

BEING IN A POSITION WHEREIN HE WAS EXPECTED TO SAY SOMETHING,
ONE MAN OFFERED THE FOLLOWING:

"THE SUPREME EVIDENCE OF THE POWER OF MECHANICALNESS IS IN THE FACT THAT
MEN CAN BE SHOWN THAT THEY LIVE IN SUCH CONDITIONS AND IT EFFECTS THEM NOT!"

SCIENTIFIC ELABERATION: SURI GENERIS ET SUPRA SO

LIFE'S HOMEOSTASIS IS UNIQUE IN THAT

IT HAS NO EXTERNAL ENVIRONMENT IN RELATIONSHIP TO WHICH TO ADJUST.

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THERE WAS ONCE A BOY WHO WOULD SING:
"TAKE ME HOME, COUNTRY ROAD.",
UNTIL HIS TRAVELS REVEALED TO HIM THAT HE WAS THE ROAD, AND THAT
HIS HOME WAS SIMPLY WHERE HE'D ALWAYS BEEN.

THINKING ASSUMES ITS VAULTED POSITION BY THINKING ABOUT THINGS. --
-- BY THINKING ABOUT THINGS NOT ACHIEVED AND DESTINATIONS NOT REACHED,
AS THOUGH THEY ARE.

MORE THAN THE MODEL FOR THE MOTTO: "YOU CAN'T KEEP A GOOD THING DOWN." -- NAY!,
THE EXAMPLAR OF THE CERTITUDE THAT: "THE NECESSARY CAN NEVER BE NEGATED."

THE ORDINARY LOOK FOR MYSTERIES WITHOUT --

-- THE FEW KNOW WHERE THEY REALLY RESIDE.

TO THEM,

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ASTRONAUTS AND SPELUNKERS IS.....(?!?)

A MAN'S WHOSE MAIN CONCERNS ARE STILL HIS ACTIONS AND HIS WORDS
HAS YET TO REACH A USEFUL PLATEAU.

THERE IS A STABLE, SELF-RIGHTING STRUCTURE INTO WHICH WE ARE ALL BORN, --
--- IN THE PHYSICAL UNIVERSE --

THERE IS ALSO AN SIMILAR INTERNAL ONE INTO WHICH WE ARE BORN,
AND WITHIN WHICH WE NORMALLY LIVE OUR DAYS AND DIE WITH NO
SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE OCCURING IN BETWEEN.

ORDINARY SIGHT IS LOATH TO REVEAL -- WHERE YOU ARE
IF WHERE YOU ARE IS PART OF -- WHAT YOU ARE.

PLANETS WITH LIFE BECAME SUCH THROUGH TRAVEL BY REFLECTIVE DEVICES.

THERE IS NOTHING MORE STABLE AND SELF-CORRECTING THAN:
MIRROR IMAGES OF MIRROR IMAGES OF MIRROR IMAGES.

THERE IS NO DESCRIPTION MORE ACCURATE OF THE INNER EXPLORER THAN
THAT OF THE, "MOLD BREAKER -- THE CHEMICAL SHAKER."

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IN A CASE OF: AN OLD SAW WITH A NEW BLADE, ONE MAN THOUGHT:
"WHAT BETTER EXAMPLE OF A, 'GROSS EXAGGERATION' THAN
THE REPORTS OF MY BEING ALIVE?!"

NOISE

A MAN DEEP IN THE STRUGGLE FOR THAT CLEAR STATE OF MIND GOES THROUGH SEVERAL STAGES REGARDING THE MATTER OF, "NOISE":

AT FIRST IT DOESN'T PARTICULARLY BOTHER HIM --

-- THEN IT DOES,

THEN LATER -- MUCH, MUCH LATER, IT AGAIN CEASES TO.

QUESTION: CAN YOU FIGURE OUT EXACTLY WHAT IS MEANT HERE BY THE WORD, "NOISE"?!

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THE MATHEMATICS OF IT

IF CONSCIOUSNESS IS COMPOSED OF THINKING AND KNOWING,
AND YOU SUBSTRACT THINKING FROM THE EQUATION - LOOK WHAT YOU'VE GOT LEFT!

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REGARDING THE PROPOSAL THAT SOME THINGS ARE NATURALLY "OFFENSIVE":
ONLY CERTAIN UNCONTROLLABLE ONES ARE SO TO THE FEW.--
-- CERTAIN INTERNAL, INDIVIDUAL, UNCONTROLLABLE ONES!

