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SECOND VERSION:

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 ...AND A VIEWER WRITES:  
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 'SO THAT READERS COULD APPARENTLY REACT TO WHAT THYE'D BEEN LEAD TO THINK ABOUT'  
 RATHER THAN WHAT THEY'D BEEN MADE TO THINK ABOUT.

.....P.S.: WHY DID YOU SAY, 'SO THAT READERS COULD APPARENTLY REACT...?  
 HOW THE HELL DOES, 'APPARENTLY' ENTER INTO IT?!?!  
 SINCERELY", ETC.

THERE WAS ONCE AN APARTMENT BUILDING IN WHICH  
THOSE UPSTAIRS WOULD GET A CHILL WHEN  
THOSE ON LOWER FLOORS WERE COLD --

BUT WHAT REALLY SEEMED STRANGE WAS THAT  
THIS OCCURED WITHOUT THOSE UPSTAIRS HAVING ANY KNOWLEDGE OF DOWNSTAIRS CONDITION

THERE IS A LEGEND OF A MAN WHO ONCE UNDERTOOK TO TRACE THE CONNECTIONS  
THAT TIED HIS MULTI-LEVEL DWELLING TOGETHER -- AND  
YOU MIGHT NOTE THE LACK OF POPULARITY THIS TALE HAS EXPERIENCED.

ONE MAN'S MOTTO WAS: "WHO THE HELL WANTS TO KNOW, ANY WAY?!" - I'M SORRY,  
THAT WAS ACTUALLY SAID BY A PARTICULAR SET OF LOCAL CONDITIONS,  
(ACTING AS ALWAYS --  
THROUGH MAN --  
ON BEHALF OF  
LIFE.)

CORRECTED ADAGE FOR THE ALERT:

"WHAT I DON'T KNOW WON'T HURT ME AS LONG AS I DON'T KNOW ANY THING."

THERE WAS ONCE A PIGEON -- WITH A CURIOUS GLOW IN ITS EYES --  
WHO DECIDED TO LEAP FROM THE TOP OF A TALL BUILDING --  
-- AND SOAR INTO ITS DEEP, DARK BOWELS.

\* THE FLASHES OF LIGHT, SEEN AT THE FOUNDATIONS \*

ONE MAN AWOKE TO FIND HIMSELF IN THE MIDDLE OF A PARADE --  
AND WHEREVER THE PARADE WENT, SO WENT HE.

WHEEEE!

.....("WHEEE", HELL!)

THERE WAS ONCE A MAN WHO GOT A GOOD GLIMPSE OF THE SECRET,  
AND AFTER THAT, HAD AS HIS GOAL, A DESIRE FOR COMPLETE FREEDOM --  
BUT SOON HE REALIZED THAT ANY CONCEPT HE'D HAVE OF FREEDOM WAS ALWAYS FLAWED,  
AND INCOMPREHENSIVE,  
AND IN WAYS HE COULDN'T FULLY UNDERSTAND OR RECTIFY.  
"WHAT A MESS!", HE THOUGHT, "WHAT A MESS,  
TO BE HELD IN A PLACE WHERE YOU DON'T KNOW IS,  
WHILE LONGING TO BE WHERE YOU DON'T WHERE.  
-- WERE IT NOT SUCH A BEAUTIFULLY BALANCED AND REVEALING MESS I FACE,  
I'D HARDLY KNOW WHERE TO GO FROM HERE.

PRAISE BE TO THEE, OH MESS-OF-MESSES --  
PRAISE BE TO THEE, OH DELIGHTFUL MESS."

THE RANGE OF SUICIDE'S POPULARITY AT ANY GIVEN TIME  
IS TIED TO THE NUMBER OF COWS AT THE WESTERN FRONTEER,  
POSED TO PUSH ON  
TO THAT GREATER UNKNOWN.

ANYONE WHO SAYS THAT THEY'RE CONSCIOUS IS A LIAR.

OKAY: ANYONE WHO SAYS THAT THEY'RE CONSCIOUS IS A LIAR, OR ELSE  
EXTREMELY CONFUSED.

