

IN OUR GALAXY WAS ONCE A PLANET ONWHICH THE CREATURES WERE BORN WITH
TWO POSSIBLE SETS OF EYES:
ONE SET THAT LOOKED FAR AWAY, AND THE OTHER SET THAT LOOKED UP CLOSE.

LATER IN OUR GALAXY CAME ALONG A WORLD ONWHICH THE BEINGS WERE BORN WITH
THREE POSSIBLE SETS OF EYES:
ONE SET THAT LOOKED FAR AWAY,
ONE SET THAT LOOKED UP CLOSE,
AND A THIRD SET THAT COULD SEE IN AREAS BEYOND SUCH RESTRICTIVE DIMENSIONS.

ONE OF THE RADICAL REASONS IT IS SO DIFFICULT AND TRICKY TO
ALTER THE OPERATIONS OF ONE'S MENTAL AWARENESS IS THAT:
HUNGERS ARE PERMANENT -- SATISFACTIONS, EMPHERAL.

...AND IF THIS IS NOT CLEAR TO YOU
THEN YOU'RE STILL A BIT AWAYS FROM THE POSSIBILITY OF ALTERNATION.

- - -

THERE WAS ONCE A MAN WHO HAD A WILD BEAST AT HIS HOUSE,
AND NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES HE TRIED TO KILL,
EACH ATTEMPT ONLY STRENGTHENED IT.

THERE WAS ONCE A MAN WHO HAD A WILD BEAST AT HIS HOUSE,
AND AFTER LEARNING HOW TO IGNORE IT, IT WITHERED AWAY.

THERE WAS ONCE A WILD BEAST THAT WAS BORN IN A MAN'S HOUSE,
AND HE AND THE MAN QUICKLY BECAME SO CLOSE AND INSEPERABLE
THAT THEY SEEMED TO BE ONE, AND THUS NEITHER HAD ANY ROOM FOR COMPLAINT.

THERE WAS ONCE A MAN WHO HAD A WILD BEAST AT HIS HOUSE, BUT HE'D HEARD ALL THE
STORIES OF OTHER MEN IN THE SAME CONDITION AND THUS WAS ABLE TO....WELL - YOU KNOW

.....

ONCE UPON A TIME IN A WONDEROUS LAND A KING ASKED A PHILOSOPHER:
 "WHAT IS THE USE IN HAVING KNOWLEDGE OF HOW TO ACCOMPLISH A THING
 IF YOU DO NOT HAVE THE POWER TO DO IT?", AND THE THINKER REPLIED:
 "THAT IS AN ANCIENT RUSE OF THE MIND TO BELIEVE THAT IT HAS FULLY GRASPED
 WHAT IS NECESSARY TO DO A CERTAIN THING BUT THEN SIMULTANEOUSLY CLAIM THAT
 IN SPITE OF HAVING THE KNOWLEDGE HOW, IT LACKS THE STRENGTH TO. THIS IS NOT SO,
 FOR A COMPREHENSIVE UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT IS REQUIRED
 WOULD CARRY WITH IT THE UNDERSTANDING OF HOW TO EXECUTE, WHAT-IS-REQUIRED.

TAKE NOTE: WHENEVER THE MIND SAYS THAT IT KNOWS WHAT IT SHOULD DO,
 BUT SIMPLY LACKS THE ABILITY TO DO IT,
 IT IS BALD-FACED, UNWITTINGLY PROCLAIMING THAT
 WHAT IT IS CALLING ITS KNOWLEDGE IS INOPERATIVELY INCOMPLETE.",

...AND AS THE RULER TURNED TO LEAVE, HE THOUGHT TO HIMSELF:
 "I SHOULD LEARN TO USE MY MIND TO LOOK AT THINGS LIKE THIS THINKER DOES.",
 AND THE PHILOSOPHER VERBALLY RESPONDED TO HIS MUSING BY SAYING:
 "BUT YOU CAN AND DO, YOUR GRACE, FOR IT IS ONLY BY YOUR PRESENCE AND LEAVE
 THAT I AM ABLE TO DO SO, AND THE REASON YOU HAVE NOT BEEN AWARE OF THIS IS BECAUSE
 YOU MISTAKE YOUR LEAVE FOR YOUR WILL, AND AS A RESULT, FEEL THE BLAME FOR YOUR
 IGNORANCE AND RESTRICTED INSIGHT INTO THINGS.

