

~~32~~ - 4th "too" bad

4 - 1st "in use"

30 - 8th = And he begins

9 - 5th "place" sp

ONE MAN'S PRIVATE, UNPUBLISHED HISTORY-OF-THINGS GOES LIKE THIS:

"FIRST, WE'RE ALL -- DEAF AND DUMB;

THEN WE LEARN TO THINK AND SPEAK AND MOVE ON TO BEING -- STUPID!";...

HE READILY ACKNOWLEDGES THAT ON THE INITIAL, "DRIVE-BY"

THIS NOTION SEEMS INSANE,

BUT HE FURTHER ASSURES THAT IF YOU WILL BUT GO AROUND THE BLOCK SEVERAL TIMES
AND TAKE ADDITIONAL LOOKS AT THE MATTER

THAT IT IS NOT AS RIDICULOUS AS FIRST SOUNDS.

THOUGH UNDETECTED BY SCIENCE,

THERE ARE REALMS INWHICH: THE *MORE YOU KNOW* -- THE DUMBER YOU ARE.

(THE NICE THING, [IF YOU'RE CONCERNED],

IS THAT YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO THERE IF YOU DON'T WANT TO.)

EVEN WHILE I'VE SAID THAT THERE ARE TWO REALITIES:

A PRIMARY, PHYSICAL ONE,

AND A SECONDARY ONE PRODUCED BY MAN'S MIND,

THE LATTER IS ACTUALLY IMAGINARY, BUT BECOMES A REALITY THROUGH
MENS' COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT THAT IT IS.

SO YOU SEE -- IT IS AND IT IS NOT REAL -- ACCORDING FROM WHERE YOU VIEW IT.

THE HERETOFORE UNEXPOSED HISTORY OF CONFIDENCE GAMES
AND CERTAIN COLLATERAL SWINDLES AND FRAUDS

WHEN ADAM WAS GIVEN A TALKING AWARENESS
ALONG WITH IT CAME THE FRANCHISE AND ABILITY TO -- FOOL HIMSELF.

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ANOTHER KEY TO TREASURE MAPS COMMONLY IS USE BY CERTAIN EXPLORERS:

THERE IS A PARTICULAR THING THAT
THE MORE YOU SEARCH FOR IT
THE HARDER IT IS TO FIND.

....AND THE PARROT SAID TO LONG JOHN: "DIDN'T WE KNOW THAT ALREADY?!",
"YES", HE REPLIED, "BUT AS LONG AS YOU SIT ON MY HEAD
I CAN NEVER REMEMBER THAT I DO."

AN EYE FOR AN EYE.
AND
AN EYE FOR AN EYE.

"WHAT'S THE ONE THING YOU CAN NEVER SEE?",
ASKED THE IRIS OF THE LENS.

DOES IT MATTER IF YOU'RE CONTINUALLY "DROWNING" -- BUT DON'T KNOW IT?!.....
... DOES IT EVEN COUNT IF YOU'RE CONTINUALLY DROWNING, BUT NEVER DIE?!
....IF FACT - IS THERE ANYTHING THAT IS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- IF
IT TURNS OUT YOU WEREN'T AWARE THAT IT IS?!

THE ACTUAL MENTAL DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE ENLIGHTENED AND THE ORDINARY
PROVES NOT TO BE WHAT IS NORMALLY THOUGHT AND PROCLAIMED --
...No, THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WHAT THE TWO "KNOW"
IS MUCH MORE -- AND MUCH, MUCH -- LESS -- AND DIFFERENT THAN
THE ORDINARY INTELLECT CAN INITIALLY CONCEIVE.

THE MORE YOU CONCERN YOURSELF WITH SECONDARY AFFAIRS
THE FURTHER YOU REMAIN FROM PRIMARY ONES.

....SIMPLE, NO?! -- BUT, HELL!, YOU KNOW THAT ALREADY.

....IT'S THE BALANCE SHEET BRUNO! -- THE FRIGGIN' BALANCE SHEET!

....(OH!, I HEAR TELL THAT ONE GUY'S THREATENED TO HAVE TATTOOED IN HIS PALM:
"ALL PRIMARY MATTERS ARE INSIDE OF ME -- ALL SECONDARY ONES, EXTERNAL TO ME."
..[SIMPLE, NO?! -- BUT WE'VE ESTABLISHED THAT ALREADY YET!