THERE IS A DARK HOLE THAT GOES NO WHERE,  
AND THOSE WHO DO NOT KNOW THIS ARE THOSE WHO CONCOCT FANTASTIC SPECULATIVE TALES  
REGARDING ITS ULTIMATE DESTINATION.

A SOLDIER RETURNED FROM THE FRONT LINES AND SAID:  
"I HAVE SEEN THE ENEMY, FACE-TO-FACE, AND UP CLOSE --  
....AND I DO NOT, AT THIS TIME,  
WISH TO SAY ANYTHING FURTHER ABOUT EXACTLY WHO IT IS."

DURING THE CELEBRATION OF ONE OF HIS MIDDLE YEAR'S BIRTHDAYS  
THE KING ASKED HIS PERSONAL ADVISOR:

"HAS THE TIME COME THAT I SHOULD INCREASE MY READING AND PURSUIT OF KNOWLEDGE?  
AND THE COUNSELOR REPLIED: "BETTER MY LORD, WOULD BE A TRANSFUSION."

ROYAL MORAL: YOU CAN ONLY GO -- SO FAR! -

...WHICH, (ON TOP OF THAT), IS NEVER AS FAR AS PEOPLE BELIEVE.

"BUT I'M KING-G-G!-- AND IN CONTROL OF ALL I SURVEY.", WHINNED THE RULER,

"ALL THE MORE REASON, YOUR GRACE, THAT YOU AMONG ALL SHOULD REALIZE THIS."

THE HEAD OF A PEOPLE, (OR A NERVOUS SYSTEM), TO EVER GOVERN PROPERLY  
MUST ULTIMATELY DISCOVER THAT HE IS THE PEOPLE AND THAT THE PEOPLE ARE IN HIM;  
THIS IS NOT POLITICAL METAPHOR,  
YET TOO DANGEROUS TO BE PRESENTED AS FACT,  
....(LEAST WISE TO THOSE WITH WEAK BLOOD.)

A MAN IN A TREE,

ONCE SCRATCHED HIS KNEE, AND WONDERED:

"COULD YOU GET A FISH

TO

TAKE A DRINK

OF WATER?!?!"

A SIGN IN THE MIDDLE OF A DESERT DECLARED THE MESSAGE: "REPAIR YOUR SELF."

FROM ANOTHER ROOM, THE FATHER'S VOICE CALLED OUT TO THE KID: "BE STILL!" -  
A FEW MINUTES LATER IT CRIED OUT AGAIN: "THEN BE CONSCIOUS!",  
AND THIS TIME THE LAD RESPONDED: "WELL - WHICH WILL IT BE?",  
"VERY FUNNY.", THE OLD MAN REPLIED.



AS SOME FEARED THAT THEY WERE BEING LEAD AWAY TO THE INTELLECTUAL PEPPER MINES,  
A VOICE WAS HEARD TO COMMENT:

"THE NICE THING ABOUT BEING ORDINARY AND STUPID  
IS THAT YOU HAVE NO RESOURCES TO CALL UPON.",  
("HERE!, HERE!", A FEW OTHERS WERE HEARD TO ADD.)

ANOTHER CHAPTER IN OUR CONTINUING SERIES OF THE: "'I DON'T GET IT' TALES."

ONCE UPON A TIME,  
LIFE OFFERED TO "SPOON FEED" THIS REALLY SINCERE, BUT APPARENTLY, WEAK CHAP --  
-- THEN SUDDENLY SHOUTED: "NOT! -- IT WAS JUST A JOKE!"  
...(IS LIFE A REAL LITTLE KIDDER OR WHAT?!)

ONE MAN SAID:

"IT'S A BAD THING TO TALK ABOUT SOME ONE WHEN THEY'RE NOT PRESENT.",

AND HIS COMPANION THOUGHT:

"WELL, I GUESS THAT LEAVES CONSCIOUSNESS OUT OF THE CONVERSATION."

