEN --  
- ALTHOUGH NO LONGER SIMPLY PHYSICALLY DRIVEN SOCIAL CREATURES --  
STILL LIKE TO HANG OUT TOGETHER.

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IN AN ALTERNATE VERSION OF THIS THING WE'RE IN  
IS AN INTERESTING LEGAL BATTLE BEING FOUGHT  
IN THE AREA OF PATENT INFRINGEMENT  
OVER THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE SLINKY TOY WAS PATTERNED AFTER THE HUMAN MIND,  
OR THE OTHER WAY AROUND (!?!)

THROUGHOUT HIS LIFE THIS ONE MAN DEVELOPED AN EVER-EVOLVING STRING OF PERSONAL MAXIMS AND CATCH-PHRASE-DIRECTIVES WHICH HE KEPT SECRET UNTO HIMSELF; HE EVENTUALLY REACHED A STAGE WHEREAT HE WAS ABLE TO KEEP THEM HIDDEN FROM HIMSELF

LOOKING OUT AT THE FELLOW ANIMAL CREATURES OF HIS WORLD, ONE MAN WONDERED:  
"JUST WHAT DO THEY MISS BY NOT BEING ABLE TO THINK!?!"

PLEASE NOTE: ANY ONE WHO ATTEMPTS TO ACTUALLY "ANSWER" THAT QUESTION  
DOESN'T KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION.

How To SPOT AN ORDINARY MIND: TIP 1

IT CAN'T LISTEN TO ANYTHING SERIOUSLY WITHOUT TAKING SIDES.

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WHEN IT COMES TO MATTERS IN MAN'S MENTAL WORLD,  
EXAGGERATION IS SCARCELY POSSIBLE.

AUTOMOTIVE NEWS

NEXT YEAR'S MODEL IS OUT!.....AND YOU'RE NOT IT.

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HEALTH NEWS

INSTINCTIVELY SPEAKING: IF YOU'RE PHYSICALLY ALIVE, YOU'RE WELL;  
MENTALLY SPEAKING: IF YOU'RE BREATHING, I'M SURE YOU FEEL OTHERWISE.

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HISTORICAL AND PROGNOSTICAL NEWS

THE SAME OLE STORIES ARE BEING RUN ON YOU, FOWARD AND BACKWARD --  
-- AND YOU NEVER NOTICE.

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OCEANOGRAPHIC NEWS

ALL BELIEVE THEY'RE DROWNING.....EXCEPT THE FISH.....  
.....WHO CAN'T THINK ABOUT IT.

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TRAVEL NEWS

THE LAST TRAIN TO NOWHERE HAS NEVER YET LEFT.

....(AND ONLY THE ALERT REALIZE THIS -- AND DON'T CARE.)

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RELIGIOUS NEWS

SAME OLE THING.

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SCIENCE NEWS

SAME OLE THINGS, BUT WITH NEW NAMES.



PHILOSOPHY NEWS

SAME OLE SCRIPTS, BUT WITH NEW ACTORS.

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SOCIAL NEWS

WOLVES STILL HOWL.  
CHIMPS STILL GROOM,  
MEN STILL CONVERSE.

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ARCHEOLOGICAL NEWS

THEY DUG UP THE PAST, AND GUESS WHO THEY FOUND !?!

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RACING NEWS

YOU'RE FIVE LAPS BEHIND.....BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER.

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WEATHER NEWS

THOUGH IT MAY RAIN ON THE ALERT AND COMATOSE ALIKE,  
AT LEAST THE ALERT KNOW WHERE IT'S COMING FROM.

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SOME FASHION NEWS

YOU'RE OUT OF IT!

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LITERARY NEWS

SOME BOOK OR THE OTHER IS ALWAYS ON THE BEST SELLER LIST.

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NEWS FROM THE VET

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EVERYONE'S A PET.

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SOME GEOGRAPHICAL NEWS

WHILE YOU WERE ASLEEP, THEY MOVED EVERYTHING!

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FINANCIAL NEWS

WHEN IT COMES TO, "PROFIT & LOSS" ONLY THE MIND CAN CONCEIVE THEREOF.  
....(INSTINCTIVELY SPEAKING: ALL CREATURES SILENTLY PRESS ON,  
OR ELSE THEY DON'T! .....WITH NO CALCULATIONS NECESSARY.  
ENOUGH SAID! ....SINCE NOTHING NEED BE SAID.)

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POLITICAL NEWS

YOU'VE BEEN VOTED OUT OF OFFICE!!.....(DON'T YOU WISH!)

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UNEMPLOYMENT NEWS

IF YOU'RE ALIVE -- YOU'RE NOT.

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NEWS OF THE THEORETICAL

SORRY - BUT TODAY'S EVENTS HAVE YET TO RPRODUCE ANY EXAMPLES.

....MAYBE LATER --

...IF YOU HANG AROUND LONG ENOUGH --

...AND STAY DUMB ENOUGH, ..... (MAYBE).

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CRIMINOLOGICAL NEWS

LUCKY FOR MOST THAT BEING BACKWARD IS NO PURNISHABLE CRIME.  
....(I SAY THIS BASED ON THE COMMON PERCEPTION OF PURNISHMENT.)

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AVIATION NEWS

FISH GOTTA SWIM,  
FROGS GOTTA FLY,  
LEAST THOSE STRUGGLIN' TO  
LIVE 'FORE THEY DIE.

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MATHEMATICAL NEWS

2 & 2 STILL EQUALS WHATEVER THE MIND FINDS AGREEABLE.

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FOOD NEWS

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YOU'VE EATEN ENOUGH ALREADY.

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SPORTS NEWS

ONE MAN NEVER HAD ANY TROUBLE RECOUNTING YESTERDAY'S SCORES.  
....(BOY!, DID HE NEVER!!)

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PEOPLE AND GOSSIP NEWS

THEY'RE STILL HERE, AND THEY'RE STILL A'DOIN' IT.

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FISHING NEWS

IF YOU'VE EVER OPENED YOUR MOUTH TO SPEAK -- YOU'VE BEEN HOOKED.

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NEWS ABOUT INVENTIONS

THE "BIG ONE'S" YET TO BE THOUGHT OF.

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DRUG NEWS

THEY'RE STILL AVAILABLE! .....YOU CAN'T AVOID 'EM.

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KIDDIE NEWS

GROW UP!

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ADULT NEWS

GROW UP SOME MORE!!

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PSYCHIATRIC NEWS

DOWN AT THE HOSPITAL, THEY ALL ASKED FOR YOU.

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SOME GUILT NEWS

...I DON'T HAVE TO TELL YOU WHAT IT IS -- YOU KNOW WHAT IT IS!!

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FARM NEWS

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MANY HUMANS CONTINUE TO APPEAR MORE INTELLIGENT THAN SOME ANIMALS.

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BOTANICAL/ECOLOGICAL NEWS

LUCKY FOR MAN THAT PLANTS HAVE YET TO REVOLT.

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AND NOW SOME NEW REGARDING: THE FEAR OF MOVING ONWARD:  
.....AH-H-H, BUT I DIGRESS.....

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MUSICAL NEWS

THEY'RE STILL PLAYING YOUR SONG.

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ADVERTISING NEWS

THE NON-ESSENTIAL STILL MUST BE PROMOTED.

....(THIS ITEM COULD OF COURSE, BEEN PRESENTED AS NEWS REGARDING:  
RELIGION, POLITICS, THE ARTS, AND MOST EVERYTHING ELSE.)

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AND FINALLY -- FINALLY! - SOME NEWS ABOUT: THE SECRET:

.....SHHH-H-H-H-H....

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