

THERE WAS ONCE A WORLD ONWHICH MANY OF THE CREATURES
 SPENT MANY YEARS IN THE ATTEMPT TO
 RID THE PLANET OF CERTAIN VERMIN
 WHICH WERE NOT ACTUALLY THERE.

...(AND DO NOTE: YOU ARE IN A BACKWARD SOLAR SYSTEM IF YOU THINK THAT
 WORLDS SUCH AS THE ONE JUST DESCRIBED
 ARE BACKWARD.

"FOOLISHNESS", ALTERNATIVELY DEFINED
 IS SYNONOMOUS WITH, "THE POTENTIAL FOR PROGRESS".)

IN ONE SCHOOL, THE CHILDREN WHO WERE HELD BACK, AND FORCED TO REPEAT
 WERE THOSE STUDENTS WHO TOOK THE COURSES SERIOUSLY.

...AS ONE BOY EVENTUALLY REALIZED,
 "INSOFAR AS RELATES TO ME PERSONALLY:
 THESE BOOKS ARE NOT MINE --
 THE INSTRUCTORS ARE NOT MINE --
 THE LESSONS BEING TAUGHT ARE NOT MINE, AND ABOVE ALL --
 WHAT I BELIEVE THAT I AM LEARNING -- IS MOST DIFFINITELY, NO PART OF ME."
 'TIS INDEED A MOST MARVELOUS UNIVERSE INWHICH THE ONLY WAY TO KNOWLEDGE IS BY
 BECOMING AWARE OF THE NONSENSE OF KNOWLEDGE.

TO BE ASSURED THAT YOU'LL BE LEFT ASHORE, ALL THAT'S REQUIRED IS THAT YOU
 BELIEVE YOU CAN BE RESCUED

A WOMAN ONCE ASKED A STRANGER,
"WHAT'S WITH ALL THIS CRAP I KEEP HEARING ABOUT,
"BEING ENLIGHTENED", OR "AWAKENING FROM SOME DREADFUL,
UNRECOGNIZED STATE OF SLEEP", AND ALL THAT KINDA STUFF?...WHAT'S WITH IT?!",
AND THE STRANGER REPLIED,

"WELL, NORMALLY A QUESTION SUCH AS YOURS IS UNWORTHY A SINCERE RESPONSE,
BUT INASMUCH AS I AM CLOSE TO DYING,
(EITHER THAT OR I'VE REACHED THE LIMIT OF MY VISA CARD), I'LL ANSWER YOU:
WHAT SUCH IDEAS REFER TO IS SIMPLY THE DIFFERENCE IN A PERSON KNOWING WHAT IS
POSSIBLE IN LIFE - SPECIFICALLY POINTING TO THE MIND - AND WHAT IS NOT.",
AND UPON HEARING THIS AS THE EXPLANATION TO HER INQUIRY,
TO SAY THAT THE WOMAN WAS BESET BY SEVERE DISAPPOINTMENT
WOULD BE A SEVERE UNDERSTATEMENT.

ACCORDING TO ONE MAIL ORDER CATALOG: AFTER YOU DIE,
(IF YOU'VE BEEN WELL DRESSED MOST OF YOUR LIFE),
YOU'RE NOT REQUIRED TO WASTE ANY MORE OF YOUR MENTAL TIME ON USELESS MATTERS
THAN YOU DID BEFORE YOU DIED. (POSTAGE HOWEVER, IS NOT INCLUDED.)

IT'S QUITE EASY TO LOOK WHERE THE NAP OF THE CARPET HAS BEEN PUSHED ASIDE
AND THE BACKING REVEALED, AND MISTAKE IT FOR A PIECE OF FOREIGN MATTER,
....(NAP, NEURON, WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE, THEY BOTH START WITH, "N"?!)

THERE WAS ONCE TWO BROTHERS WHO WERE IN BUSINESS TOGETHER,
AND THEY CALLED THEIR OPERATION,
"YOU'VE GOTTA HAVE A PLAN -- YOU MUSTN'T HAVE A PLAN.",
AND THE TRICKY PART OF DOING BUSINESS WITH THEM WAS THAT
YOU COULD NEVER BE SURE OF THEY WERE OPEN OR NOT... OR NOT...
...("JUST THE WAY WE PLANNED IT". NOTED THE BROTHERS.)

