

EVERYONE HAS A HOME ADDRESS --

A PHYSICAL PIECE OF PROPERTY ONWHICH THEY PERMANENTLY RESIDE --

AND ON THIS PROPERTY ARE TWO HOUSES,

ONE INWHICH THEY ARE RAISED AND WHICH SEEMS MOST NATURAL AND ATTRACTIVE TO THEM,  
WITH THE OTHER REMAINING MOSTLY AN UNEXPLORED POSSIBILITY.

A CERTAIN MAN MUSES:

"IF WE DEFINE DEATH AS: 'THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE INEVITABLE'  
THEN WHAT SHOULD BE OUR DEFINITION OF LIVING?"

THERE ARE TWO THINGS OFWHICH THE MIND IS CAPABLE: THINKING AND KNOWING,  
AND THE DIFFERENCE IS THAT THINKING CAN BE WRONG AND KNOWING CANNOT --  
AND WHILE THINKING IS THE DOOR TO KNOWING, KNOWING IS NOT THINKING --  
ALSO: WHEN YOU KNOW SOMETHING, THERE IS NOTHING MORE TO THINK ABOUT IT --  
AND FINALLY: THINKING IS A TYPE OF AGGITATED OBSESSION,  
WHILE KNOWING IS A CALM CERTAINTY.

ONE MAN SAYS THAT WHAT HE FINDS MOST ANNOYING FROM OTHER PEOPLE IS THEM,  
(JUST IN THE MECHANICAL FLOW OF SOCIAL CONVERSATION),  
ASKING HIM HOW HE'S DOING --

-- HE SAYS UPON BECOMING AWARE OF THIS,  
HE FINDS IT HIGHLY SUSPICIOUS AND DESERVING OF FURTHER SCRUTINY.  
(AND AS HE WALKED AWAY, YOU COULD HEAR HIM REPEATING TO HIMSELF:  
"HOW'M I DOING?!.....HOW'M I DOING?!.....")

WITH CONSCIOUSNESS YOU CAN EITHER BE IN THE THINKING MODE,  
(WHICH IS AUTOMATIC AND OPERATES WITHOUT YOUR ATTENTION),  
OR IN THE KNOWING MODE,  
(WHICH YOU KNOW THAT YOU'RE IN, AND WHICH REQUIRES YOUR INTENTION, AND  
CONTINUING ATTENTION.)

ONE MAN FOUND A TOTALLY UNEXPECTED TREASURE,  
AND UPON CLOSER EXAMINATION DISCOVERED IT TO BE IN TWO PARTS,  
ONE OFWHICH THOUGH, SOME HOW SEEMED VERY FAMILIAR.

SO THERE IT WAS: BOTH ENTIRELY NEW, AND YET PARTIALLY OLD.

WHAT A CURIOUS FIND.

## MORE DISTINCTIONS:

THINKING IS A QUESTION -- KNOWING IS THE ANSWER;

THINKING IS CALCULATION -- KNOWING IS THE SUM;

THINKING IS ALWAYS CHALLENGED BY OTHER THINKING -- KNOWING HAS NO OPPOSITION

AND WHILE THINKING IS A JOURNEY -- KNOWING IS THE DESTINATION.

MORE PERCISE DEMOGRAPHICS

WITHIN HUMANITY THERE ARE THE ORDINARY, (THE VAST MAJORITY OF MEN),  
AND THERE ARE THE FEW, (THOSE INTERESTED IN INDIVIDUAL, INTERNAL CHANGE),  
THEN THERE ARE THE FEWEST OF THE FEW - THOSE ACTUALLY TRYING TO EFFECT CHANGE.  
THUS IT BE, AND THUS HAS IT ALWAYS BE-ED.

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THINKING, KNOWING AND HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS

IF YOU THINK ABOUT PEOPLR RATHER THAN KNOW THEM  
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE NOT TO GET MENTALLY ENTANGLED WITH THEM.

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FOR A WHILE, ONE MAN ACCEPTED HIS REPETITIVE MENTAL RAMBLINGS TO BE,  
"CONTINUING RESTATEMENTS OF HIS POSITION",  
THEN BEGAN HAVING QUESTIONS REGARDING THE NATURE OF POSITIONS WHICH NEEDED TO BE  
RESTATED FORTY 'LEVEL MILLION TIMES!?!  
...PLUS, REALIZED THE POSITIONS WEREN'T HIS ANY WAY.

AS HE PONDERED THE WORLD OF THINKING, A MAN MUSED:

"IF IT TAKES TWO TO HAVE A FIGHT,  
THEN SURELY IT MUST TAKE TWO TO MAKE PEACE.

.....HUMMMM.....

WHAT MIGHT THIS BE TRYING TO TELL ME REGARDING THINKING'S LIMITATIONS,  
AND HOW IT ATTEMPTS TO DIGUISE THEM?!"

IN SOME REALMS YOU SIMPLY CAN'T GET ANY WHERE ON A TWO WAY STREET.

TO CELEBRATE HIS BAR THE MITZVAH FROM THE DOOR DAY,  
A FATHER TOLD THE SON:

"IF YOU DON'T WANT TO LIE -- DON'T TALK."