NOW ON TO SOMETHING MORE MYSTICALLY IMPORTANT LIKE: WHAT'S FOR DINNER?])

...

ONE MAN PRESSED THE MATTER TO THE EXTENT THAT
HE'D ALLOW NO SONG BIRD OUTSIDE HIS HOUSE --
THOSE HE LIKED -- HE PERSONALLY SWALLOWED.

CONVERSATION NUMBER So-&-So, IN A CONTINUING STRING OF SUCH

"DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING?",

SILENCE,

"I SAID: DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING?",

STILL, SILENCE,

"I'M ASKING YOU IF YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING -- WHY DON'T YOU ANSWER ME?",

"I'M THINKING ABOUT.",

"THEN NEVER MIND ----- YOU DON'T!"

A FATHER SAID TO A SON:

"THE WAY I SEE IT IS THAT ALL MEN COULD AWAKEN --

AND WERE IT NOT FOR THEIR LOVE OF HABIT --

-- AND I MUST TELL YOU THAT, 'LOVE OF HABIT' IS NOT A VALID DESCRIPTION OF WHAT I REFER TO THAT TAKES PLACES IN MAN AND HOLDS HIM HOSTAGE, BUT IF YOU LOOK AT IT FOR YOURSELF, YOU'LL AGREE THAT THERE IS NO TRULY SATISFYING WAY TO VERBALLY DETAIL WHAT IS HAPPENING IN MEN IN THIS REGARD.

IT PROVES TO HAVE TWO SEPERATE ASPECTS:

KNOWING THAT YOU'RE CAPTIVE, (AND OF WHAT), IS ONE ASPECT,

AFTER THAT, HAVING THE STRENGTH AND WILE TO STAY OUT OF ITS REACH, IS ANOTHER, AND AS IT TURNS OUT -- THE MOST IMPORTANT OTHER."

THE SEEKERS OF ONE EXPEDITION HAD A SAYING:

"JUST FINALLY FINDING THE MAP IS ITSELF -- ASTOUNDINGLY REWARDING, BUT THEN TO ACTUALLY 'GET TO WHERE YOU WANT TO GO -- AND REMAIN THERE -- ...WELL, THAT'S ANOTHER ADVENTURE ENTIRELY."

....(THESE PARTICULAR EXPLORERS KEPT THIS SAYING TO THEMSELVES --

-- AFTER THEY DISCOVERED THAT NO ONE ELSE WANTED TO HEAR IT,

FOR WHILE THEY FOUND IT ENCOURAGING -- OTHERS FOUND IT JUST THE OPPOSITE.

THE WAY TO HAVE A KINGDOM THAT IS SECURE & AT PEACE
IS TO KEEP EVER-ALERT GUARDS, OMNIPRESENT AROUND THE FULL PERIMETER OF ITS
FURTHERMOST BOUNDRIES.

(OUR NEXT CONTESTANTS ARE THE TEAM OF:
AWARENESS & THE SKULL.)

FROM OUR "DICTIONARY FOR THAT CERTAIN PURPOSE", THIS ENTRY:

AUTOMOBILES AND THOUGHTS: THE ULTIMATE IN PHYSICAL AND CONSCIOUSNESS DIASPORA.

...

IN THE WORLD OF MAN -- IT'S ALL THOUGHT,
AND IF YOU KNOW THOUGHT -- YOU'RE AT PEACE,
AND IF YOU DON'T KNOW THOUGHT -- YOU'RE TORMENTED

MY WORST NIGHTMARE TURNED OUT TO BE MY BEST FRIEND, AND VICE VERSA.

...

ANOTHER ITEM FROM OUR COMBINED DICTIONARY OF BOTH THE REAL AND THE IMAGINARY:

THOUGHT: VAPOR LOCK IN VAHALLA

ONE DAY A BOY CAME INTO THE DEN WHERE HIS FATHER WAS READING,
AND ASKED HIM:

"WHAT'S THE USE IN EVEN BEING HUMAN

IF YOU CAN'T BE FUCKIN' UP -- AND KNOW IT -- AND KEEP RIGHT ON GOIN'?!",

AND THE ELDER LAID THE BOOK DOWN IN HIS LAP,

AND APPEARED TO BE DEEPLY PONDERING WHAT THE LAD HAD SAID,

THEN FINALLY LOOKED AT HIM AND REPLIED:

"WOULD YOU BE TERRIBLY OFFENDED IF I TOOK A FRESH PARENTITY TEST?"