A WOMAN NOT FAR FROM THERE SAYS THAT IF YOU LISTEN PASSIVELY
TO THE BROADCASTS YOU'LL BELIEVE WHATEVER THEY TELL YOU.
....SHE THEN WONDERS WHO TELLS THEM WHAT TO SAY -- AND BEFORE THAT,
WHO TOLD THE ONES WHO TOLD THEM, AND ON BACK LIKE THAT (?!?)

..(PERHAPS HER AND THE BROTHERS MIGHT GET TOGETHER,
AND DEVLOPE A RECIPE THAT TAKES INTO ACCOUNT THE REALITY THAT
IF THE SCRIPT IS ALREADY WRITTEN, CONCERNS REGARDING,
"WHAT'LL WE DO NEXT?!", ARE MOOT.)

IF IT WASN'T FOR THE IDEA THAT MEN CAN SOME HOW BE OTHER THAN THEY ARE,
CHILDRENS' TOYS WOULDN'T BE SO COMMONLY COMING APART.

ONE MAN'S COMPLAINT: "WHY ARE WE ISSUED SOMETHING OF SUCH A DELICATE NATURE
THAT ITS PERMANENT SAFETY SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE?!"

HUH! - I GUESS IF SOME PEOPLE HAD THEIR WAY
GLUE FACTORIES AND OTHER RENOUNED HUMAN INSTITUTIONS
WOULD BE OUT OF BUSINESS.

A BOY ASKED A STRANGER JUST HOW LONG YOU CAN LIVE IN ONE PARTICULAR PLACE
AND CONTINUE TO MIS-FEEL ITS ACTUAL YEAR ROUND TEMPERATURE?!

THERE WAS ONCE A WORLD ONWHICH SCHOOL CHILDREN WERE ISSUED BOOKS
NOT THAT THEY COULD HOLD AND READ, BUT BOOKS THAT WOULD GRIP THEM,
AND PASS TO THEM THE DIRECT SENSATION OF WHAT WAS MEANT.

ALL WHO SAY THAT THEY DON'T GET IT, AND WHO THINK THEY MIGHT, EVENTUALLY --
-- NEVER WILL.

QUESTION: WHAT WAS THE ORIGIN OF THE NOTION OF: "OVER-STAYING YOUR WELCOME"?

ANSWER : MEN THINKING ABOUT THEMSELVES.

OKAY, IF THAT ONE WAS TOO DIFFICULT, HERE'S AN EASIER ONE, (LIAR!):

QUESTION: HOW CAN YOU ALWAYS, DEFINITELY, SPOT AN ORDINARY MAN?

ANSWER: THE CONTINUAL PURSUIT OF THE IMPOSSIBLE TROUBLES HIM NOT.

....AND DON'T TELL ME THAT ONE WASN'T EASY,
OR YOU'RE GONNA KNOCK OVER YOUR PLATE OF BEANS.

REGARDLESS OF ITS PROHIBITION,
IF YOU LIVE IN A REALITY OF THEATRE
SOMEONE WILL ALWAYS BE YELLING, "FIRE!"

MORE ABOUT HUMAN -- (SPECIFICALLY, MENTAL) -- EXPENSES

THE COST OF ANYTHING IS IN DIRECT PROPORTION TO YOUR LACK OF UNDERSTANDING IT.

ON ONE OF OUR INVISIBLE SISTER PLANETS
WERE ONCE SOME CREATURES WHOSE CLASSIFICATION WAS LISTED
NOT AS, "HOMO SAPIEN", BUT AS, "SIGN US UP."

DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE DRAFT IN THIS UNIVERSE'S LEAGUE --
THE IDEA OF THERE BEING A "FIRST ROUND" OF CHOICES, AND A FINAL ONE,
IS BUT A LOCALIZED ILLUSION --
-- AND ONE WHICH BECOMES OBVIOUS TO EVERYONE -- WHEN IT'S TOO LATE.