BEING BORN A KING, EVERY MAN INHERENTLY ASSUMES A CONFIDENCE THAT HE - HIS MIND -
MUST KNOW WHAT IT KNOWS AND WHAT IT IS DOING, OR ELSE HE WOULD NOT BE KING,
 AND ALL WOULD PROBABLY BE LOST.

THOSE WHO GO BEYOND THIS CAPTIOUS QUANDRY DO SO BY ABANDONING ANY ALLEGIANCE TO
THEIR NATURAL BORN LEADER -- THE MIND THAT LIFE HAS PLACED ON THEIR THRONE."

WHEN PEOPLE SAY THAT THEY HATE THEMSELF
WHAT THEY ARE IN TRUTH SAYING IS THAT THEY DO NOT LIKE THE SELF THAT THEY HAVE
BEEN FORCED TO TAKE AS BEING THEMSELF,

A TREE CAN'T HATE BEING A TREE, OR A LION, A LION, DON'T YOU SEE?!

SOMEONE ONCE SAID TO A MYSTIC:

"YOU CAN'T TELL ME THAT THERE IS NO WAY AT ALL TO VERBALLY DESCRIBE THE ENLIGHTENMENT.", SO THE MYSTIC AGREED THAT HE COULDN'T TELL HIM THAT, AND DID AGREE TO TELL IT WHAT IT WAS THAT CAN BE SAID TO DESCRIBE IT.

"IF", SAID THE MYSTIC, "I TELL YOU THAT THERE IS ONE WORD, WITH TWO SYLLABLES WHICH WILL ADEQUATELY SAY ABOUT THE ENLIGHTENMENT ALL THAT SHOULD BE SAID, AND I TELL YOU THAT THE FIRST SYLLABLE OF THIS WORD IS, 'BULL', CAN YOU FIGURE THE SECOND ONE FOR YOURSELF?", AND THE GUY GOT IT.

....(WHETHER HE LIKED IT OR NOT COULD BE ANOTHER STORY.)

ONCE UPON A TIME LONG, LONG AGO, AND FAR, FAR AWAY,
A MIND DECIDED TO TAKE OVER A CERTAIN KINGDOM,
AND SUCCESSFULLY DID SO BY MAKING ITS INHABITANTS -- TAKE IT SERIOUSLY!

ONE MORE EXPERIENCED ONCE NOTED TO ONE YOUNGER ON THE QUEST:
"THE IDEA THAT A KNOWLEDGABLE MAN SHOULD GIVE UP ALL THAT HE POSSESSES
IN TRUTH POINTS TO THE NECESSITY THAT TO ACHIVE OUR GOAL
ONE MUST GIVE UP ALL OF HIS MENTAL SUBJECTIVITY --
-- WHICH MANY FIND TO BE THE HARDEST POSSIBLE ACT OF DISPOSAL.",
AND THE YOUNGER WONDERED WHY HE SAID: "WHICH MANY FIND..."(?!?)

IF YOU DO NOT LEARN WHAT IT MEANS TO BE TOTALLY HONEST WITH YOURSELF --
-- YOU'LL NEVER DEVELOPE A REAL PERSONAL SELF.

THE WARRIOR'S CLIMATIC ACT OF "FALLING ON HIS SWORD" SO OFTEN SPOKEN OF
IN THE MYTHICAL LITERATURE IN TRUTH REFERS TO THE MIND FALLING ON ITSELF --
-- THE ULTIMATE SACRAFICE, THE SUPREME SUICIDE -- THE ONLY ONE OF VALUE.

THERE WAS ONCE A WORLD ONWHICH THE HIGHEST POSITION TOWHICH A MAN COULD ASPIRE
AS THAT OF A, JUGGLER! --
BUT NOT JUST ANY OLD KIND OF JUGGLER -- NO SIR!,
HE HAD TO BE A JUGGLER WHO COULD TAKE THE TWO BALLS WITHWHICH EVERYONE WAS BORN,
AND KEEP THEM BOTH IN THE AIR WHILE NEVER LOOKING AT EITHER ONE --
-- DO YOU HEAR ME CLEARLY?! --
WHILE NEVER LOOKING AT EITHER ONE.
-- ARE YOU SURE YOU HEARD ME?! --
WHILE N-E-V-E-R -- NEVER LOOKING AT EITHER ONE.
...WELL, SURE, I KNOW THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE, BUT IT WAS ON, "ANOTHER WORLD".

