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AFTER HEARING SOMEONE DETAIL A CERTAIN DESPICABLE EVENT, A MAN SAID:

"I KNOW THAT SUCH THINGS OCCUR,

BUT I DON'T SEE WHAT'S TO BE GAINED IN TALKING ABOUT THEM.",

TOWHICH THE ORIGINAL SPEAKER REJOINED:

"WELL HELL! - THERE'S NOTHING TO BE 'GAINED' IN TALKING ABOUT ANYTHING!

WHAT THE HELL YOU LOOKING FOR IN LIFE ANYWAY -- ENLIGHTENMENT OR SOMETHING?!

GO ON -- JUST GET THE HELL AWAY FROM ME!",

AND THUS CONCLUDED THIS PARTICULAR CONVERSATION WITH HIMSELF.

LATER, (THAT SAME AFTERNOON), HE DID HUM THIS DITTY TO HIMSELF:

I USED TO BE TWO,

THEN I WAS MANY;

BUT NOW I'VE PROGRESSED,

AND MY DICK'S IN A CRACK."

NO QUESTION ABOUT IT -- EVOLUTION CAN TAKE SOME STRANGE AND UNEXPECTED TURNS --  
ESPEICALLY WHEN -- IT DOESN'T REALLY EXIST,

AND IS GOING NO WHERE.

(AND OF COURSE IT REALLY HELPS "TAKE THE EDGE OFF"

TO HEAR SUCH DELIGHTFUL OBSERVATIONS AS:

"WELL HELL! -

WHAT'S TO BE GAINED BY -- TALKING ABOUT ANYTHING?!

...[PHEW!, PARDON ME, BUT I'VE LAUGHED SO MUCH I CRIED --

...WELL...I GUESS THOSE ARE TEARS?!...WHAT D'YA THINK?])

A BOY ASKED HIS FATHER:

"CAN THE MIND EVER TELL A MAN WHAT HE TRULY IS?",

"NO LIKELY", HE REPLIED, "IN THAT IT IS THE VERY THING HE IS NOT,  
YET THE ONE CONTINUALLY CLAIMING TO BE."

....("I SEE!", SAID THE SON.)

"MY KINGDOM!", LATER CRIED THE KID AT PLAY, "MY KINGDOM ATE A HORSE!"

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ALL PROBLEMS COLLAPSE WHEN THOUGHT IS WITHDRAWN --  
...AND NOTE: DEATH IS NOT A PROBLEM -- BUT A CERTAINTY,  
(AND ILLNESS,BUT DEATH BY DEGREES.)

ONE MAN SAID THAT HE'D BEGUN TO THINK OF HIS STRUGGLE FOR ENLIGHTENMENT AS:

"BEING ON THE LOOK OUT FOR SHORTY.",

AND A FRIEND ASKED,

"DID YOU SAY; 'BEING ON THE LOOK OUR FOR A SHORT CUT?!'",

AND THE FIRST MAN REPLIED: "NO....I DON'T THINK SO (?!?)",

AND THE OTHER MAN SAID: "OH!"

AT THOSE ODD MOMENTS WHEN HE COULD SEEM TO ESCAPE THE HOLD HE SOMEHOW  
HAD ON HIMSELF....(SOMEHOW?!?),

ONE MAN WOULD OFTEN MENTALLY GRAZE ON THIS PATCH:

"THE 'I' IN ME IS REALLY NON EXISTANT -- TRULY, *NOTHING!* --  
BUT A NOTHING WITH THE ABILITY TO THINK AND SPEAK,  
AND A NOTHING THAT THINKS AND SAYS THAT IT IS ME.

IS THERE ANYTHING IN ME TO CONTRIDICT AND CORRECT THIS? --

YES THERE SEEMS TO BE! --

BUT WHAT CAN IT BE OTHER THAN JUST MORE ILLUSIONS AND NOTHINGNESS?!

SHADOWS COMBATING SHADOWS --

REFLECTIONS ATTEMPTING TO ALTER THE SHAPE OF OTHER REFLECTIONS!

WHAT A FARCE! -- WHAT A WHIMSICAL PREDICAMENT;

I FEEL LIKE GULLIVER IN WONDERLAND --

ALICE AMONG THE LILLIPUTIANS --

ME AMIDST THE ORDINARY."

INDEED,(AS THIS FELLOW PERIDOCIALY GLIMPSES),

WHEN YOU'RE BEING HELD CAPTIVE BY THE NON EXISTANT

THE STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM PRESENTS A DISTINCTLY CURIOUS CHALLENGE;

WHAT IS NEEDED, (IN FACT, ALL THAT IS NECESSARY),

IS A FULL REALIZATION OF THE SITUATION SO THAT YOU DO NOT UNKNOWINGLY  
CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR OWN CONTINUING CONFINEMENT BY THE EXPENDITURE OF ENERGY IN  
TOTALLY MEANINGLESS ACTIVITY.

