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thought

A MAN WHO WENT TO A PHYSICIAN WITH A CERTAIN PAIN
EXPLAINED THAT IT WAS LESSENERED ON DAYS WHEN HE'D HAD NO DAIRY PRODUCTS,
AND HADN'T LISTENED TO THE RADIO, AND ASKED THE DOCTOR IF THAT "MADE ANY SENSE"?
TOWHICH THE PHYSICIAN REPLIED: ~~---~~ "HELL SIR! - NOTHING MAKES -- SENSE!"

ONE MAN INITIALLY BELIEVED THAT HE HAD AN INTELLECT THAT WOULD EVENTUALLY LEAD HIM TO THE DISCOVERY AND REALIZATION OF EVERYTHING SECRET THAT HE WANTED TO KNOW. BUT HE NOW SEES THAT WHAT HE POSSESSES INSTEAD IS -- A TALKING CLOWN'S HEAD.

...(BUT - HEY! --

I'D SAY:

ANY DISCOVER IS BETTER THAN NONE.

.....[WHAT D'YA THINK, HON?!])

A BOY ASKED A STRANGER:

"WHAT IS THE TRUE CAUSE OF MAN'S CONFINEMENT?",

"HIS BELIEF THAT HE SUFFERS FROM CONFUSION AND UNCERTAINTY.", HE REPLIED,
AND SEEKING CLARIFICATION THE LAD ASKED:

"DID YOU SAY: CONFUSION AND UNCERTAINTY?",

"No.", REPLIED THE STRANGER,

"I SAID HIS BELIEF THAT HE SUFFERS FROM SUCH." --

BUT BEING AS HOW THE BOY HAD LAID THIS LINE OF INQUIRY SOLELY FROM HIS MIND,
HE WAS NOT SURE WHETHER HE UNDERSTOOD THE REPLY OR NOT.

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AND NOW FOR TONIGHT'S WORD REGRADING THE QUESTION OF:"JUSTICE"

IT ALWAYS RAINS IN LA LA LAND -- WHENEVER THEY NEED IT.

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AND A LAD ASKED HIS DAD:

"HOW CAN YOU ALWAYS -- BE RIGHT?",

"EASY -- ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS BE A THINKING HUMAN."

IT ALWAYS RAINS IN LA LA LAND,
ANY TIME THEY NEED IT.

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WHETHER YOU LIKE IT OR NOT -- MEN NORMALLY LIVE TWO DISTINCT LIVES:
ONE IS VITAL AND SERIOUS,
(IF YOU CONSIDER STAYING ALIVE -- "VITAL AND SERIOUS"),
AND THE OTHER, FRIVILIOUS AND SUPERFICIAL -- MAN'S MENTAL WORLD,
AND ENLIGHTENMENT IS LITTLE MORE THAN THE FULL REALIZATION OF THIS ARRANGEMENT.
....(AND FULF ENLIGHTENMENT,THE FREEDOM TO LIVE BY THIS REALIZATION.)

SHADOWS CAN ONLY DO WHAT THEY'RE TOLD TO DO --

-- SAME WITH THOUGHTS, BUT NO ONE KNOWS THE SOURCE OF THEIR DIRECTIONS,
SO'S BEST TO JUST IGNORE THEM UNTIL MORE INFORMATION IS IN HAND.

YOUR PERSONAL TRAINERS, THE HOLD ON BROTHERS JUST SHOWED UP FOR TODAY'S SESSION AND HAD THE FOLLOWING TO SAY, (SAID BROTHER NUMBER ONE):

"YOU'VE GOT TO - *HOLD ON* TO SOME SECRET WORD.",

FOLLOWED BY BROTHER NUMBER TWO SAYING:

"YOU'VE GOT TO - *HOLD ON* TO A CONTINUING AWARENESS OF YOUR BREATH.",

WHICH LEAD TO BROTHER NUMBER THREE'S REMARK:

"YOU'VE GOT TO - *HOLD ON* TO SOME PERSISTING MENTAL IMAGE.",

IT ALL CLIMAXING WITH BROTHER NUMBER FOUR'S DECLARATION THAT:

"BY GOD SIR -- NEVER MIND THE DETAILS, YOU'VE SIMPLY GOT TO HOLD ON TO SOMETHING!"

.....(HOW YOU LIKE HOW HE CALLED YOU, "SIR"?!)

