

AFTER HIS CAR BROKE DOWN AND THE FARMER INVITED HIM TO SPEND THE NIGHT WITH THEM,
THE MYSTIC ACCEPTED THE OFFER AND SAID THAT IN RETURN, IF THEY DESIRED,
HE'D SPEAK TO THEM ON MATTERS INWHICH THEY MIGHT HAVE AN INTEREST -- BUT,
SAID THAT THERE WERE TWO THINGS HE WOULD NOT TALK ABOUT,
AND ASKED IF THEY COULD GUESS WHAT THEY WERE,
AND THE FARMER PROFFERED: "POLITICS AND THE RELIGION!",
AND THE MYSTIC SHOOK HIS HEAD, NO,
THEN THE FARMER'S DAUGHTER GUESSED: "SEX AND THE WEATHER!?",
AND HE STILL INDICATED, NO,
THEN THE FARMER'S WIFE TRIED: "DEATH AND TAXES?!",
AND THE MYSTIC AGAIN WAGGED HIS HEAD, NO;
ALL WAS SILENT FOR A FEW MOMENTS AFTER THAT
UNTIL THE FARMER SPOKE AGAIN:
"WELL WE'VE COVERED ALL THE COMMON CONVERSATIONAL TABOOS,
SO JUST WHAT ARE THE TWO THINGS THAT YOU WON'T TALK ABOUT?",
"THIS AND THAT", ANSWERED THE ALERT ONE, "THIS AND THAT."

HOW ABOUT ABOUT SURVEY OF ONE OF THE TRICKIER PARTS:

THE OBVIOUS ASPECT OF MAN THAT MAKES HIM UNIQUE AND GIVES HIM HIS PREEMINENT POWER IS HIS ABILITY TO THINK, AND IN THE REALM OF THOUGHT, EVERYONE SEEMS TO BE DIFFERENT, IF NOT INDIVIDUALLY UNIQUE, AT LEAST DIFFERENT ENOUGH IN THEIR THINKING TO DISTINGUISH THEMSELF IN A MEANINGFUL WAY FROM THOSE ABOUT THEM -- AND, AS LONG AS THIS SENSATION IS UNANALYTICALLY ACCEPTED, IT THUS SEEMS TO BE, AND ONE NEVER HAS THE AVAILABILITY OF REALIZING THAT LIFE AUTOMATICALLY FURNISHES EACH AND EVERY PERSON WITH ALL OF THE THOUGHTS THEY'VE EVER HAD, OR, (UNDER ROUTINE CONDITIONS), WILL EVER NEED.

ALTHOUGH IT IS AS SIMPLE AND CLEAR AS SUGAR WATER WHEN SEEN, IT IS DOWN RIGHT TRICKY TO EVER DO SO.

...WHY?WELL, FOR TWO REASONS:

ONE IS THAT YOU'RE ATTEMPTING TO STUDY SOMETHING OBJECTIVELY USING AT FIRST, ONLY THE SOMETHING ITSELF, WHICH IS ALIVE, WITH ITS OWN SELF-INTEREST AT HEART, AND IS THUS BY NATURE, NON-OBJECTIVE, AND SECOND, YOU'RE ATTEMPTING TO ACHIEVE SOMETHING THAT IS DEMONSTRATIVELY UNNECESSARY FOR A NORMALLY LEAD LIFE.

AND ONCE AGAIN YOU MIGHT PONDER THE FACT OF ACTIVITY AND IDEAS SUCH AS THIS BEING HISTORICALLY REFERED TO AS, "SECRET", WHEN, MORE IN ACTUALLY IT IS SIMPLY OF NO INTEREST OR SIGNIFICANCE TO ORDINARY MEN.

ALL TOLD: THE TRICKIEST OF TRICKS ARE THOSE NEVER REALIZED BY THE WITNESSES.

ONE MAN GENERALLY SLEPT LATE - "IT'S EITHER THAT", HE NOTES,
"OR ELSE, SLEEP EARLY."