(THE PHRASE:"IT'S HARD BUT IT'S FAIR" REFERS TO BEING DUMB AND NOT KNOWING IT.)

THERE WAS ONCE A MYSTIC WHOSE METHOD WAS BASED ON A SINGLE IDEA HE EXPRESSED:  
"NEVER WASTE ANY TIME -- NOT EVEN A SECOND."  
AND ALL WHO CAME TO STUDY WITH HIM STAYED CONTINUALLY BUSY --  
RUNNING HERE AND THERE --  
UNDERTAKING THIS AND THAT --  
ALWAYS -- DOING, DOING, DOING --  
WHEN WHAT HE ACTUALLY MEANT WAS THAT YOU SHOULDN'T WASTE ANY TIME ON THINKING.

SPECIAL ADVICE TO THOSE SPECIAL EXPLORERS

TO FIND THE SOURCE OF THE RIVER IS TO BE FREE OF ITS DANGERS.



EVERY MORNING, (UNTIL HE STOPPED, OR FORGOT),  
ONE MAN WOULD GET HIS CAT TO SIT ON THE EDGE OF THE BATHROOM SINK,  
AND THEY WOULD BOTH LOOK DOWN AT THE REFLECTIONS IN THE WATER THEREIN,  
AND THE MAN WOULD CHANT ALOUD:

"I AM NOT WHAT I *THINK*.

I AM NOT EVEN WHAT I THINK I AM -- AND,

I AM DEFINITELY NOT AT ALL WHAT I THINK ABOUT ME."

AND UPON HEARING THESE CONCLUDING WORDS TO HIS MASTER'S MANTRA,  
THE FELINE WOULD AGREEINGLY NOD,  
AND THEY WOULD BOTH THEN BE ON ABOUT THE DAY'S BUSINESS.

EVERYBODY HAS THIS THING THAT THEY'RE NOT QUITE SURE WHAT TO DO WITH --  
...MOST MAKE DO --  
...A FEW GET ALL CAUGHT-UP IN THE ORIGINAL UNCERTAINTY.

A TREATISE REGARDING THE PERTINENCE BETWEEN: ENLIGHTENMENT & THE MIND

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OF WHAT USE IS TARTAR CONTROL TOOTH PASTE TO A MAN WITH FASLE TEETH?!

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ONE UNCLE SO SAID TO A NEPHEW:

"HERE'S HOW YOU SHOULD THINK ABOUT THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE:

YOU SHOULDN'T THINK ABOUT -- THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE,

BUT JUST SPONTANEOUSLY, AND NON MENTALLY REACT TO THINGS AS THEY OCCUR."

AND SO CONCLUDES ANOTHER EPSIODE OF YOUR FAVORITE SOAP OPERA:

"EASY TO SAY -- TRICKY TO DO."

TO A MYSTIC, A MAN ADDRESSED THIS QUESTION:

"CAN YOU DESCRIBE SIMPLY, WHAT IS ENLIGHTENMENT?",

AND HE REPLIED: "ENLIGHTENMENT IS FREEDOM FROM BEING MISTAKEN.",

AND THE MAN INQUIRED FURTHER:

"YOU MEAN THAT THROUGH ENLIGHTENMENT A MAN GAINS SUCH KNOWLEDGE THAT HE IS NEVER AGAIN MISTAKEN IN HIS THINKING?!",

"No", REPLIED THE MYSTIC, "KNOWLEDGE AND THINKING DOESN'T ENTER INTO IT, LISTEN CLEARLY TO WHAT I SAID: ENLIGHTENMENT IS FREEDOM FROM BEING MISTAKEN -- -- THAT'S IT -- THAT'S ALL OF IT, AND ADDING TO IT MERELY CLOUDS AND CONFUSES THE MATTER.

YOU SEE -- AS YOU'VE JUST PROVEN ----- MINDS CAN NEVER LEAVE ANYTHING ALONE -- FOR IF THEY COULD, THEY WOULD BE ENLIGHTENED."

SPECIAL TIP TO THOSE WITH A SPECIAL INTEREST IN CONDITIONS

ONCE YOU CAN WALK THROUGH A HEN HOUSE WITHOUT BEING EFFECTED BY THE SMELL  
WHAT NEED IS THERE AFTER THAT TO TRY AND CHANGE THE WAY CHICKENS ARE BRED?!

AS HE PATTED VARIOUS AREAS ABOUT HIS BODY A MAN SAID:  
"THIS IS OBVIOUSLY ME --  
BUT WHAT IS THE 'ME' THAT IS SAYING IT IS?!"