A KING HELD A COSTUME BALL --

THEN BECAME UPSET WHEN HE COULDN'T RECOGNIZE SOME OF THE GUESTS IN THEIR DISGUISES

SHEEP WANT TO BE PART OF A FLOCK --

AND COWS HAVE NO INTEREST IN THINGS NON-BOVID,

AND A MORE ALERT MAN COMES TO REALIZE THE SAME SITUATION DOMINATING HIS THINKING

A ROBIN ONCE LAMENTED:

"IT'S HARD TO LEARN THE ACCORDIAN

WHEN THERE IS NO ENCOURAGEMENT FROM OTHER BIRDS.",

AND THE WIND GENTLY WHISPERED:

"AH-H-H, TOUGH SHIT!"

WHEN ONE MAN SAW THE SAW THAT SAYS:

"IF YOU CAN'T STAND THE HEAT -- GET OUT OF THE KITCHEN.",

HE FORTHWITH SLAPLED HIMSELF SMARTLY ON THE FOREHEAD AND CRIED OUT:

"THAT'S IT! --

LISTEN TO ME IN THERE, ALL YOU FLABBY, DISHEVALED THOUGHTS! --

DO YOU SEE THE POINT?! .....ARE WE FINALLY GOING TO, 'GET IT'?!"

LIFE WILL ALLOW MEN TO WANDER A WAYS FROM THE COLLECTIVE -- BUT NOT TOO FAR --  
AND TO KEEP THEM IN CHECK, RELIES ON THEIR INDIGENOUS DESIRE FOR THE FAMILIAR,  
AND THEIR INHERENT UNEASINESS WITH SOLO ACTIVITY.

A SIGN STUCK ON A MOUNTAIN TOP INQUIRED: "IS NOT THE FACT THAT MEN CAN THINK OF  
THEMSELVES AS IMPROVED. STRONG INDICATION THAT THEY COULD BE?!"

IN ANOTHER GALAXY WAS ONCE A PLANET ONWHICH WERE SOME UNUSUAL CREATURES;  
THEY WERE NORMALLY ONE HEIGHT,  
BUT COULD MAKE THEMSELVES TALLER JUST BY HOLDING AN AWARENESS OF THE POSSIBILITY  
...(AND YOU THINK LIFE ON EARTH IS STRANGE!)

AND NOW TONIGHT'S STOP AT OUR: INSPIRATIONAL CORNER

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'TIS RUMORED THAT A PASSENGER WAS ONCE HEARD TO COMMENT UNDER HIS BREATH:  
"IF THIS THING'S REALLY GOING TO ISTANBUL, I WISH TO HELL IT'D FINALLY GET THERE  
AND IF IT'S NOT, I WISH TO HELL THAT SOMEONE WOULD FINALLY TELL ME,  
BUT IN EITHER CASE -- GOD!, BUT I'M SICK OF RIDDING THIS SON OF A BITCH."

...BY THE BY:

IT HAS BEEN NOTICED THAT SOME PEOPLE ARE MORE EASILY INSPIRED THAN OTHERS.  
...(I DON'T KNOW.....I JUST THOUGHT MAYBE YOU'D FIND THAT OF INTEREST [!?!])

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YET ANOTHER IMPORTANT TEST THAT YOU CAN SELF-ADMINISTER

HOW TO TELL THAT YOU'RE DEAD: YOU'RE COMPLAINING.

AS THEY STROLLED ALONG A CITY STREET ONE DAY,  
A BOY ONCE INQUIRED OF HIS PATER COMPANION:  
"WHY DO SO MANY OF THOSE WHOSE PRIMARY RESIDENCE  
IS IN THE HIGHER STORIES OF OUR LOCAL STRUCTURES  
FIND CERTAIN ACTIVITIES OF THOSE ON THE LOWER FLOORS SO FASCINATING?",  
AND HIS FATHER TAPPED HIS FORHEAD AND YELLED OUT: "JUMP BALL!",  
AND ONCE AGAIN THE LAD'S AWARENESS DREW DELIGHTFULLY CLOSE TO  
UNDERSTANDING WHAT THE OLD MAN MEANT.