... (THEN LATER, TO HELP CONFIRM HIS CONFIRMATION ADDED:

"UNDERSTANDING OF COURSE THAT LYING IS ONLY OF CONSEQUENCE TO ONE'S SELF.")

A MAN LONG INVOLVED IN THE STRUGGLE ONCE SAID:

"IT SEEMS WE KNOCK AT A LOCKED DOOR,  
AND WE THINK THE SECRET IS IN REALIZING THAT OUR THINKING IS THE DOOR,  
AND BEHIND IT LIES NOTHING.

THEN THE ONLY QUESTION IS: WHY WAS IT LOCKED TO BEGIN WITH?!,  
OR WE WILL EVENTUALLY SEE WE WERE MISTAKEN IN BELIEVING THAT IT WAS?!

ALL-IN-ALL, A CURIOUS AFFAIR, AND I ASSUME AS ALWAYS THAT THE SECRET IS IN,  
KNOWING WHAT'S GOING ON."

UNIQUE TO THIS UNIVERSE IS A SUBSTANCE IN THE HUMAN NERVOUS SYSTEM WHOSE OVERFLOW  
IN PART, RUNS OFF, UP HILL.

...."ARE WE BY ANY CHANCE HERE, TALKING ABOUT THE APPARENT, 'PASSIONS OF THE MIND?  
VERY GOOD, SIR, VERY GOOD INDEED.

IF YOU DON'T THINK METAPHORICALLY  
THEN THINKING'S NOT REALLY EVER GONNA DO YOU MUCH GOOD.  
....(AM I OR AM I NOT "THE MASTER OF THE UNDERSTATEMENT?!")

AFTER READING THE INSTRUCTIONS THAT CAME WITH A COFFEE MAKER,  
WHICH GAVE SPECIFIC DIRECTIONS ON HOW TO KEEP THE BREW FROM BEING,  
"WEAK AND TASTELESS",

ONE MAN THOUGHT WHAT A SHAME IT WAS THAT HE DIDN'T HAVE THE AUTHORS OF THE MANUAL  
AVAILABLE TO HELP HIM RUN HIS OWN LIFE.

.....(OR AT LEAST TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WRITING OF HIS OBITUARY.)



AS HE BEGAN TO SEE IT PLAY ITSELF OUT IN HIS AWARENESS  
ONE MAN STARTED TO PICTURE THINKING AS A FORM OF ADHESIVE,  
AND KNOWING, AS THE SOLVENT.

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THEN THERE WAS THIS OTHER CHAP WHO WENT A BIT FURTHER  
AND BEGAN TO SEE THE OPERATION AS:  
THINKING BEING A MAGNETIC FORCE,  
AND KNOWING BEING THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE LAWS OF PHYSICS.

AND IN YET ANOTHER INSTANCE WE FIND A FELLOW WHO PRESENTLY PERCEIVES IT THUSLY:  
THAT THINKING IS A FORM OF BLINDNESS, AND KNOWING, THE ABILITY TO SEE.

AND IN WHAT MIGHT BE THE FINAL WORD IN SUCH PICTURIZATIONS:  
ONE MAN IMAGINES THE SITUATION TO BE THAT  
THINKING IS LIKE A CATATONIC STATE,  
WITH KNOWING BEING A RETURN TO CONSCIOUSNESS.

NOTE: IT IS MOSTLY THOSE WHO DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT  
WHO DO MOST OF THE TALKING.

... (HOW MANY MORE EXAMPLES NEED WE TO AUTHENTICATE MY CLAIM TO THE TITLE OF  
"THE SOVEREIGN OF THE UNDERSTATED"?!)

WOULD YOU CARE FOR ANOTHER PLAIN EXAMPLE OF HOW THINKING OPERATES?! --  
CONSIDER THE MANY MYSTICAL TREATISES OF PAST AUTHORS, TWENTY PAGES AND LESS,  
WITH CONTEMPORARY INTRODUCTIONS AND TRANSLATOR'S PREFACES  
IN THE TWO HUNDRED PAGE RANGE.

A YOUNG PRINCE SAID TO THE ROYAL TUTOR:

"TELL ME ABOUT THE LIFE OF THE GREAT ONE WHO WAS THE FATHER OF OUR PEOPLE --  
BUT TELL ME OF HIS EXPLOITS AND ADVENTURES, NOT OF HIS UNDERSTANDING.",  
AND THUS DID THE HEIR APPARENT REVEAL HIMSELF TO BE A TRUE CHILD OF HIS LINE

LOOK AWAY, LOOK AWAY  
LOOK FAR AWAY;

LOOK AWAY, LOOK AWAY'S THE NATURE OF THE MIND.

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IF YOU HAVE A POINT YOU FEEL YOU MUST PROVE YOU DON'T HAVE A POINT WORTH PROVING.

ACCORDING TO LEGEND,  
THE HEAD OF ONE FAMILY TOLD ALL CONCERNED THAT THEY WERE NOT TO CALL  
THE THINKING THEY DID, "THINKING"  
UNLESS IT WAS UNDER THEIR WILFULL DIRECTION AND CONTROL

WHAT HAS GREATER POTENTIAL TO MAKE THINGS EASY  
THAN THAT WHICH IS SIMPLE,  
AND THAT WHICH IS SO?!