EVEN IF THE ORDINARY MIND WAS CAPABLE OF TRUE, INDIVIDUAL THOUGHT
IT COULDN'T DO SO WHILE OPERATING VIA ANY PLAN, THEORY, SCHEME, DESIGN OR SYSTEM --
-- ANY PLAN, THEORY, SCHEME, DESIGN OR SYSTEM,
BE IT RELIGIOUS, PHILOSOPHICAL, POLITICAL, SCIENTIFIC OR OTHERWISE.
...AND YET THAT IS THE SOLE TYPE OF THOUGHT EXTANT IN THE NORMAL MARKETPLACE,
AND IN FACT IS THEREIN CONSIDERED TO BE THE EXEMPLARY APPROACH TO THINKING.

SOME ELDER GREY CELLS LODGED IN A HEAD,
TO SOME YOUNGER NEURONS SAID:

"THOUGH NOURISHMENT UP HERE IS AN ILLUSION,
STILL -- EVEN WITH US:

IF YOU DON'T CATCH YOUR OWN FISH,
YOU DON'T EVEN IMAGINARILY DINE."

IF THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN, "TRUTH", AND "REALITY" THEN IT WOULD BE THAT:
TRUTH BECOMES SO BY MEN SAYING THAT IT IS, WHILE REALITY SIMPLY -- IS --
-- (WITH NO COMMENT REQUIRED.)

I'M SORRY, BUT THIS IS HOW IT IS

IF YOU LOOK AT LIFE THROUGHT, YOU'LL ALWAYS BE CONFUSED.

.....(I'M TRULY SORRY, BUT THAT'S HOW IT'S LINED UP.)

A FATHER SO ADVISED A SON REGARDING THAT CERTAIN SPECIAL MATTER:
"ONCE YOU FULLY REALIZE THE ENORMITY OF THE CHALLENGE BEFORE YOU,
THERE ARE TWO POSSIBILITIES OPEN TO YOU:
ONE IS TO COLLAPSE AND GIVE IN,
THE OTHER IS TO SWELL UP THE SIZE OF A MACY DAY'S PARADE BALLOON
AND SCATTER HOT AIR TURDS OVER ALL THAT GETS IN YOUR WAY."
...(SPOKEN LIKE A TRUE MYSTIC!)

GLANCE OVER AT THE SITUATION AGAIN, REAL QUICK, THROUGH HERE:

WITHOUT THE SENSATION OF THOUGHT, THERE WOULD BE NO "I" IN YOU,
AND WITHOUT THE SENSATION OF AN "I"
THERE WOULD BE NO ONE IN YOU TO EXPERIENCE THE THINKING

SIMPLE, QUICK, AND QUITE SLIPPERY.

THE PRINCE'S RHETORIC TUTOR SO TOUTED HIM:

"ALL SPEECH IS FANCIFUL AND NONESSENTIAL,
UNLESS ITS IMMEDIATE, SOLE PURPOSE IS TO AID IN PHYSICAL SURVIVAL.",

"ALL?!", INQUIRED THE PRINCE,

"ALL.", REPLIED THE PROFESSOR,

"HOW THEN", ASKED THE HEIR, "DO YOU COME BY YOUR POSITION OF TEACHING SUCH?",

"AHH! -- WELL I JUST HAPPEN TO KNOW THIS DIRTY-LITTLE-SECRET ABOUT YOUR OLD MAN.

ANY MORE STUPID QUESTIONS?!.....YOUR HIGHNESS?!"

SINCE THOUGHT IS DRIVEN BY EXTERNAL CIRCUMSTANCES
ONE'S FIRST STEP IS TO STOP GIVING ANY ATTENTION TO SUCH CONDITIONS,
THE NEXT STEP IS A BIT TRICKIER: PAYING NO HEED TO ONE'S THOUGHTS
REGARDLESS OF THEIR SOURCE.

UNTIL YOU HOUSEBREAK A DOG YOU CANNOT BLAME HIM FOR RELIEVING HIMSELF INDOORS --
BUT AFTER THAT. WHAT CONCERN SHOULD A REASONABLE MAN HAVE
CONCERNING WHERE THE CANNINE DOES HIS BUSINESS?!

FOR THOSE OFF DOING WHAT THEY SET OUT TO DO:

TO "BE ON TIME" FOR YOUR FATEFUL APPOINTMENT

IS TO BECOME UNAWARE THAT YOU HAVE ONE --

(OR FOR THAT MATTER, THAT YOU'RE ANY WHERE AT ANY PARTICULAR "TIME").