HOW THINGS GO: PART ETC, ETC, ETC

IF SOMEONE COULD BE BORN ALREADY MORE CONSCIOUS  
THEN THE FIRST TIME THEY HEARD OF SUCH A THING THEY'D FIND IT FUNNY.

... "SAY, NOT SO FAST THERE, ME LADDIE,  
ISN'T THAT EXACTLY HOW THE ORDINARY DO REACT TO SUCH NOTIONS?!"  
..(DE MAN DO RAISE AN INTERESTING POINT.)

AND THAT CONCLUDES TONIGHT'S EPISODE OF: HOW THINGS GO.



A FABLE FOR OUR, "SAY, WHAT TIME IS IT?"

TWO FLEAS WERE TALKING AND THE FIRST ONE SAID:

"TAKE MY WORD FOR IT,

DON'T EVER TAKE UP WEIGHT TRAINING,

CAUSE ONCE YOU START TO GET STRONGER -- THERE'S NO-O-O GOING BACK."

AND THE SECOND ONE SAID: "YOU MEAN, TO BEING STUPID?!",

"EXACT-OLA!, OLE CHUM -- YOU HIT IT RIGHT BETWEEN THE EYE BROWS."

A MAN STANDING NEAR-BY, (AND OVER HEARING ALL OF THIS),

SAID TO HIMSELF:

"WHAT IN THE WORLD DO THEY THINK STRENGTH HAS TO DO WITH WEAKNESS?!?!...DUH-H-H

"A LITTLE MORE MATH, MAESTRO, IF YOU PLEASE"

THE ORDINARY ORDINARILY SEE MANKIND DIVIDED UP INTO NUMEROUS DIVISIONS OF TWO -  
- WHICH IS A INCHOATE VIEW;

THOSE WHO LEARN THE SECRET ALSO SEE MEN DIVIDED UP INTO TWO GROUPS,  
BUT IN THEIR CASE IT IS A CORRECT AND COMPLETE VIEW:

THEY MERELY RECOGNIZE THE SIMPLE FACT THAT A MAN EITHER KNOWS THE SECRET,  
OR ELSE HE DOESN'T,  
AND THAT CONSTITUTES THE ONLY PROPER DIVISION OF MAN.

HERDS ARE HELD TOGETHER BY MORE THAN HORMONES --  
...HUMAN HERDS, THAT IS.

A PUBLISHER ASKED A MYSTIC TO WRITE HIS LIFE STORY,  
AND SAID HE ALREADY HAD THE TITLE FOR IT:  
"THE LONLINESS OF THE LONG DISTANCE MYSTIC.",  
AND THE FOCUSED ONE SAID TO HIMSELF  
"WHAT OTHER KIND IS THERE?! -- THANK GOD."

ONE MAN WAS SO CONCERNED  
ABOUT WHAT HE SAID  
THAT HE DIDN'T SAY -- ANYTHING!

A CERTAIN KING, UPON HEARING THIS, ANNOUNCED:  
"BRING THAT MAN TO ME," --  
-- BUT HE WAS NOT TO BE FOUND! --  
.....LEAST, NOT BY THE MINIONS OF RULERS, VERBOSE.

ONE DAY A GUY DISCOVERED THAT HE COULD DARN-NEAR "THINK" WITHOUT USING WORDS!! -  
AND WAS REALLY EXCITED OVER HIS DISCOVERY! --  
.....UNTIL HE REALIZED IT WAS JUST "CONSCIOUSNESS".

"SHH-H." SAID ONE MAN, "DON'T PASS IT ALONG." -- "GOOD-D-D.", SAID LIFE.

ONE DAY A PASSENGER, (SPELLED WITH THREE S'S), SAID:  
"THIS WHOLE TRIP'S BEGING TO CONFUSE ME SOMETHING AWAFUL,"  
AND THE CONDUCTOR SAID:  
"THEN WHY DON'T YOU GET OFF?!",  
AND THE PASSENGER REPLIED:  
"UH-H-H-H.....UH-H-H-H.....DUH-H-H-H....."