THE TUTOR OF A PRINCE ONE DAY SO INSTRUCTED HIM:
"WHEN YOU HEAR IT SAID THAT A WISE MAN ABANDONS ALL SELFISHNESS
WHAT YOU SHOULD BE HEARING IS THAT A WISE MAN LEARNS TO LOSE ALL INTEREST
IN THE ROUTINE WORKINGS OF HIS MIND.

THE ABANDONMENT OF SELFISHNESS IS SUPREMEY THE ACT OF LETTING GO OF
ONE'S ATTACHMENT TO ONE'S OWN THINKING."

- - -

THERE WAS ONCE A MAN WHO HAD A RADIO TOWHICH HE DEARLY LOVED TO LISTEN --
-- THEN ONE DAY HE COULDN'T FIND IT AND WAS VERY SAD.

THERE WAS ONCE A MAN WHO HAD A RADIO WHICH HE HAD BECOME ACCUSTOMED TO
HEARING, AND THE DAY NEVER CAME WHEN HE COULDN'T FIND IT, SO HE UNDERTOOK TO
PURPOSEFULLY MISPLACE IT.

* * *

THE FAIL-SAFE, SIMPLE TEST IF YOU'RE BEING HONEST WITH YOURSELF OR NOT
IS WHETHER YOU HAVE ANY COMPLAINTS WITH YOU OR NOT. SORRY, BUT THAT'S IT.
...OKAY, I'LL ASK YOU AGAIN: DOES A TREE OR A LION HAVE ANY COMPLAINTS WITH
THEMSELF?!

96112-12(B)

Simple people worry about simple things --
distracted people about the absurdly complex.

Simple people worry
about simple things —

— Distracted people
about the absurdly
complex.

ONCE UPON A TIME LONG, LONG AGO,
THE UNIVERSE WAS IN DANGER OF COMING APART -- BUT,
IT WAS SAVED BY THE APPEARANCE OF A SPECIAL, NEW ADHESIVE --
-- THE MENTAL SERIOUSNESS OF MAN.

AFTER READING CERTAIN WRITINGS A BOY ASKED HIS FATHER:
"IS THERE REALLY SOME ADVANTAGE TO BEING, 'USELESS'?",
"ASK YOUR THOUGHTS.", HE REPLIED.

ANOTHER WAY TO THINK OF WHAT IT IS TO BE MORE CONSCIOUS
IS TO HAVE YOUR AWARENESS NO LONGER TOTALLY CONTROLLED BY LIFE'S GENERAL FLOW,
AND TO HAVE CREATED YOUR OWN INDIVIDUAL FLOW --
-- SOMETHING THAT DOES NOT COME NATURALLY TO MAN.

THE MIND IS LIKE A PIG ON A SPIT -- ALWAYS WAITING, ALWAYS AVAILABLE,
AND CRYING OUT TO LIFE: "COME ON, I'M READY -- DO ME! -- 'Q' ME!"

THERE WAS ONCE A MAN WHO HAD A GHOST IN HIS HOUSE,
BUT WHEN HE DIDN'T REMEMBER AND THINK ABOUT IT BEING THERE, IT WASN'T.
...WELLIT DIDN'T SEEM TO BE, 'CAUSE WE ALL KNOW THAT
IF YOU DON'T THINK ABOUT SOMETHING -- IT DOESN'T EXIST! -- BUT WAIT A MINUTE!!
THE STORY STARTED OUT PLAINLY SAYING THAT THERE WAS A GHOST IN HIS HOUSE
SO WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE WHETHER HE CONTINUALLY REMEMBERS THAT
IT IS THERE ARE NOT?! -- IT'S STILL THERE!.....RIGHT?!.....WELL?!?!.....

- - -

THERE WAS ONCE A UNIVERSE MADE UP ENTIRELY OF MIRRORS,
(BUT LET'S NOT GO INTO THAT JUST NOW.)

* * *

WHEN THEY PUSHED HIM TO CONFORM, ONE MAN FINALLY SAID:
"ALL RIGHT, I AM SCHIZOPHRENIC --
SOME TIMES I FEEL LIKE A BAKED POTATO, AND SOME TIMES I FEEL BOILED.",
AND THEY WERE SATISFIED.