RATHER THAN FRUITLESSLY ARGUE ABOUT WHAT IS REAL AND WHAT IS NOT,
CONSIDER IT IN THESE TERMS:

THERE IS THE SILENT, PRIMARY REALITY INWHICH MAN PHYSICALLY EXISTS,
AND THEN A SECONDARY REALITY WHICH IS THE PRODUCT OF HIS MENTAL ACTIVITY;
IF YOU ORIENT YOURSELF, FOR THE MOMENET, ON THIS BASIS,
MUCH NEEDLESS CONFUSION CAN BE AVOIDED, AND YOUR SIGHT CLARIFIED.

EXPERIENCES -- EVEN OF THE EXTRAORDINARY SORT -- EVENTUALLY TURN INTO THOUGHTS,
-- AN ALERT MAN SHOULD BE ON WATCH FOR THIS,
AND REALIZE THAT ONE CAN HAVE UNDERSTANDING BUT WITHOUT THE FREEDOM TO USE IT.

A MAN SAID TO A PUBLICLY ACTIVE MYSTIC:

"I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOUR TEACHING IS NOT MORE POPULAR THAN IT IS.",

TOWHICH HE REPLIED:

"WELL I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY IT IS AS POPULAR AS IT IS."

MORAL: THERE'S ALWAYS -- SOMETHIN' GOIN' ON WRONG.....ESPECIALLY IF YOU'RE
MOVING YOUR LIPS.

...AND, OH YEAH --

AND HAVE ANY
EXPECTATIONS.

EVERYONE MISUNDERSTANDS WHAT IS SAID --

-- THE WORST OFFENDERS BEING THOSE WHO BELIEVE THAT THEY DO UNDERSTAND.

EVERY TIME IT WOULD RAIN.....OR HE'D HAVE A THOUGHT,
ONE GUY WOULD MUTTER SARCASTICALLY TO LIFE:

"THANKS FOR REMEMBERING ME."

IN THAT SECONDARY REALITY PRODUCED BY THE COLLECTIVE MINDS OF MEN,
 PERMANENCY IS NOT POSSIBLE,
 AND TO NOT KNOW THIS IS TO LIVE FOREVER, DAZED, CONFUSED AND ALWAYS UPSET THAT
 THINGS AMISS CAN NEVER SEEM TO BE MADE RIGHT.

YOU CANNOT NAIL FURNITURE TO THE FLOOR IN A HOLOGRAM OF A LIVING ROOM.

ANIMATED FIGURES IN A CARTOON CAN BE MADE TO DO ANYTHING BUT,
 SETTLE DOWN AND BE SERIOUS.

SOMETHING THAT DOESN'T EXIST TO BEGIN WITH,
 AND THUS LACKS ANY CAPACITY TO FULFILL REAL NEEDS,
 CAN NEVER, SOMEHOW, BE CHANGED OR REARRANGED INTO ANYTHING SATISFYING.

THE TRUE NAMES OF MAN'S MENTALLY CREATED, SECONDARY REALITY ARE:
 FLUCTUATION, VACILLATION, UNSTEADY, UNPREDICTABLE,
 CAPRICIOUS, WHIMSICAL AND NON-EXISTANT,
 AND ONLY FOOLS, (AND OTHER FORMS OF ORDINARY MINDS), TREAT IT OTHERWISE.

"BUT", COMPLAINS AND WHINES A MAN, "I WANT TO SEE - 'TRUTH' & REALITY'." ,
 VERY WELL SIR, COME RIGHT OVER HERE AND LOOK --
 THEY ARE BOTH WRITTEN OUT RIGHT HERE ON THIS VERY PAGE.
 SEE! -- LOOK!, THERE THEY ARE: "T-R-U-T-H", AND, "R-E-A-L-I-T-Y" --
 NOW YOU'VE SEEN 'EM.

OKAY! -- LET'S DIAGRAM THE PROBLEM:

YOU'RE ONLY CONFUSED WHEN YOU WANDER;
ONLY THOUGHTS WANDER.

....(OKAY - WASN'T MUCH OF A DIAGRAM -- BUT,
WASN'T MUCH OF A PROBLEM.)

ANOTHER CONVERSATION OVERHEARD...(OR, OVER HEATED?!)