AND NOW FOR SOME SPORTS RESULTS:

INVARIBLY, WHENEVER THE WEAK VISIT A NEW PLACE  
THEY EXPECT A MORAL TO GO ALONG WITH IT.  
.....DUH-H-H.....THERE'S YOUR, MORAL!

NEWS REGARDING THE COLLECTIVE ALWAYS APPEARS DIRE.

TRANSPORT TIP FROM OUR VIEWER'S GUIDE

AS YOU HEARD NOTED EARLIER IN THONIGHT'S SHOW:

IF YOU CAN'T BE STILL, YOU CAN'T BE CONSCIOUS.

THERE WAS ONCE A LEGEND, (WHICH LIFE SUPPRESSED),  
WHICH SAID THAT THOUGHTS WERE ORIGINALLY PHYSICAL ENTITIES SEPARATE FROM MAN,  
BUT THAT SOME HOW THEY GOT TRAPPED INSIDE OF HIS HEAD.  
....(NOT REALLY A PRETTY SIGHT TO PICTURE, WHAT?!)



A SMALL BIT OF NEWS THAT MIGHT HELP:

EVERYONE IS BURIED BEFORE THEY'RE ACTUALLY DEAD.

....(WELL.....D'IT HELP OR NOT?!.....)

THOSE WHO SEARCH-FOR, AND SPEAK-OF, "MAN'S SOUL",  
DO SO SO THAT THEY CAN MORE EASILY NOT LOOK AT WHAT IT IS THAT THEY'RE  
REALLY TALKING ABOUT.

...AND ONE MAN SAID: "I DON'T GET IT.", AND LIFE SAID: "GOOD-D-D."

...AS LONG AS WE'RE AT IT:

THERE'S ALSO THIS PIECE OF A MYTH THAT SAYS IT WAS MEN REALIZING WHAT A  
HEARTLESS BASTARD LIFE COULD BE THAT WAS THE MOTIVATION FOR THEM COMING UP WITH  
THE IDEA OF GOD, TO REPLACE WHAT THEY'D ORIGINALLY SEEN.

...AND ONE MAN SAID: "I DON'T LIKE IT.", AND LIFE SAID: "GOOD-D-D."

ANOTHER: STICK IT TO YOURSELF....I MEAN: SELF-ADMINISTERED TEST

AS LONG AS YOU THINK THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE MORE CONSCIOUS THAN YOU -- THERE ARE

...(SEE! - NOW THAT DIDN'T HURT! -- AND ONE MAN SAYS: "HELL, IT DIDN'T!"

....[OUR KINDA MAN OR WHAT?!])

THOSE WHO SAY THAT THEIR PRIMARY CONCERN IN LIFE IS FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS,  
AREN'T YET QUITE ALIVE, THEMSELF.

THE ORDINARY PRAISING INTELLIGENCE IS LIKE DISTILLERS TOUTING MODERATION.

OKAY, HERE'S THE GOOD NEWS:

THE GOOD NEWS IS  
THAT ALL THE BAD NEWS PRECITED  
WON'T HAPPEN.

...OH, AND HERE'S AN INTERESTING LITTLE STORY:

ONE MAN PUT A STACK OF PAPER NEXT TO HIS TYPEWRITER, SAT DOWN BEFORE IT AND SAID  
"I WILL NOT BE SATISFIED UNTIL I HAVE FILLED ALL OF THESE PAGES WITH MY THOUGHTS

.....

.....

.....UH-H-H-H-H --  
I KNOW THIS WAS GOING SOME WHERE, BUT FOR THE LIFE OF ME, I FORGOT WHERE!