...BUT HOW CAN IT EVER BE, "TOO LATE", YOU ASK,
IF THERE IS NO FINAL ROUND?! --

IT'S "TOO LATE" IN THE CONTEXT OF A MAN TRAILING BEHIND THE
THOUGHTS RUNNING THROUGH HIM
UNTIL HE CAN NO LONGER CONCEIVE OF ANY ALTERNATIVE THERETO.

IT IS THEN, "TOO LATE" IN THAT HIS MENTAL LIFE HAS COST HIM
EVERYTHING HE POTENTIALLY POSSESSED.

THE COST OF ANYTHING IS IN DIRECT PROPRTION TO YOUR LACK OF UNDERSTANDING IT.

MORE REGARDING SLEEP - AND
PROFESSIONAL PERSPECTIVES THEREOF

TO TRY AND, "GET SOME WHERE",
 ONE MAN AT FIRST TRIED TO SLEEP LESS AT NIGHT --
 THEN SWITCHED HIS APPROACH & TRIED TO SLEEP EVEN MORE THAN BEFORE,
 AND THEN BUILT AN ALARM CLOCK THAT WOULD RING AT INDETERMINABLE TIMES,
 THEN FINALLY CONSULTED AN EXPERT IN SUCH MATTERS WHO,
 AS SOON AS THE MAN MENTIONED THE WORD, "TRIED",
 LAUGHED HIMSELF INTO AN UNCONTROLLABLE FIT.

IN ONE CITY THE TRAIN STATION SELLS TICKETS ONLY TO THOSE WITH
 NO WHERE TO GO.
(YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE!...[WHICH IS NOT TRUE]
 FOR IT IS PERCISELY THOSE WHO DO NOT KNOW
 WHO THEY ARE
 WHO WANT TO BUY SUCH TICKETS,
 WHO BELIEVE THAT IF THEY CAN BUT GO SOME PLACE ELSE
 THEN THERE
 WILL THEY FINALLY DISCOVER EXACTLY - WHO THEY ARE.
 SUCH TRAVEL IS NOT, "BROADENING" -- INDEED, FOR A MIND WITH POTENTIAL
 THE NAME OF THAT RAIL LINE SHOULD BE, ANACONDA

AFTER MANY YEARS OF WANTING TO BAKE THE UNIVERSE'S MOST ASTOUNDING CAKE,
ONE MAN DISCOVERED THAT YOU CAN EITHER PURSUE A COURSE OF CREAM PUFFS,
OR ONE OF IRON BARS,
BUT NO MATTER WHICH WAY YOU GO,
YOU'VE EVENTUALLY GOT TO GET OUT OF THE KITCHEN ONCE, TWICE & THREE TIMES,
FOR GOOD.

A BOY ASKED HIS FATHER HOW TO TELL A STANDARD STORY
FROM ONE WITH A SUPERNORMAL POTENTIAL,
AND THE ELDER REPLIED, "THE LATTER NEVER HAVE A FUCKIN' MORAL --
-- JUST CHOCOLATE FROSTING."

ONE MAN ENJOYED HIS FIRST REAL, HEAD-ON COLLUSION SO MUCH THAT
HE CAME BACK FOR MORE.

TO BELIEVE THAT THERE IS "SECRET INFORMATION" IS TO CHECK YOUR MAIL ON THE
BASIS OF THERE BEING AN UNDISCOVERED ZIP CODE WITHIN YOUR HOME ONE.

ONE MAN AWAKENED FROM THE DEAD CONDITIONS OF LOCAL REALITY
 TO FIND HIMSELF, NOT IN HELL,
 BUT INSIDE A SOUND PROOF BOTH ON A QUIZ SHOW --
 IN THERE -- LOCKED UP FOR ETERNITY -- ALONE....ALONE, THAT IS,
 OTHER THAN FOR THAT OTHER SELF OF HIS.

ONE MAN STOOD IN HIS BACK YARD AND ANNOUNCED TO LIFE,
 "YOU CAN'T PAY ME ENOUGH TO REMAIN HERE! -- BUT, COME TO THINK OF IT,
 NEITHER CAN YOU FOR ME TO LEAVE! So, THERE!"

AND JUST THEN, FLEW PAST HIS HEAD,
 A HUMMINGBIRD OF SUCH SWIFTNES THAT IT WAS ITS OWN TWIN REFLECTION --
 -- NOT ACTUAL TWIN, MIND YOU, BUT TWIN REFLECTION.