"SOME PEOPLE ONLY EXPERIENCE HUMAN LIFE, COLLECTIVELY.",

"AND WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE?",

"EVERYONE, SAVE THE AWAKENED."

SINCE, WHEN YOU "UNDERSTAND" SOMETHING, YOU NEITHER LIKE NOR DISLIKE IT,
AND SINCE THOUGHT IS BASED ENTIRELY ON THE TWO CONCEPTS --
-- YOU SEE WHERE THIS LEADS (?!?)



SOME CLAIM THAT THE ONLY WORDS GOD'S EVER SPOKEN TO MAN IS: "I AM WHAT I AM.",
WHICH, (CURIOSLY ENOUGH), ARE THE VERY WORDS, (SHOULD THEY SAY THEM TO THEMSELVES
THAT COULD DO THEM THE MOST GOOD.

ONE MAN DESCRIBES HIS MOST RECENT ATTEMPT AS THAT OF TRYING NOT TO
LET ANY OF HIS BRAIN ACTIVITY TURN INTO - THOUGHT!.

FREEDOM WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING IS NOTHING -- LIKEWISE, VICE VERSA.

THE EXAMINATION OF SYSTEMS TO AWAKEN & GENERAL NOTIONS OF HEALTH CARE

CHARTS ARE GOOD TO FOLLOW THE PROGRESS OF THE ILL,
BUT AFTER ONE IS WELL -- OF WHAT USE ARE THEY?!

THE MORE SPECIFIC YOU SPEAK OF A CERTAIN MATTER
THE FEWER THERE ARE
PEOPLE TO HEAR IT.

....(OKAY -- PEOPLE WHO CAN HEAR IT.)

A BOY ASKED HIS FATHER:

"WHAT KIND OF EXERCISE WOULD YOU RECOMMEND?",

AND THE ELDER REPLIED"

"RUNNING VIGOROUSLY FROM ANYONE WHO SAYS THAT THEY HAVE THE 'TRUTH'."

ONE MAN SAYS HE'S DECIDED THAT IT MAY DO WELL TO TREAT TRIVIAL THINGS AS SERIOUS
AND SERIOUS THINGS AS TRIVIAL.

A MAN ON THE WAY TO BOTH UNDERSTANDING AND THE FREEDOM TO USE IT
SHOULD BE IGNORING THAT WHICH IS COMPLEX AND OBSCURE,
AND BE FOCUSED ON THE PLAIN AND OBVIOUS.

FOR THOSE IN ACTIVE PURSUIT OF THE GREAT REALIZATION
THERE SHOULD BE WITHIN THEM BOTH A TAUNTNESS AND A LAXITY.

ONE MAN'S DEFINITION OF THE FULLY AWAKENED IS:

"SOMEONE WHO WENT FISHING AND CAME BACK WITH THEMSELF."

THOSE WHO'VE HAD DEEP DIPS OF THE DIRECT TASTING OF LIFE REALIZE THAT
MENTAL WISE -- THEY CONTINUALLY DIE & DISAPPEAR -- OVER AND OVER AGAIN.

TO BE AWAKE NOW -- ALWAYS INTENDED TO BE AWAKE JUST AHEAD OF NOW.

ANOTHER WAY TO LOOK AT THE TWO DESCRIBABLE APPROACHES:

EITHER BE -- SINGLE MINDED -- OR -- INFINITELY MINDED,
BUT AT ALL COSTS, NOT DUAL MINDED.

THE GREAT EFFORT IN THE WILD

ONE WAY TO STAY AWAKE IS TO KEEP A FROZEN SNAKE IN YOUR SHIRT.

TO BE OF ORDINARY AWARENESS IS TO TOTALLY MISIDENTIFY WHAT IS SERIOUS.

ONE MAN'S STANCE IS THAT: "ANYTHING THAT TALKS SHOULDN'T BE LISTENED TO."

...AND, OH YEAH! - IN CASE I FORGOT TO MENTION IT:

TO REMAIN ASLEEP, DAZED AND CONFUSED ALL THAT'S NECESSARY IS THAT YOU
CONTINUE TO MISIDENTIFY WHAT IS AND IS NOT -- SERIOUS!

...OH YEAH, AND ONE MORE THING:

YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY WASH YOUR MIND OUT ANY TIME YOU EVEN THINK THE WORD,
"SERIOUS"
AND YOU'RE NOT ENGAGED IN SOME LIFE-&-DEATH ACTIVITY.