.....UH-H

A MAN WENT INTO A SHOE REPAIR SHOP AND ASKED THE MAN BEHIND THE COUNTER:  
"DO YOU HAVE LEATHER?",  
AND THE COBBLER REPLIED: "YES.", AND THE MAN ASKED:  
"DO YOU HAVE NAILS?", AND THE COBBLER REPLIED, "YES.", AND THE MAN ASKED:  
"DO YOU HAVE A HAMMER?", AND THE COBBLER REPLIED, "YES.", AND THE MAN SAID:  
"THEN WHY DO YOU NOT MAKE SOME RICE PUDDING?!" AND THE COBBLER REPLIED:  
"BECAUSE I'M TOO TIED UP IN MAKING SHOES.", AND THE MAN SAID: "OH."

YES, YET ANOTHER HOARY PARABLE CORRECTED TO ITS PROPER SIZE  
FOR YOUR MODERN, VIEWING CONVENIENCE.

....(AND THE COBBLER SLIPPED BACK IN TO SAY:  
"JUST WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT ALL ABOUT?!?!")



ONE MAN'S PRIVATE, PERSONAL SET OF RULES

NEVER OFFER EXCUSES WHERE NONE WILL DO.

NO EXCUSE WILL EVER DO.

EVERYONE IS EMERSED IN TWO CONFLICTS:

ONE, PHYSICAL AND EXTERNAL -- AND ALWAYS INVOLVING OTHER PEOPLE,  
THE SECOND, MENTAL AND INTERNAL.....AND STILL INVOLING OTHERS,  
THOUGH NOT AS EASILY SEEN AS IN THE FIRST INSTANCE.

A MAN WENT INTO AN OFFICE WITH THE COMPLAINT: "I CAN'T SEE!",  
AND THE PERSON THEREIN REPLIED:

"WELL WHY COME TO ME?! -- YOU THINK I'M A MYSTIC OR SOMETHING?!"

THE STUPID, THE INSIPID, THE UNSTABLE AND THE UNCERTAIN  
MUST SPEAK WITH ALL THE SINCEREITY AND PASSION THEY CAN MUSTER  
TO BE HEARD.

SOMEONE WROTE THE SIGHT DOCTOR AND ASKED:  
"WHAT EXACTLY IS STUPIDITY",  
A TWO EYED MAN.", HE REPLIED.

ONLY FISH WHO DISCOVER  
THEY'RE IN AN OCEAN  
CAN TAKE UP WITH PROFIT  
THE STUDY OF WATER.

LIFE, ONE DAY, NOTED TO LOCAL CONDITIONS:

"IF METAPHORS WERE BULLETS, I'D BE A DEAD MAN.",

AND CONDITIONS REPLIED:

"BUT ISN'T THE SAME TRUE FOR WORDS IN GENERAL?!"

AND LIFE SAID:

"BOY, HAVE YOU BEEN AROUND MEN LONG ENOUGH OR WHAT?!"

THERE WAS ONCE AN IMAGINARY CITY, UP IN THE HILLS,  
UNTIL SOME MEN WENT UP THERE AND MADE IT BECOME REAL.

"BOY!", SAID LIFE, "WHO CAN I BRAG ON MORE THAN MEN?!"

THE SECRET IS NOT SO MUCH SOMETHING THAT YOU KNOW  
AS IT IS SOMETHING YOU BECOME AWARE THAT YOU ARE A PART OF.

A MAN SENT AWAY FOR A MAIL-ORDER MYSTIC'S KIT  
BUT GOT BACK A LETTER DEMANDING THAT HE SUBMIT PROOF  
THAT HE WAS OF THE NECESSARY AGE,  
AND WAS TOTALLY LACKING IN FEAR.

ONE MAN SENT AWAY FOR INFORMATION ABOUT HIS MIND --  
BUT ERRED IN DIRECTING TO HIS MIND.

ONE MAN'S MIND TRIED TO CONTACT LIFE  
TO COMPLAIN ABOUT BEING CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF ALL THIS.

...AND AFTER HE'D ALREADY LICKED THE STAMP OF LOCAL CONDITIONS,  
ONE MAN WAS HEARD TO CRY OUT:

"WHAT D'YA MEAN NO CHASER GOES WITH IT?!"