- - -

AND NOW THIS ITEM REGARDING: THE BEDROOM & THE WORKPLACE

ONE MAN'S VIEW IS: NEVER LIVE WHERE YOU RESIDE.
...(BUT I BELIEVE THIS IS WHAT MYSTICS HAVE BEEN SAYING ALL ALONG.)

~ ~ ~

AND ONE DAY A BOY ASKED HIS FATHER: "WHY, IN OUR TIME, DOES IT SEEM THAT
MYSTICS HAVE LOST RESPECT AND PICKED UP A BAD NAME?", AND HIS FATHER REPLIED:
"ANYTHING THAT IS GIVEN A NAME WILL AT TIMES, HAVE THE NAME GO BAD ON THEM.
YOU CANNOT POINT TO THE SKY WITHOUT OFFENDING SOME WORM SOME WHERE."

* * *

THE REAL "NON-ATTACHMENT" IS NOT IN NOT CARING ABOUT THINGS,
BUT IN NOT CARING WHETHER YOUR MIND CARES ABOUT THEM OR NOT --
-- INDIFFERENCE TO ONE'S OWN MENTAL PREFERENCES.

..AND OH YEAH -- TRUE "ALONE-NESS" IS NOT IN PHYSICALLY BEING ALONE,
BUT IN BEING SEPERATE FROM YOUR MIND -- ALONE WITH JUST YOUR REAL SELF.

* * *

ONE MAN CLIMBED HIGH IN A TREE AND DECLARED:
"I SHALL NOT COME DOWN UNTIL SOMEONE CAN DESCRIBE TO ME
IN TERMS THAT MAKE EVERYDAY SENSE
JUST WHAT IS, ENLIGHTENMENT -- THE AWAKENING, AND SO ON.",
AND A NEAR BY SQUIRREL, (BEING ALREADY PUSHED FOR SPACE), SAID TO THE MAN:
"ALL RIGHT, I'LL TELL -- BUT I WARN YOU,
IF YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT I SAY, I'LL BITE YOU REAL GOOD.",
AND THE MAN AGREED SO THE SQUIRREL SO SAID:
"ENLIGHTENMENT IS SOMETHING UNUSUAL THAT HAPPENS TO SOME PEOPLE.",
AND IN THAT THE MAN IMMEDIATELY LOOKED LESS THAN FULLY SATISFIED,
THE SQUIRREL GAVE HIM A GOOD SHARP BITE IN A SENSITIVE PLACE,
AND THE MAN SAID: "OKAY, I GUESS THAT'S ENOUGH FOR TODAY", AND JUMPED DOWN.
....LATER, THE SQUIRREL SAID TO HIMSELF:
"FUNNY, BUT IN A LOT OF THE STORIES I HEAR,
AS SOON AS I BIT INTO THE MAN HE WOULD'AVE INSTANTLY BEEN ENLIGHTENED.
HUH!OH WELL -- I GUESS THERE IS A WIDER VARIETY OF NUTS IN TREES
THAN I IMAGINED."

IT IS ONLY WHEN A MAN'S AWARENESS IS FREED FROM THE GRIP OF THE GENERAL FLOW,
AND HE IS BEING HONEST WITH HIMSELF ABOUT HIMSELF --
-- IT IS ONLY THEN THAT A MAN FEELS TRULY WHOLE.

A LAD APPROACHED HIS DAD WITH THIS QUESTION:
"I CONTINUE TO HEAR OF SOME MEN, 'LOSING THEIR MIND',
AND IF THIS BE POSSIBLE,
THEN WHAT NORMALLY KEEPS A MAN WITH HIS MIND?",
"TAKING ITS RUNNING SERIOUSLY.", HE REPLIED.

- - -

THERE ARE ALWAYS A FEW MEN WHO DO NOT WANT TO STAY AT HOME IF
THAT IS THE ONLY PLACE TO LIVE.

* * *

MEN CONTINUE TO CLAIM THAT THEY WANT TO DISCOVER THE TRUTH,
BUT IN FACT WHAT THEY ARE EXPRESSING IS THE DESIRE TO DISCOVER WHAT IT IS THAT IS
KEEPING THEM FROM SEEING THE TRUTH.

WHERE CAN REALITY HIDE?!

- - -

THE KING'S ADVISOR ONE DAY NOTED TO HIM:

"WHEN IT IS SAID THAT AN ENLIGHTENED MAN DOES NOT ATTEMPT TO IMPOSE HIS WILL
ON NATURE, IT IS NOT A REFERENCE TO THINGS PHYSICAL."