CONTINUING TO CLING TO YOUR THOUGHTS

IS BASED ON YOUR BELIEF THAT YOU CAN ULTIMATELY CHANGE YOUR THOUGHTS,
WHILE THE SIMPLE ATTEMPT TO DO SO, AND PLAINLY OBSERVE THE RESULT
WILL REVEAL THE FOOLISHNESS OF YOUR BELIEF.

AFTER THAT, WHAT IS YOUR RATIONALE FOR STILL HONORING WHAT YOU THINK?!

...HIDDEN DEEP WITHIN THE ABOVENOTED, QUITE NORMAL CONDITION OF MEN
IS THE DIRTY LITTLE, RIDICULOUS TRUTH THAT
MEN BELIEVE IF THEY CAN CHANGE WHAT THEY THINK OR REMEMBER ABOUT
A PARTICULAR THING

THEY CAN SOMEHOW -- CHANGE THE THING OR REMEMEBERED EVENT ITSELF.

WHILE THIS IS USEABLE LUBRICANT IN THE SECONDARY REALITY,
IT SERVES TO SIMPLY GUM UP THE WORKS IN A MAN'S ATTEMPT TO SEE & LIVE
THERE BEYOND.

ONE MAN'S *PRO RATA* TAKE ON THE MATTER:

"IF I COULD -- HALF OF THE TIME --

DO

ONE FOURTH OF WHAT I KNOW TO DO,
I WOULD BE, SURELY -- NINETY-NINE PER CENT AWAKENED AND DONE WITH IT!"

A MAN TOOK A POSITION IN FRONT OF THE CROWD AND SHOUTED QUITE LOUDLY:

"THOSE WHO GIVE UP -- DESERVE TO DIE!",

AND FROM WITHIN THE THRONG, A VOICE CALLED BACK:

"DO YOU MEAN THAT PHYSICALLY, OR ALLEGORICALLY?", AND THE SPEAKER RESPONDED:
"THOSE WHO GIVE UP -- DESERVE TO DIE."

MORAL: WHY QUESTION THE TRUTH?!

MORAL: WHY QUESTION FOOLISHNESS?!

MORAL: WHAT KIND OF IDIOT ATTEMPTS TO HELP BY PISSING ON A URINE FIRE?!

THE TITLE OF THE ARTICLE ANNOUNCED:

"HOW TO FOR SURE, LOSE WIEGHT THROUGH FASTING.",

AND CONSISTED ON BUT THESE FEW WORDS:

"IF YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT EATING -- YOU WON'T BE EATING.",

AND THE LAD READING THE STORY LOOKED OVER TO HIS FATHER AND ASKED:

"SHOULD I BE TAKING THIS AS PERTINENT TO THE EFFORT TO AWAKEN?!",

AND INTO HIS ATTENDANT SPITTOON

THE ELDER DESPOSITED AN EXUBERANT, POSITIVE AND JOLLY RESPONSE.

ONE DAY A LAD ASKED HIS DAD:

"IS THERE SOME CONCLUSIVE, ALL ENCOMPASSING SOMETHING THAT CAN BE SAID REGARDING ALL DEBATES AS TO WHAT IS FOOLISHNESS AND IDIOCY AND WHAT IS NOT?!",

"AS A MATTER OF FACT, THERE IS.", HIS FATHER REPLIED. "AND IT IS THIS:

IF YOU ARE SWISS, THEN EVERYTHING GERMAN, AUSTRIAN, ITALIAN AND FRENCH IS FOOLISHNESS.",

AND AFTER A BRIEF PAUSE, THE BOY SLAPPED HIMSELF ON THE FOREHEAD AND EXCLAIMED: "MY GOD! -- HOW SIMPLE! -- I CAN'T BELIEVE I'VE NEVER SEEN IT FOR MYSELF!", BUT THE ELDER COMFORTED THE LAD BY NOTING TO HIM THAT EVERYONE STARTS OUT SWISS.

EFFORTS ARE ONLY MEANINGFUL WHILE YOU'RE STILL IN THE POSITION REQUIRING EFFORT--
-- SUCCESS IS EXEMPLIFIED BY ITS EFFORT-LESSNESS.