A SIGN ON THE FENCE NIGH THE PIG STY SAID:  
"DON'T FORGET, NEIGHBORS: LIFE IS YOUR FRIEND --  
BUT MORE THAN THAT: IT'S REALLY IT'S FRIEND!"

TWO MYSTICS WERE RIDING ON A TRAIN,  
AND AFTER THEY TIRED OF PLAYING THE: COUNT-THE-MILE-POSTS GAME,  
ONE OF THEM ASKED THE OTHER:  
"HOW CAN YOU TELL WHEN YOU'VE -- 'HAD ENOUGH'?",  
AND THE OTHER ONE REPLIED:  
"TWO HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FOUR...."

ON ONE PLANET THE THINKING CREATURES SPECULATED THAT TWO DEATHS WERE CREDIBLE:  
THEIR OBSERVABLE, PHYSICAL ONE,  
AND THE NOT SO NOTICABLE, MENTAL ONE --  
BUT THEY NEVER PUT THEIR THEORY TO THE TEST! --  
-- FOR EVERYONE FEARED THAT SHOULD THEY DO SO  
IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT THE WRONG ONE MIGHT GET BURIED FIRST.

...AND SOMEONE OBJECTS: "WELL, I DON'T GET IT.", WHICH OF COURSE,  
IS WHY HE'S STILL STUCK ON THIS WORLD AND YOU'RE....WELL, LET'S HOPE FOR THE BEST



THE CREED OF THE MORE ALERT:

IF YOU'RE NOT, "OUT ON YOUR OWN" -- YOU'RE NOT "ON" TO ANYTHING.

NOW FOR SOME NEWS FROM OUR: EDUCATIONAL DESK

MEN CAN ONLY BE "EXPERTS" IN IMAGINARY FIELDS.

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AND NOW; THE FARM REPORT

IN CERTAIN MARKETS, HOGS CONTINUE TO BRING HIGHER PRICES THAN SOME MEN.  
...(AND UNLESS I'M BADLY MISTAKEN, SEVERAL "EXPERTS" OBJECTED TO THIS STORY.)

HISTORY NEVER REPORTED - EVEN IN THE MOST OBSCURE JOURNALS

CONFUCIUS, ZOROASTER, BUDDHA, LAO, MOSES, JESUS AND MUHAMMAD  
WERE ALL, (AT ONE TIME OR THE OTHER DURING THEIR LIFE TIME),  
TURNED DOWN FOR JOBS AS NEWS ANCHORS.

THE ULTIMATE - THE SUPREME - ALL-KNOWING, ALL-TELLING FINAL DETERMINATION

IF YOU DON'T KNOW THAT YOU'RE CONSCIOUS -- YOU'RE NOT.

ONE MAN THOUGHT:

"IF IT WEREN'T FOR ME

I MIGHT BE ABLE TO GET SOME WHERE!",

WHICH CAN BE A USEFUL SENTIMENT IF -- YOU DO NOT TAKE IT PERSONALLY!

...AND SOMEONE SAYS: "BUT MY GOD!, HOW COULD YOU NOT?!"

...WHICH IS WHY THEY ARE STILL JUST "SOMEONE" AND YOU'RE....WELL,  
LET'S STILL HOPE FOR THE BEST.

PEOPLE DO EXPERIENCE,  
IN THEIR NERVOUS SYSTEM,  
EPHEMERAL ANOMOLIES WHICH CAN BE MADE ADVANTAGEOUS,  
BUT TO ACHIEVE ANYTHING PERMANENT  
REQUIRES A LIFE TIME OF CONSTANTLY MUCKING ABOUT THEREIN.

A MAN ASKED A MYSTIC:

"HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO AWAKEN?" --

-- "HOW LONG YOU GOT?"

PEERING UNDER HIS BED ONE MORNING, A MAN WAS HEARD TO DECLARE:  
"WELL WHAT A DELIGHT IN FINDING YOU HERE!"