-- THE CONFINEMENT OF DUALITIES CAN GET THE BEST OF SOME PEOPLE. --

IN AN INVENTED WORLD MUST BE THE BELIEF THAT THINGS IN THAT WORLD CAN BE CHANGED
OR ELSE SUCH A WORLD WILL COLLAPSE.

* CIVILIZATION & THE UNRECOGNIZED EXERCISE OF TACIT COLLUSION *

THROUGH HOOK AND CROOK, (AND MOSTLY CROOK),
ONE FEVERISH MAN FINALLY GOT LIFE-THE-PHYSICIAN TO COME SEE HIM ON HOUSE CALL,
AND AFTER A QUICK GLANCE AT THE FELLOW, LIFE PRONOUNCED ITS FINDING:
"A SERIOUS MAN IS A SICK MAN.",
AND LATER SENT HIM A TOTALLY OUTRAGEOUS BILL
CITING AS CAUSE,
THE REDUNDANCY WITHWHICH IT'D BEEN REQUIRED TO MAKE THIS DIAGNOSIS.

MANY PEOPLE, (IN FACT, QUITE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE),
NOT ONLY FAIL TO RECOGNIZE THAT LIFE HAS A SENSE OF HUMOR,
BUT EVEN ONE THAT SHOULD THEY RECOGNIZE ITS PRESENCE --
THEY WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND.

...BUT SEE! -- RIGHT THERE'S THE POINT:
WHAT'S THE FUN OF LAUGHING AT SOMETHING
IF YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE LAUGHING AT?!
(THAT LAST COMMENT WAS NOT FROM ME,
BUT SOMETHING THAT LIFE SCRIBBLED AT THE BOTTOM OF THE BILL IT SENT.)

THE OPERATIONS OF THE ORDINARY MIND ARE NOT UNLIKE THE SITUATION OF A HEAD LIBRARIAN WHO IS SO BUSILY INVOLVED WITH THE CONSTANT ACQUISITION OF NEW BOOKS THAT HE NEVER HAS THE TIME TO READ ANY HIMSELF.

SIMPLICITY IS NOT ONLY LIFE'S SUPREME CAMOUFLAGE,
BUT ALSO THE KEY TO PENETRATING SAME.

THOSE NOW CONCERNED OVER, "MENTAL HEALTH"
UNKNOWINGLY TOIL IN THE SAME SCHOOLPLAYGROUND AS THE RELIGIOUS --
BOTH GROUPS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT
BALLOONS THEY DEEM MISSHAPEN
CAN BE CURED, IF NOT TREATED,
BY RELIEVING THEM OF THEIR AIR.

WHAT IS MORE FOOLISH THAN CHANGE IN A MAN'S POCKET
LECTURING HIM ON THE COSTS OF PANTS MAKING?!

FROM ONE VIEW,
THE ADVANTAGE IN ORDINARY MEN BEING UNABLE TO EFFECTIVELY MINISTER ONTO THEMSELVES
IS THAT AT LEAST THEY CANNOT MAKE THEMSELVES ANY WORSE, THEREBY,
(WHICH, MUST I NOTE, WOULD BE SPELLED: "INEVITABLE"?!)

AND WHAT EVERY ALERT STUDENT GETS FROM HIS SOPHOMORE YEAR IN SHOW BIZ SCHOOL IS THAT IF YOUR ACT IS BOMBING, AND THE PLOY FOR SYMPATHY'S NOT WORKING --
-- GET PASSIONATE!

...NOTHING HELPS SELL AND PROPEL THE UNREAL LIKE A GOOD INJECTION OF PASSION!

ONE MAN'S PRONOUNCEMENT:

"THERE ARE TWO MAJOR APPROACHES TO LIVING, AVAILABLE:

ONE IS WHERE YOU LIVE PRIMARILY DIRECTED BY PHYSICAL, UNTHINKING INSTINCT,
AND THE OTHER WHERE YOU LIVE PREDOMINATELY LEAD BY THE MIND'S ANALYTIC ACTIVITY -
BUT NO MATTER WHICH ONE YOU BELIEVE IS PREEMINENT IN YOUR LIFE --
-- IT ALL WORKS OUT THE SAME."