PERHAPS THE MOST APT DESCRIPTION OF THE ESSENTIAL, PRIMARY PHYSICAL REALITY
WOULD BE ITS SENSE OF PERMANENCY, WHILE
THE TELLING WORD REGARDING THE SECONDARY MENTAL ONE IS THAT IT HAS NONE.

THE TWIN REALMS OF:
FLUX AND CHANGE,
ALONG WITH:
STABLE AND THE SAME.

A MAN'S EXPECTATIONS SHOULD BE LOWERED WHEN ATTEMPTING TO CAPTURE MOTHS
IN A SUN STORM.

ANY MAN WHO THINKS HIMSELF WISE,
WHO IS NOT A CONSTANT OBSERVER OF THE MOMENT
IS A FOOL AND PRINCE OF SELF-DECEPTION.

THE BODY IS SAGACIOUS, THOUGH UNINSTRUCTED AND SILENT,
AND WHILE THE MIND CAN SPEAK AND MAKE CERTAIN CLAIMS FOR ITSELF
THE ONLY EVIDENCE IT CAN OFFER IN SUPPORT THEREOF
IS SIMPLY ADDITIONAL, SELF-SERVING, SELF-MADE ASSERTIONS.

UNDER CONDITIONS WHERE, "NOTHING ULTIMATELY MATTERS",
NEITHER DOES ANYTHING IN THE INTERIM.
....(OF COURSE THE TRICK TO BEING ABLE TO USE THIS
IS TO BE ABLE TO SEE THE ULTIMATE,,
AND BE NOT TRANSFIXED BY THE TRANSITORY.)

SCRATCHED ON THE ROCKS OF A CEMETARY WALL, A MAN FOUND THESE WORDS:

"YOU LIVE -- YOU DIE -- YOU ROT!", BUT A MORE EXPANSIVE VIEW, HIS,
RE-WROTE THE MESSAGE TO READ:

"YOU LIVE -- YOU DIE -- YOU THINK --

THUS TO LIVE ANOTHER DAY -- THEN DIE ANOTHER DAY -- THEN LIVE AGAIN, AND SO ON'

OKAY -- TIME TO DIAGRAM YET ANOTHER "PROBLEM"

WITHOUT A REMEMBERED PAST, MEN WOULD HAVE NO PROBLEMS;
- MEN WOULDN'T HAVE A PAST IF THEY DIDN'T MANUFACTURE ONE.

(OKAY - AGAIN I GRANT YOU -- NOT MUCH OF A DIAGRAM,
BUT AGAIN I MUST POINT OUT -- NOT MUCH OF A PROBLEM.)

ANOTHER DIALOGUE BETWEEN TWO VOICES

WHY DO MEN SUFFER UNCERTAINTY AND LACK OF SELF CONFIDENCE IN WHAT THEY DO?

"BECAUSE OF THEIR HEIGHT?"

No.

"BECAUSE OF THEIR AGE?"

No.

"BECAUSE OF THEIR EDUCATION?"

No. THEY SUFFER FROM UNCERTAINTY AND LACK OF SELF CONFIDENCE IN WHAT THEY DO BECAUSE THEY THINK ABOUT WHAT THEY DO.

"THAT CANNOT BE SO."

YOU DIDN'T LET ME FINISH MY COMMENT:

THEY SUFFER UNCERTAINTY AND LACK OF SELF CONFIDENCE IN WHAT THEY DO BECAUSE THEY THINK ABOUT WHAT THEY DO

WITHOUT THE REALIZATION THAT SUCH THINKING COMES AFTER THE ACTION WHILE THEY TREAT IT AS OTHERWISE

WHICH ANYONE SHOULD BE ABLE TO SEE CAN BE THE SOURCE OF GREAT CONFUSION.

MEN LOVE TO REPEAT THE ADAGE: 'DON'T PUT THE CART BEFORE THE HORSE.'

WHILE NEVER APPLYING THIS TO THE ONE CIRCUMSTANCE WITHIN THEMSELVES

WHICH GIVES RISE TO THEIR FEELINGS OF UNCERTAINTY AND LACK OF SELF CONFIDENCE.