TO A MORE ALERT MAN: IF IT IS AUTOMATIC,
AND IT IS IN HIM --
-- IT IS INSULTING AND DEGRADING.
... (AND NOT IN RELATIONSHIP TO
ANY EXTERNAL STANDARD.)

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SOME WHERE ALONG HIS JOURNEY, ONE MAN MUSED:

"I MAY NOT HAVE YET REACHED MY DESTINATION -- BUT ON THE OTHER HAND --
BUT I AM SUPRISED AND PLEASED THAT AT LEAST I HAVEN'T KILLED MYSELF
THROUGH MY OWN, WELL KNOWN STUPIDITY."

PROVERB EXTENSION IN SERVICE TO
THE EXPOSITION CONCERNING THE DYNAMICS OF THE DESIRE IN MAN TO --
-- HELP OTHERS

GIVE A MAN FOOD AND HE'LL EAT TODAY,
BUT TEACH HIM HOW TO FISH AND HE'LL EVENTUALLY STEP ON A HOOK AND BLAME YOU.

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SAILING: (A POEM)

WE SAIL ON A SEA OF CHEM-IS-TRY --
-- TO AND FRO,
TO AND FRO;

WE SAIL ON A SEA OF CHEM-IS-TRY --
-- HERE AND THERE,
HERE AND THERE;

WE SAIL ON A SEA OF CHEM-IS-TRY --
-- IN AND OUT,
IN AND OUT;

WE SAIL ON A SEA OF CHEM-IS-TRY,
TO AND FRO,
HERE AND THERE,
IN AND OUT -- A-PAR-RENT-LY.

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THINKING UNDOUBTABLY PRODUCES CHANGE IN THE EXTERNAL WORLD,
BUT THE BELIEF THAT IS DOES SO INTERNALLY, IS A DREAM.

INASMUCH AS: "IDIOCY IS NOT SO FRIGHTENING -- FROM AFAR.",
ONE MAN SUGGESTS THAT, "WE KEEP OUR DISTANCE."

...(IF YOU "GET IT" -- MOVE UP TWO PLACES AND ROLL AGAIN.)

WHEN ONE MAN HEARD THE DESCRIPTION OF SOMEONE, "SLIPPING IN AND OUT OF
CONSCIOUSNESS" HE WAS GREATLY TAKEN THEREBY --
-- BUT THEN WAS DEEPLY DISAPPOINTED TO LEARN THAT IT WAS APPLIED ONLY TO
THE PHYSICALLY INJURED.
...("ANOTHER CHOICE OPPORTUNITY MISSED.', HE MUSED.)

AND TO HIMSELF, ONE MAN DECLARED AND ADMITTED:

"NO DOUBT ABOUT IT -- THINKING HAS REACHED ASTRONOMICAL PROPORTIONS!
...AND I WOULD BE EVEN MORE IMPRESSED BY IT
WERE IT NOT FOR THE FACT THAT IT IS THINKING THAT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR
ME NOTING THIS."

...ALL-IN-ALL: A CARAVAN WHOSE ONLY END
IS ITS FRONT RANK REFRESHING ITS REAR.

AFTER A CERTAIN PLACE IN THIS EXTRAORDINARY ENDEAVOR
A MAN HAS NO MORE "KNOWLEDGE OF THE EXTERNAL WORLD --
-- NO THEORIES, NO NOTIONS, NO IDEAS -- NOTHING! --
IT'S JUST THERE.

AFTER A CERTAIN PLACE HE ALSO LOSES ALL CONCERN IN ANY "PHILOSOPHY" OF MAN,
ESPECIALLY REGARDING HIMSELF, INTERNALLY --
HIS ONLY INTEREST IN THAT AREA IS IN FINDING AN OPERATIONS MANUAL.

THE LAW OF CONSEQUENCE

IF YOU THINK -- YOU'LL BE CONFUSED.

...(LET ME NOTE TO THE AUDIENCE THAT IT'S USELESS TO STICK AROUND
IN HOPES OF MORE -- THAT'S IT! -- THAT'S ALL THE LAW.)

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SO REFLECTED ONE CHAP:

"IF, AS THE ORDINARY LIKE TO SAY, THERE IS: 'MAGIC IN WORDS.',
THEN SOME WHERE WITHIN SILENCE MUST RESIDE WIZARDRY OF AN ASTOUNDING NATURE."

EVEN AS POSITIVE CHANGES WOULD TAKE PLACE IN HIM,
ONE MAN,
THE OLDER HE GOT,
AND THE MORE HE UNDERSTOOD,
THE LESS INCLINED HE WAS TO TAKE FULL CREDIT THEREFOR,
....("AFTER ALL", HE REASONED,
"IF DEATH IS THE ULTIMATE AWAKENING, WHOSE FATE IS IN WHOSE HANDS?!")