ONE MAN'S OBSERVATION FOR THE DAY:

"EVERYBODY'S SWALLOWED ANOTHER PERSON --

....WELL....I DON'T KNOW THAT, 'SWALLOWED'S' THE RIGHT WORD,
BUT THEY GOT IN THERE SOME HOW!"

A GUY'S THOUGHTS TAPPED HIM ON THE SHOULDER AND SAID: "HEY!",
AND WHEN HE IGNORED THEM, THEY DID IT AGAIN AND SAID: "HEY, IT'S ME, THOUGHTS.",
AND HE FINALLY REACTED AND SAID: "YEAH -- I KNOW WHO YOU ARE!" -
...AND THAT WAS THAT!

A FATHER SO NOTED TO A SON:

"YOU MAY KNOW BY THE FACT THAT SOMEONE WILL DEBATE A SUBJECT,
(SUCH AS THE NATURE OF EVIL),
THAT THEY COULD NOT COMPREHEND IT WERE IT CLEARLY EXPLAINED TO THEM."

AN OFF-THE-ROADER'S GUIDE TO CRITICISM & HOSTILITY IN THE CITY

WHO BUT FOOLS AND CHILDREN GET ANGRY AT GOBBLINS?!

ONE MAN TELLS US:

"YES, I HAD A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN --
I HAD TO, BEFORE IT HAD ME."

IF IT'S NOT THE RESTIRCTIONS OF DUALITIES THAT GET SOME PEOPLE
IT'S THE APPEARNCE OF STREETS BEING TWO WAYED IN A THREE WAYED WORLD.

CONCERNING ONE REASONABLE WAGER:

IF ORDINARY PEOPLE REALIZED HOW MUCH THEY REVEAL ABOUT THEMSELVES WHEN THEY TALK
IT'S A PRETTY SAFE BET THAT THEY WOULDN'T TALK AS MUCH AS THEY DO.

MORE PROFITABLE THAN TRYING TO THINK ABOUT SOMETHING IN ABSOLUTE TERMS OF IT BEING EITHER: REAL, OR ILLUSIONARY,
IS TO CONSIDER HOW RELATIVELY CLOSE OR FAR FROM REALITY IT IS,
BASED ON HOW NEAR TO IMMEDIATE SURVIVAL NEEDS IT IS.

THIS CAN BE OF GREAT FACILITATION IN THE MENTAL DISMANTLING,
AND FRESH STUDY OF
ALL ASPECTS OF CIVILIZATION AND MANS' INSTITUTIONS.

AS HIS UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT RULERSHIP WAS, INCREASED,
A CERTAIN KING LOOKED DOWN FROM THE CASTLE ONTO THE PEOPLE IN THE VILLAGE BELOW,
AND THOUGHT:

"IF WOLVES COULD BLUSH,
THE ELECTORIAL TURN OUT WOULD BE EVEN LESS THAN IT IS NOW."

ONE LEGEND SAYS THAT AS REWARD FOR A FAVOR ONE EARLY MAN DID FOR GOD
HE WAS GIVEN HIS CHOICE OF EITHER BEING MADE TO WORK ON A
FUTILE TOWER TO THE HEAVENS,
BE SUBJECT TO A WORLD WIDE FLOOD,
OR HAVE TO THINK FOR HIMSELF --

AND AFTER WAITING FOR AN ANSWER FOR A MUCH LONGER TIME THAN HE'D PLANNED,
GOD TRIED TO EXPEDITE THE MATTER BY THROWING IN A FOURTH POSSIBILITY,
AND SAID THAT THE MAN COULD ALSO CHOOSE TO HAVE TO DO THE --

"ETERNAL TANGO" -- ALONE ! -- SAME AS EVERYONE ELSE,
- BUT THAT HE'D BE MADE AWARE OF IT!

THERE IS AN OBSCURE MYTH THAT TELLS OF ONE OF MANS' LAST FACE TO FACE
CONVERSATIONS WITH GOD, SOME YEARS AFTER HE'D BECOME WELL EXPERIENCED IN
THE BIG GUY'S WAYS, AND SAID TO THE GREAT ONE, THESE FIVE WORDS:

"DON'T DO ME ANY FAVORS."