ONE WOULD-BE TRAVELER MUSED:

"EVEN IF THINKING AND TALKING HAS NO PROFITABLE BASIS,  
PERHAPS IF I KEEP THINKING AND TALKING ABOUT WHERE I AM NOW  
I'LL GET SO SICK OF IT THAT I'LL FINALLY LEAVE"

...AS THE FLY ON THE GOOEY PAPER SAID:

"WHEN YOU'RE STUCK FOR AN IMMEDIATE SOLUTION -- HELL!, ANYTHING'S WORTH A SHOT!"

...(HOW GREAT SHOULD BE OUR GRADITUDE TO OUR INSECT FRIENDS  
FOR THE MANY DEEP INSIGHTS THEY SO FREELY SHARE WITH US.

...[BUT SOME, (OBVIOUSLY LESS THAN ADEQUATELY APPRECIATIVE) GUY RETORTS:  
"HELL!, IF THE DAMN FLY'S RIGHT AND ANYTHING IS WORTH A SHOT,  
THEN EXPLAIN MY FULLY REPREHENSIBLE POSITION WHEN I AM HALF SHOT!"

...WELL SIR -- PERHAPS IF YOU JUST KEEP THINKIN' AND TALKIN' ABOUT IT.]

IF THERE WAS ANYTHING EXTANT IN OR ABOUT HUMAN LIFE  
THAT WOULD MAKE EVERYONE HAPPY

THEN THERE WOULDN'T EVEN BE THE ILLUSIONARY POSSIBILITY OF  
ANYONE BECOMING MORE CONSCIOUS, AND MORE HUMAN.



MORE OF HOW? (REAL LIFE, (THOUGH UNDESCRIBABLE) IS - USING DE-SCRIBABLE EXAMPLES

QUESTION: WHO UNDERSTANDS LESS THAN THOSE WHO FOLLOW RELIGION?

-- THOSE WHO EXPLAIN RELIGION.

(I GO AHEAD AND GIVE YOU THE ANSWER BASED ON MY ASSUMPTION THAT YOU NOW REALIZE THAT ALL EXAMPLES ARE VACUOUS PSEUDONYMS FOR, THE MIND.)

ATTENTION PLEASE:

EVERYONE HAS SWALLOWED SOMETHING THAT CAUSES THEM TO BELIEVE THAT THEY CAN FIND  
"ANSWERS AND SOLUTIONS" TO THEIR PROBLEMS -- BUT!,  
(STILL, IF I MAY HAVE YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE!);  
WHAT IS NOT REALIZED IS THAT THE VERY THING THEY HAVE SWALLOWED  
IS THE SOLE SOURCE OF THEIR PERCEIVED "PROBLEMS"

...("GADS!", SAID ONE GUY, "AIN'T IT GREAT, (IN A PERVERSE WAY) TO BE HUMAN!")

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ONE MAN'S BIRTHDAY SONG: "IT'S SWELL TO BE WELL,  
AND MIGHTY FINE TO BE OUTTA YOUR MIND,  
BUT WHAT I WANT NOW  
TO MAKE MY LIFE COMPLETE  
IS TO SPIT UP THE THING I'VE SWALLOWED  
THAT'S SUNK DOWN TO MY FEET.",

AND JUST THEN HIS MOTHER SCOLDED HIM DOWN OFF THE COUCH, REMINDING HIM THAT  
HE WAS NO LONGER A YOUNG HAIRK AND SHOULD BE AVOIDING CAT BALLS TO BEGIN WITH

A REMINDER TO: DO YOUR PART

REMEMBER: THE SECONDARY WORLD IS REAL ONLY AS LONG AS YOU MAKE IT SO.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

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SO-CALLED, "CONVENTIONAL WISDOM" IS AN ILLUSION -- IT DOESN'T EXIST!  
OH!, "CONVENTIONAL" EXISTS -- NOT NOT-T-I "WISDOM"!

ONE MAN, (FOR THE MOMENT), DECIDED:

"IF I'M GOING TO HAVE 'ME'S'

THEN I'M GOING TO LOOK AT IT AS ME HAVING TWO PARTICULAR 'ME'S':

THE *TALKING* ME -- AND THE *SILENT* ME."

HE THEN PAUSED FOR A MOMENT --

THEN BRUSHED HIS HANDS TOGETHER IN SATISFACTION, AND SAID:

"AND THAT TAKES CARE OF THAT!"

A MAN ASKED A MYSTIC: "CAN YOU TELL ME WHAT I AM?",

"NO.", HE REPLIED,

"WELL", SAID THE MAN, "IF I WERE A STUDENT OF YOURS COULD YOU TELL ME WHAT I AM?"