HORSES LIVING *AU NATUREL* HAVE NO DOUBTS AS TO THE PROPER EQUINE EXISTANCE -- IT IS ONLY WHEN MENS' MENTALLY CONTRIVED CARTS ARE TO THEM ATTACHED THAT HESITATIONS AND UNCERTAINTIES APPEAR.

ALL-IN-ALL, LET ME SAY TO YOU: LET THE HORSE RUN FREE --

YOUR IMAGINARY MASTERY OF HIM IS THE SOURCE OF ALL YOUR CONFUSION."

A MAN ASKED A MYSTIC:

"WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE A MYSTIC?",

"A TRICKIER TONGUE THAN THOSE WHO LISTEN TO YOU.", HE ANSWERED,

"HUMMM.", PONDERED THE MAN,

"WOULD THAT HOLD TRUE FOR YOUR OWN BELIEFS THAT YOU HAVE YOUR OWN MYSTIC IN YOU?"

"OH, DOUBLY SO!", HE REPLIED.

ONE MAN LIKED TO PERIODICALLY -- "GET AWAY FROM IT ALL." --
 ...UNTIL HE REALIZED THAT HE ALONE WAS "ALL"! --
 ...AND EVENTUALLY WENT BEYOND EVEN THIS TO RECOGNIZE THAT THERE IS NO,
 "HIM" APART FROM THE "ALL".

(AMONGST SOME, THIS IS KNOWN AS THE ULTIMATE VACATION.)

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OVER IN THE GARDEN A MAN NOTES, (REGARDING HIS PERSONAL HORTICULTURAL SITUATION)
 THAT EVEN THOUGH HE NO LONGER BELIVES THAT HE IS HINDERED BY EXTERNAL ENTANGLEMENTS
 HE IS NOT YET FULLY FREE FROM THINKING-ABOUT, AND REMEMBERING THEIR ILLUSION,
 AND THUS STILL SUFFERS A FORM OF CAPTIVITY.

To
 STAY INDOORS --
 IN YOURSELF --
 IS TO BE AN
 INCURABLE INVALID.

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AS HE SAT IN HIS LIBRARY, HAPPILY THUMBING THROUGH SOME BOOKS,
A CERTAIN MAN WAS SO STRUCK:

"EVEN AS MUCH FUN AS THE MIND CAN PROVIDE,
BEING UNEDUCATED -- EVEN ILLITERATE -- IS NO BARRIER TO
AN ACCEPTABLE LIFE AMONGST:
CHESHIRE CATS,
WHITE RABBITS,
AND QUEENS, WITH ANYTHING BUT REASON, ON THEIR HEARTS."

IN A SECRET POCKET, ONE MAN KEPT A NOTE TO HIMSELF THAT SAID:
"WHEN YOU HAVE ANYTHING IN YOUR HANDS
YOU SHOULD THINK OF NOTHING OTHER THAN WHAT YOU HAVE --
-- IN YOUR HANDS."

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AND A LAD ASKED HIS DAD:

"WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF EVERYONE, ALL OF THE TIME,
DID WHAT THEY, SOME OF THE TIME, KNOW THAT THEY SHOULD BE DOING?",
"WHY THE WHOLE WORLD WOULD THEN BE AWAKE AND ENLIGHTENED.", HE REPLIED,
"THUS FINALLY RENDERING ALL SUCH CONEPTS
ONCE AND FOR ALL,
BEYOND ANY QUESTION -- MEANINGLESS."

"HUMMM.", PONDERED THE LAD TO HIMSELF,
"ALL OF THAT HAPPENING TO A GIVEN THING SIMPLY DUE TO THE THING BECOMEING A
MATTER OF COMMON KNOWLEDGE.
HUMMM....IS THAT STRANGE AND CURIOUS OR WHAT?!",
"CERTAINLY NOT - 'WHAT'!", REBOUNDED THE ELDER.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A COSTUME AND A UNIFORM
IS THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN THOSE WHO KNOW WHAT THOUGHT IS ABOUT,
AND THOSE WHO DON'T.