ONE MOTHER CALLED ASIDE A DAUGHTER, WITH THIS MESSAGE:

"I DO WISH THAT YOU WOULD STOP SAYING THAT PEOPLE ARE, 'FULL OF SHIT' --
-- WHY NOT INSTEAD SAY THAT; PEOPLE ARE FULL OF LIFE -- AFTER ALL,
IT IS THE SAME THINGBUT IT SOUNDS BETTER."

THE LIMITATIONS INHERENT IN A TWO PARENT FAMILY CAN RESULT IN SOME UNEXPECTED,
-- IF NOT TOTALLY EXPECTED ..
CONVERSATIONAL OUTCOMES.

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IN HIS CONTINUING EFFORTS TOWARD LITERARY FAME,
ONE MAN WOULD, BY CONSCIOUS PREMEDITATION,
CEASE ALL WRITING
WHEN HE RAN OUT OF PAPER.

(HE SAYS THAT SOME DAY HE HOPES TO BECOME A MYSTIC,
AND BE ABLE TO REPEAT THIS SMALL TRIUMPH AS REGARDS HIS MIND AND THOUGHTS.)

WHEN PROBLEMS ARISE WITHIN HUMAN SYSTEMS PRESENT NEEDED BY LIFE,
BLAME WILL BE LAID TO THE SYSTEM, RATHER THAN THE MEN INVOLVED.

ONCE YOU SEE THIS AND UNDERSTAND ITS NECESSITY IN THE ROUTINE REALM
YOU LOSE ANY FOOTING ONWHCIH TO STAND AND FIND FAULT WITH WHAT APPEARS TO BE
THE OVERALL FOOLISHNESS AND MISDIRECTED ATTENTION SO PREVELENT THEREIN.

A MAN SO MUSED:

"HOW COME PEOPLE WILL DISMISS SOMETHING UNFAMILIAR TO THEM ON THE BASIS THAT IT CAN'T BE OF ANY SIGNIFICANCE IF THEY'VE NEVER HEARD OF, BUT NEVER REVERSE IT AND CONSIDER HOW MANY THINGS HAVE NEVER HEARD OF THEM, AND WHAT THAT SAYS ABOUT THEM?!"

TO "ATTEND" TO SOMETHING (IN THE MORE CONSCIOUS SENSE),
IS TO, "DEAL WITH IT ADEQUATELY",
SOMETHING MUCH SUPERIOR TO "CURES" IN THE USUAL MENTAL SENSE.
(WHICH NEVER REACHES EVEN THE SATISFACTION LEVEL OF, "ADEQUATE".)

THE RUMINATIONS OF ONE MAN RESULTED THUSLY:
"IF ALL TALK IS AT ITS BASE, METAPHORICAL,
THEN WOULD NOT, IN ONE SENSE,
THE MOOING OF COWS AND THE BLEATING OF SHEEP
BE VOCAL DISPLAYS MORE DIRECTLY REPRESENTATIVE OF THEIR SPEAKERS?!",
AND UPON REALIZING THE PROPRIETY OF HIS OBSERVATION
IMMEDIATELY ALSO RECOGNIZED THE SOUNDS OF HUMANS FOR WHAT THEY REALLY ARE.
... (AND LIFE TOLD HIM THAT HE COULD KEEP IT AS LONG AS HE DIDN'T TELL
ANYONE ELSE THAT HE HAD IT.)

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A MAN ONCE SO CAUTIONED HIS SON:
"DON'T LET YOUR THOUGHTS GET ENTANGLED IN IDEAS OF CONSPIRACIES,
AND THERE BEING SPECIFIC, 'HIDDEN AGENDAS' BEHIND CERTAIN HUMAN ACTIVITIES;
GET IT STRAIGHT IN YOUR MIND NOW THAT THERE IS ALWAYS 'SOMETHING MORE' TO
EVERYTHING IN THE WORLD OF MAN."