....(WELL, WHY DID YOU THINK THAT THOSE-WHO-KNOW ONLY TALK ABOUT THE OBVIOUS?!)



THE REAL SECRET IS THE SECRET ITSELF,  
AND THUS THE WORD, "SECRET" COVEYS NO USEFUL INFORMATION,  
AND MUST BE REALIZED AS METAPHORICAL.

AS HE OPENED A CAN  
A MAN NOTED THAT THE REASON HE LIKED,  
"ARTIFICALLY SWEETED, IMITATION ROOT BEER"  
IS THAT IT HAS NO SUGAR, NO ROOTS AND NO BEER.  
...A SITUATION, (HE SAYS), THAT SOMEHOW ALWAYS REMINDS HIM OF HIS THINKING (?!?)

THE TITLE OF THIS NEXT SONG IS:

"THE PAST: MAMA, MAMA WON'T YOU TALK TO MY MIND FOR ME."

JUST BECAUSE YOU HAVE LUGGAGE IN THE CLOSET IS NO REASON YOU MUST TALK ABOUT IT,  
OR DRAG IT OUT TO SHOW TO VISITORS.

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ONE ATTRIBUTE OF A MORE CONSCIOUS MAN IS THAT HE MOSTLY IGNORES THINGS --  
-- UNDERSTANDING THAT THE THINGS REFERED TO ARE MENTAL.

ANOTHER CHARACTERISTIC IS THAT HE IS PRIMARILY WITHOUT PASSION --  
-- THAT IS, NON-PHYSICALLY SPEAKING.

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ONE MAN'S CONCEPT OF IT:

"MY NAME IS NOT MY NAME  
'TIL I PREFER IT BE."

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INTELLIGENCE COMES NOT FROM THINKING -- BUT FROM KNOWING.

THE MYSTIC'S ULTIMATE, HEART-BREAKIN', BALL-BUSTIN', UP-AGAINST-THE-WALL LAMENT

IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW MANY TRICKS & METHODS YOU KNOW  
IF YOU CAN'T REMEMBER TO USE THEM.

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THE BEAUTY OF THINKING IS IN ITS COMPLEXITY, AND CONFLICTING DIVERSITY --  
-- THE BEAUTY OF KNOWING IS IN ITS UNIFIED SIMPLICITY.

AS KNOWING OVERTAKES THINKING A MAN IS AS A CANDLE --  
ACTING AS HIS OWN FUEL ----- CONSUMING HIMSELF.



A FATHER TOLD A SON -- (NO LONGER, ALL THAT YOUNG):  
"NEVER ABANDON YOUR SEARCH FOR MAGIC --  
BUT DO REFINE YOUR UNDERSTANDING THEREOF."

QUESTION ME THIS:

IF TALK IS AN ANALYSIS OF ACTION  
THEN WHAT IS THINKING AN ANALYZATION OF?

.....HUMMMMMMM?.....

MORE REGARDING - HOME

IT'S EASIER TO STAY AT THE PLACE WHERE YOU NORMALLY STAY  
THAN IT IS ANY WHERE NEW.

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TO BE TRULY RELIGIOUS AND SPIRITUAL YOU MUST KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING --  
-- NOT BE MERELY THINKING ABOUT IT.

THINKING IS JUST THINKING, BUT KNOWING IS AN EXPERIENCE.

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ANOTHER VIEW OF: HOW LIFE IS, BUT IN TERMS TOO LARGE TO BE TAKEN IN WITH JUST  
ONE OR TWO EYES

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WHILE SOME THINGS ARE GOOD ENOUGH FOR SOME PEOPLE,  
EVERYTHING IS GOOD ENOUGH FOR EVERY BODY.

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THINKING SPEAKS IN CODE, AND THE FIRST TASK IS TO BREAK IT  
SO AS TO UNDERSTAND IT.

HOW MUCH SIMPLIER CAN WE MAKE IT?!

ALL CRITICISM IS FROM IGNORANCE.

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AND STILL ANOTHER DIFFERENCE:

CONSCIOUSNESS IS CONTROLLED BY THINKING,  
BUT THROUGH KNOWING ONE IS CONSCIOUS.



IN RECOGNITION OF HIS OTHER END CIRCUMCISION ONE FATHER SAID TO THE SON:  
"REMEMBER: IF IT CAN SQUEAK -- IT CAN BE OILED -- BUT!,  
JUST BECAUSE YOU CAN OIL IT DOESN'T NECESSARILY MEAN THAT  
IT WILL STOP SQUEAKING."

WITH THOSE WHO UNDERTAKE THIS PATH IT IS MOST COMMON THAT THEY INITIALLY THINK:  
"IT FEELS RIGHT, BUT SEEMS TOO COMPLEX TO EVER UNDERSTAND.",  
COMING LATER TO:  
"IT IS RIGHT, AND COULD NOT BE CLEARER."

WHILE THINKING IS ENDLESS SPECULATION -- KNOWING IS KNOWING!

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