ONE MAN MUSED THAT THE TRUE STATE OF CONSCIOUSNESS WOULD BE LIKE A FORGETFULNESS
THAT NEVER FORGETS ITSELF. --

-- OR:

LIKE A STATE OF FORGETFULNESS THAT EVEN FORGETS ITSELF.

A POEM

ON CERTAIN DRUGS,
YOU NEED NO HUGS.

THE PRECEDING WAS BROUGHT TO YOU THROUGH THE COMBINED EFFORTS OF:
HERD EMOTIONS & BRAIN CHEMISTRY,
WHO ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR HOW YOU MAY TAKE IT!

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A MAN SADLY NOTES:

"IT ACCOMPLISHES NAUGHT TO HEAR MY NORMAL STATE OF CONSCIOUSNESS ASSAILED,
FOR WHEN I AM THEREIN,
I LACK SUFFICIENT AWARENESS THEREOF
TO JUDGE THE VALIDITY OF THE CRITIQUE."

A TRAVELER ON A SEARCH --

WHOSE ONLY HOPE FOR SUCCESS OCCURS WHEN HE'S NOT THERE.

ANOTHER SIGHTING TAKEN ON: THINKING VS KNOWING

THINKING IS ALWAYS IN RELATIONSHIP-TO SOMETHING ELSE -- KNOWING IS NOT.

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A PIROUETTE AROUND THE POSSIBLES

TO CARE WHAT YOU ARE HELPS KEEP YOU FROM BECOMING YOUR TRUE SELF.

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ATTEMPTING TO EXPLAIN THE PRESENT CONDITIONS OF HIS PROGRESS,
ONE MAN SAID:

"I HAVE BEEN FACED WITH INDUSTRIAL STRENGTH STUPIDITY.",
HE DID NOT HOWEVER, POINT TO THE DIRECTION INWHICH THIS LAY.

PART II:

ROADS NOT NOT NATURALLY OCCUR, BUT APPEAR ONLY WHERE MEN WALK --
AND MEN WALK ONLY WHERE LIFE REQUIRES ROADS FOR THEM TO TRAVEL.

ONE MAN PICTURED THE AUTOMATIC FLOW OF THOUGHT IN HIM AS A FORM OF,
"UNATTENDED HEAD LICE".

ANOTHER STATE OF CONSCIOUSNESS IS TO BE HAD BY MERELY
PEELING ONESELF FROM ONESELF.

IN ONE LAND,
IF YOU WIN THE LOTTERY
YOU ARE BEATEN SLOWLY TO DEATH BY
TEENY LITTLE INCESSANT BLOWS FROM, "MERELY AND SIMPLY",

AND RELATED THERETO
WERE THE PEOPLE WHOSE NATIONAL ANTHEM WAS:
"DON'T SPIT ON ME HUBERT, UNTIL I'M BACK HOME."
...(MERELY -- "PEEL YOURSELF FROM YOURSELF", INDEED!)

AND NOW -- A TRAVEL NOTE

A "SERIOUS MAN" IS ALREADY -- HALF WAY HOME!
...(THIS DOES NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE QUESTION OF SUCH A HOME'S DESIRABILITY.)

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WHEN CONFRONTED BY GOBBLEDEGOOK, ONE MAN WOULD CONSOLE HIMSELF BY THINKING:
"WELL -- BETTER THAN NO GOOK AT ALL!"

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ALL MAPS ARE INVENTIONS -- AT BEST, AD HOC CONTRIVANCES.

TO EVER ACHIEVE A NEW LIFE YOU MUST DISCOVER HOW TO
INTERNALLY SEPERATE YOURSELF FROM THE REST OF THE HERD.

A DIALOGUE OF INTERESTS AND CONSIDERATIONS

"DOES LIFE HAVE FEELINGS?"

"CERTAINLY."

"DOES LIFE HAVE FEELINGS FOR MAN?"

"IT DOESN'T MATTER WHETHER IT DOES OR NOT,
AS LONG AS YOU HAVE FEELINGS FOR LIFE."

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FOR A FEW: AWARENESS OF ONE'S CAPTIVITY CAN BE A LIBERATING EXPERIENCE.

ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF: "IT TAKES TWO TO TANGO" IN ANY SITUATION

PORNOGRAPHY IS NOT SIMPLY IN THE EYE OF THE BEHOLDER,
BUT ALSO IN THE OTHER HAND FROM THE ONE HOLDING THAT BEING BEHELD.

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