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ONE MAN'S VERSION OF:"THE BIG QUESTION":

"IS THE FACT THAT WE GET THROUGH EACH DAY
BEING AS MINIMALLY CONSCIOUS AS WE GENERALLY ARE,
A NEGATIVE COMMENT ON CONSCIOUSNESS -- OR,
AN ASTOUNDINGLY COMPLIMENTARY ONE ON THE BODY?!"

TONIGHT'S NEWS REGARDING: PROVERBS, AXIOMS & CLICHES

THE REASON THERE ARE SO MANY DIFFERENT MAMIMS CONCERNING.
"WHAT MAKES THE WORLD GO 'ROUND"
IS BECAUSE MEN DON'T KNOW WHAT DOES.

THE EXISTANCE OF "CONVENTIONAL WISDOM"
IS TO HELP COVER UP THE FACT THAT MEN HAVE HAVE NONE.

A MAN ONCE ASKED A MYSTIC:
"DO PEOPLE LIKE YOU KNOW THINGS THAT PEOPLE LIKE ME WOULD LIKE TO KNOW -- IF
WE KNEW WHAT IT IS THAT YOU KNOW?",
AND EVEN A MYSTIC WOULDN'T TOUCH THIS ONE,
(OTHER THAN ENJOYING A SILENT, GOOD CHUCKLE).

TONIGHT'S ATHELETIC PROGRAM

AS LONG AS YOU TAKE LIFE "PERSONALLY"

IT HAS YOU -- INESCAPABLY -- BY THE MENTAL SHORT HAIRS.

...AND -- NO GOOD TO PULL.....IT ONLY MAKES IT WORSE.

ONE MAN NEVER KNEW WHAT WAS AROUND EACH NEW CORNER HE CONTINUALLY TURNED --
. . . HE IN FACT CONSTANTLY NEVER EXPECTED THE CORNERS. IN SPITE OF PAST EXPERIENCE.

TO STILL, QUIET CONSCIOUSNESS, ONE MAN SAID:

"IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THAT I FOUND TIME IN MY BUSY SCHEDULE TO MEET WITH YOU --
...'FOUND TIME TO MEET WITH YOU', HELL! -- REMEMBERED TO, IS MORE LIKE!"

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OKAY -- LET'S GET IT OUT OF THE WAY: "COMPASSION IN A NUT SHELL"

AS LONG AS SOMEONE'S LETTING LIFE SPEAK FOR THEM,

-- EVEN IF THEIR OWN LIPS ARE MOVING --

THERE'S NO BASIS WHATSOEVER FOR YOU PICKIN' ON THEM PERSONALLY.

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IT PROVES TO BE A CHALLENGE FOR PEDESTRIANS - 'ATTEMPTING TO FLY' --
 NOT TO CHRINGE AT THE OUT-OF-CONTROL RADIOS BLARRING FROM PASSING CARS;
 -- A CHALLENGE THAT MUST BE EVENTUALLY MET IF ONE IS TO GET AIR BORNE.

A MAN ASKED A MYSTIC:

"I HAVE ASSUMED THAT SINCE SO MANY HAVE SPOKEN ABOUT THE NEED FOR
 TOLERANCE AND COMPASSION, THAT THERE MUST BE SOME PRESSING REALITY
 BEHIND THE WORDS FOR THOSE-WITH-THE-SPECIAL-INTEREST,
 BUT MY QUESTION IS: HOW CAN A MAN DIRECTLY ATTAIN SUCH ABILITIES?",
 AND THE MYSTIC REPLIED: "THE PROBLEM IS SUBTLE INDEED,

FOR A MAN AWAKE TO THE REALITY OF LIFE
 'TOLERANT AND COMPASSIONATE' -
 HE MUST BE TOLERANT AND COMPASSIONATE TO EVER AWAKEN TO THE TRUTH ABOUT LIFE--
 SO WHAT YOU'RE FACED WITH IS A NON-LINEAR SITUATION WHEREIN FOR A MAN TO
 GET TO ISTABUL, HE MUST FIRST SOMEHOW 'GET THERE' SO AS TO KNOW THE WAY THERE"