CHILDREN COUNT TO ONE,
 ADULTS COUNT TO TWO,
 A MAN WHO'S BEEN AROUND COUNTS,
 "THREE, NORTH AND BLUE."

THE MEASUREMENTS A MAN USES TO MEASURE REALITY
 MEASURE NOT REALITY --
 -- BUT RATHER THE MIND OF THE MAN.

ONE MAN BELIEVED THAT HE WOULD UNDERSTAND THE SECRET OF EXISTANCE
IF HE COULD JUST COMPREHEND THE PURPOSE OF TOYS.

A MAN WENT SEEKING ENTRY INTO A MONASTERY DEVOTED TO ACHIEVING ENLIGHTENMENT,
AND WAS TOLD HE HAD HIS CHOICE OF TWO WAYS BYWHICH TO
COMMENCE HIS PARTICIPATION THEREIN:

HE COULD EITHER RETIRE, ALONE TO A CAVE, TO MEDITATE AND WAIT IT OUT, OR
GO TO HIS ROOM AND STAY THERE -- JUST THINKIN' -- UNTIL, (AS THEY CALLED IT,
"THINGS WORKED THEMSELVES OUT".)

WHAT HE DIDN'T KNOW AT THE TIME WAS THAT,
NOT FIVE MILES FROM THERE WAS A COMPETING SCHOOL WHICH DESCRIBED IT AS,
"UNTIL THINGS CAME TO A HEAD." --

AND THE PARTICULARLY ATTRACTIVE ASPECT OF IT WAS THAT
THEY DIDN'T CHARGE A CENT MORE.

THERE WAS ONCE A MAN WHO WENT ON AN INDETERMINATE TRAIN TRIP,
AND FOR QUITE A WHILE HAD HIGH APPRECIATION, (AND WARM FEELINGS),
FOR THE TRACKS, WITHOUT WHICH HE APPARENTLY - NAY, OBVIOUSLY! --
COULD HAVE NEVER COMMENCED HIS JOURNEY.

BUT A DAY EVENTUALLY CAME WHEN HE BEGAN TO RUE THE TRACKS
WHICH FOR SO LONG HAD SEEMED TO SERVE HIM WELL,

AND RATHER THAN BEING OF ASSISTANCE -- HE BEGAN TO SEE THEM AS A HINDERANCE

REALIZING THE TRUE NATURE OF ANYTHING ALWAYS RESULTS IN IT COSTING LESS.

IN THE BEGINING, ONE MAN WAS GREGARIOUS --
THEN HE BECAME, NOT SO GREGARIOUS --
AND AFTER THAT HE FOUND HIMSELF LOSING TRACK OF EXACTLY WHAT
"GREGARIOUS" MEANT, BUT JUST IN TIME, (THANK GOD!),
HE WAS RUN DOWN BY AN OVERLY FRIEDNLY HERD OF RAINDEER,
AND BROUGHT BACK TO REALITY.

IN ONE GALAXY WAS A PLANET ONWHICH THE MOST POPULAR PAST TIME WAS
THE INHABITANTS ALL HOLDING HANDS AND JUMPING ON A CLIFF TOGETHER --
-- A CLIFF NAMED; "HERE'S PROOF WE KNOW WHAT WE'RE DOING."

THERE WAS ONCE A MONTH -- IN A CLOSET -- WHO LOOKED AROUND,
AND PRONOUNCED: "WHO'S GONNA SAY OTHERWISE?!"

IF YOU SWALLOW A VIRUS IT CAN GO EITHER UP OR DOWN IN YOUR SYSTEM;
IF IT GOES DOWN -- TREATMENTS ARE POSSIBLE;
IF IT GOES UP -- FORGET IT!, (UNLESS OF COURSE YOU'RE ORDINARY,
THEN YOU CAN TRY AND TREAT IT 'TIL THE SUN CATCHES FIRE.)

A MAN ONCE ASKED A STRANGER,
"IF YOU CAN'T IMMEDIATELY STOP ALL TALK
MIGHT IT BE GOOD TO JUST SHORTEN YOUR...", "YES.", HE RE.....