THE SPEAKER SO ASSUALTED HIS AUDIENCE:
"HOW DO YA FIGURE THIS: ANIMALS WHO CAN'T TALK TO THEMSELVES NEVER MAKE
NON PHYSICAL *FAUX PASES*?!",

AND AFTER A PERFUNCTORY, PONDERING APPEARING SILENCE....FROM THE CROWD
A VOICE AROSE. TO ASK:

"MIGHT THERE BE SOMETHING IN THAT FACT THAT A HUMAN COULD PUT TO USE?",
AND THE SPEAKER'S FACE SUDDENLY TURNED BRIGHT YELLOW,
AND BEGAN TO JUMP UP AND DOWN AND WAVE HIS ARMS WILDLY AS IF TRYING TO FLY.
AND JUST AS IT SEEMED THAT HE MIGHT ACTUALLY BECOME AIR BORNE --
-- HE EXPLODED!! INTO MILLIONS OF LITTLE PIECES AND BECAME HIS OWN NEW AUDIENC

SOME YEARS LATER, A MAN WAS READING ABOUT THIS EVENT, (JUST AS HEREIN REPORTED),
AND AFTER DOING SO SEVERAL TIMES, AND AFTER MUCH REFLECTION ON ITS POSSIBLE
MESSAGE, HE CONCLUDED THAT IT CERTAINLY HAD SUCH, BUT THAT,
AS IS SO OFTEN THE CASE IN THIS NON ROUTINE AREA OF HUMAN INTEREST,
THE WORDS USED TO TELL THE STORY DO, IN SOME TRICKY-TO-DEFINE-WAY,
TEND TO OBSCURE ITS SOUL & SUBSTANCE RATHER THAN EXPOSE IT --

AND AFTER EVEN MORE PROLOMGED STUDY OF THIS MATTER, THE MAN DECIDED THAT
EVEN THOUGH THE MATTERS IN QUESTION INITIALLY SEEM VAGUE AND INSPECIFIC,
THAT METAPHORICAL AND INDIRECT ATTEMPTS TO DEAL WITH THEM ARE NOT TRULY THE
BEST APPROACH, BUT MORE PROMISING WOULD BE TO TRY TO CONVEY THEIR ESSENCE VIA
EITHER: THE PLAINEST SPEECH POSSIBLE, SILENCE, OR OBVIOUS JIBBERISH.

WHEN ONE MAN HEARD IT SAID THAT: "LIFE IS BUT A DREAM.", HE THOUGHT,
"YES, IF YOU LIVE ONLY IN A DREAM,
BUT IF YOU DO NOT,
THEN YOU LIVE BOTH IN A DREAM AND NOT IN A DREAM."

THE PRE-ECHO ON THE PHONOGRAPH RECORD THAT IS MAN'S CONSCIOUSNESS
THAT CAME THE INSTANT JUST BEFORE ADAM THOUGHT: "I AM ADAM.",
WAS: "I AM SILENTLY WHAT I AM,
WITH NO QUESTION AS TO -- WHAT I AM."

THUS IT IS THAT EVERYONE "IS"
BEFORE THEY "THINK" THAT THEY IS --

SAME AS EVERYONE "DO" -- LONG BEFORE THEY KNOW THAT THEY DO.

COME ON MAN!, LEAVE THE ANALOGOUS AND DIGITAL AGES -- GET WITH IT! --
-- MERE REPRESENTATIONS OF WHAT'S HAP'NIN' ARE NO LONGER SUFFICIENT.

MAN'S NORMAL MENTAL LIFE IS ONE OF INCESSANTLY GRASPING AT THE TAILS OF DECEASED SNAKES

... "IT'S JUST -- ONE THING AFTER ANOTHER.", WHINNED NEURONS,
ATWHICH SENTIMENT STOMACH MUSED,
"TRUE, BUT TO BAD YOU'RE NOT ABLE TO FATHOM THIS WITHOUT MENTIONING,
AND THUS BRINGING ON YOURSELF THOSE NON PHYSICAL, NON FATAL AFFLICTIONS
OFWHICH YOU CONSTANTLY COMPLAIN."

WHO BUT A FOOL WOULD CONTINUE TO EXPECT THE DISCOVERY OF "REAL CURES"
FOR IMAGINARY ILLS?!

THE ONLY WAY TO ESCAPE THE HOLD OF A MIRAGE IS TO SHOT IT,
OR ELSE ABANDON THE VACINITY INWHICH IT PREVAILS.