BEFORE THE MAN LEFT, THE MYSTIC OFFERED A FINAL COMMENT:

"AS MIND TORTING AS IT SEEMS TO BE, THERE IS ONE PLAIN THING THAT CAN BE SAID
 AND DONE IN THIS MATTER, WHICH IS FÖR A MAN-WITH-THAT-HUNGER TO REFUSE TO
 ACCEPT THE THOUGHTS IN HIS MIND WHICH APPEAR TO SPEAK FOR HIS FEELINGS
 AS BEING ANYTHING OTHER THAN THE NOISE OF PASSING TRAFFIC, AND CERTAINLY NOT
 AS ANYTHING PERSONAL, MEANINGFUL, OR VALID.

ALL-IN-ALL; A MAN'S SECRET, INNER RESISTANCE AGAINST ALL THAT IS
 MENTALLY NATURAL."

ANOTHER CHOICE-CUT EXAMPLE OF THE GREAT, YET WE-REMAIN-BLIND-TO-IT VARIANCE
BETWEEN MAN'S MENTAL AND PHYSICAL WORLDS IS IN INSTANCES WHERE SOME VOICES
DENOUNCE A POLITICAL LEADER AS BEING SLY, DEVIOUS, DECEITFUL AND WITHOUT SCRUPLES
AND WHICH EXPRESS THE INABILITY TO COMPREHEND WHY PEOPLE STILL SUPPORT HIM —
WHICH IS A STATEMENT OF MENTAL REALITY. —
WHEN THE PHYSICAL REALITY IS THAT SUCH TRAITS ARE EXACTLY WHAT IS NEEDED,
AND WANTED IN A LEADER.

TO BELIEVE THAT MOST TALK IS ANYTHING OTHER THAN THE TALKER WANTING ATTENTION
IS TO GROSSLY MISS THE TRUTH ABOUT MOST TALK.

A FATHER ONCE CALLED ALL OF HIS SONS TOGETHER AND ASKED:
"DO ANY OF YOU BELIEVE THAT YOU ARE BETTER THAN THE AVERAGE PERSON?",
AND EACH WHO RAISED A HAND -- HE SHOT.

THEN HE ASKED:
"DO ANY OF YOU THINK THAT YOU ARE INFERIOR TO MOST PEOPLE?",
AND THOSE WHO INDICATED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE -- HE SHOT.

THEN HE ASKED:
"NOW WHO AMONG YOU FEELS THAT YOU YOURSELF ARE PROBABLY JUST ABOUT AVERAGE,
AND OF NO SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE?",
AND ALL WHO IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES WITH THIS GROUPING, HE SHOT ALSO --
WHICH LEFT BUT ONE SON STANDING,
WHO ASKED THE ELDER WHAT THE POINT OF THE INQUIRY HAD BEEN,
AND THE FATHER SADLY SHOOK HIS HEAD AT THE QUESTION -- AND
AS HE RAISED THE GUN TO FIRE AGAIN, SAID:
"I DID HOPE THAT AT LEAST ONE OF YOU WOULD UNDERSTAND -- AND THUS SURVIVE --
-- BUT MUCH IS UNCERTAIN, UNPREDICTABLE AND DISORDERLY IN THE ENDLESS EXPANSION
OF THE MENTAL FAMILY OF MAN."

A MAN WROTE A MYSTIC AND SAID: "I BELIEVE I WOULD UNDERSTAND BETTER,
YOUR METAPHORS, IF YOU WOULD PRESENT THEM IN LITERAL TERMS.....THEN AGAIN,
I COULD BE MISTAKEN IN THIS BELIEF, IN THAT I HAVE ALREADY HAD FIFTY YEARS'
OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR WHAT LIFE HAD TO SAY TO ME DIRECTLY....
.....AND SEE WHAT THAT HAS AMOUNTED TO."

THERE IS A WAY TO NOT FIGHT THE CURRENT WHILE STILL NOT BEING SWEEPED DOWNSTREAM.
AN AWARENESS OF ONE'S MENTAL ACTIVITY WITHOUT A STRUGGLE WITH IT.