- - -

THE COUNSELOR TO A MIGHTY WARRIOR ONE DAY SAID TO HIM:

"THE GREATEST SLAYER OF ALL IS HE WHO SLAYS THE SLAYER."

* * *

ONE MAN SAYS:

"UP UNTIL NOW I HAVE NOT HAD NOT ENOUGH,
BUT NOW I AM BEGINING TO LOSE SOME OF WHAT I STILL HAVE,
AND PERHAPS SOON I WILL SUFFICIENTLY HAVE, NOT ENOUGH....WHICH WILL BE NONE."

- - -

A RICH MAN NEVER THINKS ABOUT ANOTHER STATE OF CONSCIOUSNESS.

* * *

ONE CHAP'S SELF-DIRECTED QUESTION OF THE DAY:
"IF THE CURSE OF AN ENLIGHTENED MAN IS TO HAVE FOLLOWERS,
THEN IS THAT OF A MIND, TO HAVE THOUGHTS?!"

- - -

THERE WAS ONCE A UNIVERSE INWHICH THERE WAS NOT ROOM FOR EVERYTHING,
IT DIED. LET THIS BE A LESSON TO YOU,
AND AN UNUSUALLY ALERT MAN CREID OUT: " IT IS -- IT IS!,
TELL ME HOW TO GET THERE!"

* * *

FOR A MAN WHO UNDERSTANDS
THE TASK, TRULY AT HAND --
THERE ARE NO PRELIMENANRY DUTTIES, NO PREPARATIONS -- JUST, ON WITH IT --
-- THAT'S ALL YOU CAN DO,
- THAT'S ALL THAT IS NECESSARY.

WHAT RITUALS DOES A TREE GO THROUGH TO BE A TREE?!

THERE WAS ONCE A MAN OF REPUTED WISDOM WHO WOULD ANSWERS QUESTIONS,
AND HIS RESPONSE TO ALL WAS THE SAME: "YOU NEED SAY NO MORE ABOUT IT."

THE RADICAL DIFFICULTY IN DESCRIBING WHAT THE AIM OF THIS SORT OF ACTIVITY IS ABOUT ARISES FROM THE SAME PROBLEM THE MIND HAS IN DECIDING WHETHER NEWTON DISCOVERED THE LAWS OF MOTION, OR INVENTED THEM.

ONE PLEASANT MORNING, WHILE SHAVING AND IN ONE OF HIS EXUBERANT & UP BEAT MOODS,
A MAN PAUSED TO LOOK OUT THE WINDOW INTO THE BRIGHT SUNSHINE AND SAID:
"LIFE -- YOU RASCAL! -- WHAT HAVE I DONE TO DESERVE YOU?!",
THEN SUDDENLY WONDERED IF LIFE HAD EVER SAID THE SAME THING ABOUT HIM.

A MAN WENT TO SEE HIS LOCAL, LIFE-REPRESENTING MYSTIC AND SAID TO HIM:

"I FEEL AN INTEREST TO JOIN IN SUCH ACTIVITY AS YOURS,
BUT I DO NOT LIKE THE TERMS: MYSTICS, AND MYSTICISM, -AND STUFF --
SO IF I TAKE IT UP CAN I CALL IT SOMETHING ELSE?",

AND THE EMPTY ONE REPLIED:

"YOU CAN CALL IT A SALAD WITH A SWEATER IN IT FOR ALL THE DIFFERENCE IT'LL MAKE."

...AND THE MAN SILENTLY PONDERED THIS FOR A FEW MOMENTS, THEN SAID:

"WELL....I APPRECIATE YOU GIVING ME A RESPONSE TO MY QUESTION, BUT.....

....AH...WELL, WOULD YOU DOUBLE CHECK WITH LIFE ABOUT THIS FOR ME?"

- - -

LONG BEFORE YOUR TIME, THERE WAS ONCE A UNIVERSE INWHICH NO ONE
WAS EVER SATISFIED,

.....(WONDER WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO THOSE DUDES?!.....)

* * *

ONE BOY SO INQUIRED OF HIS FATHER:

"IS THERE AN INVERTED RATION AT WORK IN THAT THE GREATER BECOMES YOUR AWARENESS
THE SMALLER BECOMES YOUR TOLERANCE FOR BABBLE?",

"UM.", HE REPLIED.