THERE'S A CERTAIN PLACE IN OUR UNIVERSE
WHERE THERE'S AN OFF / ON SWITCH --
-- BUT NO ONE WHO LIVES HERE KNOWS WHERE IT IS.

THERE'S A FEW PEOPLE IN OUR UNIVERSE
WHO HAVE A PRIVATE UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT, "LIVING HERE" MEANS.

ONLY MEN OF UNDEVELOPED ABILITY NEED DRUGS TO MAKE THEM DUMBER.

LIFE TOLD ONE MAN, "I DON'T DELIVER.",
AND THE MAN THOUGHT, "AH, BUT IF ONLY I COULD STOP ACCEPTING.",
(WHICH IN FACT, IS POSSIBLE FOR THOSE WHO DISCOVER THE OFF/ON SWITCH.)

ONE MAN THOUGHT,

"IF I WAS BUT FAST ENOUGH -- NOTHING COULD EVER CATCH ME."

AND A DEAD GRANDFATHER FROM AMSTERDAM CONTACTED HIM TO NOTE THAT IF YOU WOULD JUST GO AHEAD AND CATCH EVERYTHING TO BEGIN WITH THERE'D BE NO NEED TO GO FASTER.

ALTHOUGH ATOMS CAN OBVIOUSLY COMMUNICATE WITH PLANETS,
MANY PEOPLE STILL CANNOT CONCEIVE OF THE REVERSE.

....(WHICH IS ONE REASON FOR THE DEMISE OF THE TWO PANTS SUIT
SOUTH OF THE EQUATOR.)

THOSE WHO BELIEVE THAT SOMEONE OR SOME THING IS "WATCHING OVER THEM",
SHOULD RENT AN EDUCATIONAL VIDEO DETAILING THE ATTITUDE THAT
MOST STATUES HAVE TOWARD PIGEONS AND OTHER FLYING MYTHS.

ONE MAN BEGAN TO THINK THAT HE WAS NOW ON THE RIGHT TRAIN
WHEN THE CONDUCTOR STARTED COMMITTING SUICIDE AT EVERY STOP.

CERTAIN MYTHS SAY THAT MAN, LONG AGO, WAS SPLIT INTO TWO PARTS,
AND THAT THE PURPOSE OF HUMAN EXISTANCE IS FOR EACH PERSON
TO NOW LOCATE THEIR OTHER HALF -- WHICH AIN'T A BAD LITTLE STORY -- BUT!,
A MORE USEFUL TAKING OF THE TALE WOULD BE REALIZE THAT THE
FAMILIAR RING TO THE MYTH
RESOUNDS WITHIN EACH PERSON -- INDIVIDUALLY!,
AND THAT THERE IS NO MISSING PIECE TO BE FOUND
EITHER EXTERNALLY -- AND CERTAINLY NOT -- INTERNALLY.

THE SONG, "THERE AIN'T NOBODY HERE BUT US CHICKENS" IS CLOSE --
....ABOUT AS CLOSE AS ANY OTHER SACRED SCRIPTURE.

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THE UNIVERSAL CURSE IN A CERTAIN OTHER UNIVERSE IS:
"DIVISION TO THOSE WHO DIVISION THINK."

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THERE USED TO BE A LAND HERE ON EARTH
WHERE SOME PEOPLE LIVED WHO BELIEVED THAT THEY WOULD GROW TALLER
IF THEY LEARNED TO KICK THEMSELVES IN BOTH ANKLES SIMULTANEOUSLY.
..(I'M NOT POSITIVE, BUT I THINK THIS WAS THE SAME BUNCH WHO CLAIMED THAT,
"THE GODS LOVE A MORON.")

AND SO, WAS ONE CHAP MOVED TO MUSE:
"NO MAN IS SO DUMB AS WHEN HE STOOPS OVER TO HELP A CHILD
AND THE CHILD IS HIM."

THERE WAS ONCE A RACE OF MEN WHO COULD TALK DIRECTLY TO THE DEAD --
BUT THEY ABANDONDED THE PRACTICE
ONCE THEY REALIZED THEY WERE ONLY TALKING TO THEMSELVES.

....(OH YEAH -- EVERYBODY ELSE BUT THEM
WENT ON BELIEVING THEY WERE DOING IT.)