EVERYONE IS ILL, FLAWED AND LAME ---
BUT ONLY THE ORDINARY TAKE NOTICE.

ONE STORY SAYS THAT MAN IS BORN WITH TWO CLOCKS IN HIM,
 AND THAT ONE OF THEM HE SENSES, AND IT RUNS IN ONE DIRECTION,
 AND THAT THE OTHER ONE, HE'S UNAWARE OF, AND IT RUNS IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION,
 AND THAT IT IS THIS SITUATION THAT IS THE BASIS OF ALL MAN'S CONFLICTING IDEAS
 OF WHETHER HE IS MAKING PROGRESS OR GOING BACKWARDS.
 ... (AND THAT THE ENLIGHTENED ARE SIMPLY THOSE WITH A CONSCIOUSNESS OF
 THE TWO CLOCKS,
 AND THUS KNOW THE TRUE PRESENT POSITION OF LIFE AT ALL TIMES.)

THE BUS STOPPED AT THE CORNER WHERE THE MYSTIC STOOD, AND SAID:
 "WANNA RIDE?",
 AND THE ALERT ONE EYED THE CONVEYANCE SUSPICIOUSLY AND REPLIED:
 "DID LIFE PUT YOU UP TO THIS?!"

ONE MYTH SAYS THAT A MAN SHOULD NEVER GO WHERE LIFE WANTS HIM TO GO --
 OR ELSE HE'LL END UP JUST BEING A "MAN", (IN QUOTATION MARKS).

THE CORNER OF A MYSTIC PULLED UP TO A BUS AND DECLARED:
 "NO ONE RIDES ME, BUT ME! -- AND THEN, JUST BARELY SO.",
 AT WHICH LIFE HAD A GOOD, HEARTY CHUCKLE,
 ALWAYS DELIGHTED AT ITS OWN SENSE OF HUMOR TOWARD ITSELF.

LOOKING DEEPLY INTO THE FULL LENGTH MIRROR OF COLLECTIVE MAN,
ONE CHAP SO MUSED:
"BEING A CHILDISH, PATHETIC FOOL IS NOT SO SHAMEFUL,
IF YOU'RE AWARE OF IT --
-- TOTALLY, UNCONDITIONALLY, AND IMPERSONALLY - AWARE OF IT."

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AND ONE FATHER PULLED THE FOLLOWING POP QUIZ ON A SON:
"WHAT IS THE MOST EGREGIOUS, IF NOT, EXCELLENT EXAMPLE
OF A MEANINGLESS QUESTION THAT PLAGUES THE MIND OF MAN?",
AND THE LAD REPLIED: "I GUESS IT'S STILL PROBABLY THE ONE ABOUT
WHICH HAS THE GREATER INFLUENCE ON A MAN: HEREDITY OR ENVIORNMENT."

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OH - I'VE JUST BEEN HANDED THIS LATE BREAKING STORY REGARDIN, TALK:

IT NOW APPEARS RELATIVELY CERATIN, WHAT SOME HAVE LONG SUSPECTED,
THAT IT IS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO SAY ANYTHING WITHOUT AT LEAST IN PART,
MISREPRESENTING THAT WHICH YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.

....(GUESS IT'S GOOD THIS CAME IN NEAR THE END OF THE SHOW....WHEW?)

ANOTHER WAY TO GUAGE IF YOU ARE MORE CONSCIOUS THAN YOU USED TO BE
IS WHETHER THE ONLY TYPE OF STRESS YOU NOW RECOGNIZE IS -- DEATH.

IN THE OCEAN'S GULFS, SEAS AND FYORDS
DYE PLACED IN ONE AREA WILL EVENTAULLY COLOR THE WATERS IN OTHERS.

...OR:

THAT WHICH APPEARS LOCAL WAS ORIGINALLY UNIVERSAL
AND TO OPENED EYES, IT DOES RETURN.

TONGIHT'S FAIRY TALE

ONE MAN WROTE DOWN EVERYTHING THAT BUGGED HIM, IN A NOTEBOOK,
AND WHEN IT WAS FULL, NAMED IT, "BUG",
THEN PROCEEDED TO BECOME A FROG AND ATE IT!