A MAN ASKED A MYSTIC:
"DO YOU REALLY KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT?",
AND HE REPLIED: "UNDER TWO CONDITIONS, I DO:
WHEN I TALK AND WHEN I DO NOT TALK,
WHICH I'M AWARE, SOUNDS FOOLISH,
BUT THOSE WHO KNOW WHAT I USUALLY TALK ABOUT
WILL UNDERSTAND WHAT I MEAN."

PRIVATELY, (ONE MAN CONSIDERED AN ALTERNATIVE APPROACH):

"WELL IF I CAN'T STOP FRIVILIOUS THOUGHTS, WHY NOT GO AHEAD AND - PILE 'EM ON!?"

....IF YOU'RE TRULY DEALING IN THE IMAGINARY:

THE MORE! --

THE LESS! -- WHAT DOES IT MATTER?!,

IT'S ALL THE MERRIER.

ONCE YOU STOP TAKING ANY OF IT SERIOUSLY."

...

A SIMPLIDIED VERSION

A MAN WHO BELIEVES ANYTHING THAT HE CAN'T TOUCH, WILL NEVER AWAKEN --

-- THAT'S "NEVER" AS IN: N - E - V - E - R -- NEVER.

THE REASON MEN SO LOVE TO TALK ABOUT, "THE TRUTH", AND PASSIONATELY DEBATE IT IS BECAUSE THEY KNOW THAT NO SUCH THING EXISTS.

- WHO WANTS A HOBBY WITH AN EXPIRATION DATE?! -

A STRANGER SAID TO A MAN WHO HAD COME TO HIM SEEKING NEW DIRECTION:
"ONCE YOU UNDERSTAND THAT THERE IS NOTHING THAT CAN BE DONE TO
PROFITABLY CHANGE YOUR PRIMARY REALITY,
AND NOTHING THAT CAN BE PROFITABLY DONE TO CHANGE THINGS IN MAN'S
SECONDARY REALITY, WHICH IS OF ITS VERY ESSENCE, INVENTED AND ILLUSIONARY,
THEN HOW CAN YOU STAND THERE CLAIMING THAT YOU STILL SEEK CHANGE?!

CHANGE WHERE?! -- CHANGE HOW?!

DO YOU NOT REALIZE HOW FOOLISH YOU SOUND?!"

THE ORDINARY CONSCIOUSNESS OF ALL MEN IS BOTH AWAKENED AND ASLEEP,
...BUT ONLY THE AWAKENED KNOW THIS.

...AND SOMEONE DEMANDS:

"YOU MEAN TO TELL ME THAT THE ONLY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SOMEONE WHO'S DROWNING,
AND SOMEONE WHO'S NOT

IS THAT THE MAN WHO'S NOT, IS AWARE THAT HE'S NOT?!

IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO SAY?!

WHAT NERVE! -- WHAT PRESUMPTION! -- WHAT INSANITY! -- WHAT AN IDEA!!"

THE ORIGINAL *QUID PRO QUO* WAS MAN BEING GIVEN THE ABILITY TO THINK
SO AS TO MAKE LIFE EASIER, (AS PERCEIVED BY MOST),
IN RETURN FORWHICH, A FEW FIND OTHERWISE.

NEVER SHOULD YOU FORGET THAT THE BASIC PURPOSE AND PAY OFF OF AWAKENING
IS THE REMOVAL OF ALL UNCERTAINTY AND CONFUSION --

AFTER THAT IT IS UP TO YOU TO PROVIDE THE STRENGTH TO MAKE USE OF THIS FREEDOM.

IF THERE BE NO NEED TO GRASP THE TRANSIENT WITHIN THE PERMANENT,
JUST THE OPPOSITE MUST BE SO FOR THOSE ATTEMPTING TO DO WHAT THEY SET OUT TO DO.

AWAKENING IS NOT FOR THE HIP, FASHIONABLE AND SOPHISTICATED --

IT'S HARD TO GET WITH IT
WHEN YOU'RE ALREADY -- *WITH IT!*

...(BUT - HEY! -- NOT TO WORRY,
NO ONE'S AS HIP AS THEY THINK THEY ARE....EXCEPT THE EXTREMELY DUMB...
...WHICH OF COURSE LEAVES YOU OUT....[?!?!])

ONE MAN BEGAN TO PICTURE THOUGHTS AS: "TOURIST TRAPS FOR CONSCIOUSNESS."

...AND, "STAY OUT OF SUCH PLACES." BECAME HIS ADVICE TO HIMSELF.