THERE'S A PARTICULAR SPOT IN OUR UNIVERSE
WHERE YOU CAN YELL INTO
AND SOUNDS WILL COME BACK THAT
SOUND LIKE WHATEVER YOU WANT THEM TO SOUND LIKE.

TONIGHT'S LITTLE STORY ABOUT LIFE

LIFE ONCE DECIDED TO TORTURE ONE GROUP OF CREATURES BY
MAKING THEM BELIEVE THERE CAN BE MORE TO LIFE THAN THERE ACTUALLY IS.

....WAIT A MINUTE -- WE CAN DO BETTER THAN THAT....OKAY, HERE IT IS:

LIFE ONCE DECIDED TO FAVORABLY SINGLE OUT ONE GROUP OF CREATURES BY
MAKING THEM BELIEVE THERE CAN BE MORE TO LIFE THAN IS ACTUALLY THERE.

A MAN ASKED A STRANGER,

"WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE IN FEELING UNIQUE AND
HAVING SOMEONE STUFF A HIPPO IN YOUR BACK PACK?",

AND THE STRANGER HAD A REALLY GOOD LAUGH ONCE AGAIN FROM THE

SPARKLING ARRAY OF LOCAL CONDITIONS....(AS PERCEIVED BY THE LOCALS, THAT IS

THERE WAS ONCE A WOMAN WHO FOR MANY YEARS BELIEVED IT WAS POSSIBLE TO,
"TELL LIES AND MISREPRESENT THE TRUTH" --

-- THEN SHE UNDERTOOK WHAT PROVED TO BE A REWARDING EXAMINATION OF
THIS QUESTION: IN WHAT PLACE, WITHIN A FINITE SPACE,

DOES SOME SPACE HIDE FROM OTHER SPACE?

THERE WAS ONCE A PLANET ONWHICH IT WAS PRIMA FACIE CAUSE FOR INVOLUTARY,
PSYCHIATRIC CONFINEMENT TO SAY THAT YOU WANTED TO "KNOW YOURSELF BETTER".

ONE MAN'S MOST RECENT "PRIVATE TATTOO" READS,
"DO AS CONDITIONS DEMAND BUT DO NOT THINK ABOUT THE CONDITIONS."
(IT'S IN A NICE BLUE AND GOLD SCRIPT.)

A MOTHER THOUGHT MOLECULE TOLD SOME BABY MOLECULES,
"IF YOU'RE GOING TO SPILL COFFEE ALL OVER EVERYTHING,
AT LEAST BE SURE IT'S LOADED WITH SUGAR."

... 'TIS ONLY THE DUMB SIGHTED WHO UNDER VALUE THE EVERY DAY NEED FOR
-- "THE SWEETNESS OF STICKINESS".

THERE WAS ONCE A HOUSE WHOSE INTERNAL SPACE DICTATED THE OUTSIDE WEATHER.
THIS HOUSE IS THE PERCEIVED DOMAIN OF THE ROUTINE MIND, AND DO NOTE THAT
ITS I.Q. CANNOT BE INCREASED BY TAKING IT OUTSIDE,
AND BRINGING THE WEATHER INDOORS.

* COMING OR GOING - A SWINGING DOOR WILL STILL HIT YOU IN THE ASS. *

ONE GUY'S QUESTION OF THE HOUR IS:
"IS IT MY MIND THAT PRODUCES MY ME,
OR MY ME THAT GIVES THE IMPRESSION OF A MIND?"
...("AIN'T IT FUNKY?!", HE ADDS.)

ANOTHER TIP ----- FOR THOSE ON THE TRIP

IF YOU'RE STILL TALKING ABOUT TRAVEL
IT IS POSSIBLE TO MISS HEARING THEM ANNOUNCE THE END OF THE LINE.

THERE WAS ONCE A PLANET WHOSE CREATURES WERE MADE UP OF
LEFT OVER PARTS FROM OTHER PLANETS.

IT CAN STILL BE SEEN IF YOU WILL LOOK IN A MIRROR JUST ABOVE YOUR NECK.

....(NOW THAT FOR SURE ~~IS~~
-- IS FUNKY!)