THE END.

TONIGHT'S TRANSPORATION NEWS

ILLUSIONARY TRAINS CAN ONLY SURVIVE BY EACH PERSON ADDING A CAR THERETO.

TONIGHT'S CHANNEL SURFER'S UPDATE

NO MATTER WHERE YOU TURN -- YOU CAN'T GET AWAY FROM IT.

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TONIGHT'S PHYSIOLOGICAL UPDATE

EARS DON'T LIE!

...(A BIT OF NEWS, MIGHT I RECOMMEND TO
THE ATTENTION OF THAT JUST MENTIONED LETTER WRITER).

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AND NOW TONIGHT'S, MUSICAL, MENTAL HEALTH NEWS

THE ORDINARY THOUGHTS OF MEN ARE NOT UNLIKE THE ADVERTISED CLAIMS FOR CD'S:
"VIRTURALLY, INDESTRUCABLE, AND SHOULD -- LAST A LIFE TIME."
..(NEWS TOWHICH THE FEW UTTER A GREIVOUS MOAN).

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THE SIGN AT ONE RAILROAD MUSEUM'S ZOO SAID:
"DO NOT ATTEMPT TO FEED THE ANIMALS -- OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE,
TRY AND EAT THEIR MINDS. REMEMBER: YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED!"

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ADAM'S GOOD TWIN, (WHO DIDN'T PISS GOD OFF),
WAS THE FIRST TO BE MADE PRIVY TO THE POSSIBILITY OF A MAN
EFFECTING THE STATE OF HIS OWN AWARENESS,
AND ESTABLISHING A PLATFORM OF INDIVIDUAL CONSCIOUSNESS
APRT FROM THAT OF COLLECTIVE HUMANITY,
AND THAT IN THIS INITIAL INTRODUCTION OF THE IDEA,
THE BIG GUY POINTED OUT TWO SPECIFIC WAYS BYWHICH IT MIGHT BE APPROACHED,
WHICH, (THOUGH LOST BY HISTORY) -- THE SIBLING LABELED:
THE WAY OF TRYING SOMETHING -- AND,
THE WAY OF TRYING NOTHING.

....BUT FEW HAVE SUBSEQUENTLY SHOWN MUCH INTEREST THEREIN
SINCE THEY BOTH REQUIRE EFFORT.

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AS THEY SAT ON THE FRONT PORCH, A FATHER RESPONDED TO A SON'S QUESTION THUSLY:
"YES, IT CAN BE PROFITABLE, NOT TO PLAY IN TRAFFIC,
BUT THIS EFFORT ONLY ACHIEVES SERVICABLE REALIZATION WHEN
YOU CAN ALSO STOP THINKING ABOUT THE TRAFFIC.

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ONE MAN TOLD LIFE -- "BITE MY ASS!",
AND LIFE JUST LAUGHED: "TOO LATE -- I SAID THAT TO YOU YEARS AGO!"

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AT THE BASIC, SIMPLE STAGE IN LIFE, MEN TAKE THINGS LITERALLY --
THEN AT THE MORE CIVILIZED, THINKING STAGE, MEN TAKE THINGS METAPHORICALLY --
AND THE FEW WHO FINALLY REACH THE STAGE OF ENLIGHTENMENT
DON'T TAKE ANY THING OFF ANY BODY!INCLUDIN' - YOU-KNOW-WHO!
...YEAH!, THAT'S RIGHT! -- THEM SELVES!!

HEY YEAH! --

RIGHT ON! --

WRAP IT UP TO GO!

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A MAN ASKED A MYSTIC:
"HOW LONG CAN YOU KEEP TALKING?",
AND THE MYSTIC REPLIED:
"HOW LONG CAN YOU KEEP THE MOTOR RUNNING?"

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AND FINALLY:

ONE MAN'S RESPONSE TO ANY QUESTION WAS: "NO, NOT REALLY.",
AND IF THAT WASN'T ACCEPTED, HE'D CHANGE IT TO: "YES, NOT REALLY."