"NO.", HE AGAIN REPLIED,

"THEN", ASKED THE MAN, "IF I WERE A STUDENT OF YOURS COULD YOU TELL ME WHAT I'M NOT?"

"THAT I COULD DO.", HE REPLIED, "BUT A TRUE STUDENT OF ENLIGHTENMENT  
COULD DO IT FOR HIMSELF."

QUESTION: WHY IS MAN THE ONLY CREATURE SAID UNABLE TO SEE HIMSELF AS HE IS?

.....?! BECAUSE HE IS THE ONLY ONE ABLE TO SEE HIMSELF?!, IN A MENTAL SENSE

ONE MAN FINALLY ASKED HIMSELF:

"WHEN I DON'T THINK THAT I'M HERE TO BE IN CHARGE -- WHO IS IN CHARGE?!?!"

AND SO CONCLUDES ANOTHER EPISODE OF YOUR FAVORITE GAME SHOW:

"DON'T ANSWER THAT!"



THE SO-CALLED -- "EDUCATION OF MAN"  
IS A  
PAVING OVER OF AN IMAGINARY CARPET -- WITH,  
ILLUSIONARY CEMENT.

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LOOKING OVER THE EQUIPMENT, A MAN THOUGHT:

"IS IT POSSIBLE TO HAVE SOMETHING AND NOT KNOW HOW TO PROPERLY USE IT?"

"NOT IN THIS LIFE TIME!", REPLIED THE EQUIPEMENT,  
AND JUST TO PROVE ITS POINT -- FORCED THE MAN TO PROPERLY USE IT  
EVEN THOUGH HE WAS NEVER AWARE HE WAS DOING SO.

...(IF THIS DOES NOT IMMEDIATELY MAKE SENSE TO YOU,  
TRY TAKING SOME SELF-PRODUCED DRUG, LAY DOWN FOR A WHILE,  
AND SEE WHAT DEVELOPES.)

FROM OUR LOOSE-LEAF DICTIONARY, YET ANOTHER TAKE ON THE WORD: "ENLIGHTENMENT"  
 ENLIGHTENMENT: THE THING THAT CAN POINT TO EVERYTHING,  
 BUT NOTHING CAN POINT TO IT.

...(WHICH REMINDS YOU TO WONDER WHAT NEED HAS A HAND OR LOCATION  
 FOR A DESCRIPTION OF A FINGER, WHAT?!)

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MIRROR, MIRROR ON MY WALL,  
 WHAT HOLDS YOU UP? -- WHY DON'T YOU FALL?,  
 "NO ONE'S EVER ASKED ME, BUT  
 IF YOU WANT TO KNOW,  
 REFLECTIONS OF REFLECTIONS  
 HAVE NO WHERE TO GO."

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A YOUNG MAN IN SEARCH OF HIMSELF SEEMS A PLEASANT SIGHT --  
 -- AN OLD MAN, A PATHETIC ONE.

-- IF TIMING'S NOT EVERYTHING -- THERE IS NO "EVERYTHING". --

A FATHER POKED HIS FINGER IN HIS SON'S CHEST AND SO INFORMED HIM:  
"THERE ARE TWO REASON THAT YOU CAN'T SEE-THINGS-AS-THEY-ARE:  
FIRST IS BECAUSE YOU CAN'T DO OTHERWISE,  
AND SECOND IS THAT THERE IS NO YOU THERE INSIDE OF YOU TO DO SO."

JUST TO HELP CLARIFY THE MATTER AND GET IT PERFECTLY STRAIGHT IN HIS MIND,  
ONE MAN NOTED TO HIMSELF:

"IF I DIDN'T THINK THAT SOME THINGS ARE ANNOYING  
HOW WOULD I EVER GET ANNOYED?!"

THE SPEAKER ADDRESSED THE SPECTATORS:

"THE STRUGGLE TO ACHIEVE ENLIGHTENMENT  
IS LIKE A FISH WHO BELIEVES THERE IS CERTAIN KNOWLEDGE  
THAT WILL MAKE LIVING OUTSIDE OF WATER, POSSIBLE."

AND AFTER A HEFTLY SILENCE, SOMEONE IN THE CROWD CALLED OUT:

"DIDN'T YOU GET WHAT YOU WERE TRYING TO SAY, PARTIALLY GARBLED?!",

"MY GOOD MAN", REPLIED THE SPEAKER, "GARBLING IS NOT MY AREA OF EXPERTISE --  
I SPOKE WHAT I SPOKE.

Now -- ANY MORE QUESTION?!....."

AS PORTRAYED IN A PARTICULAR MYTH:

THERE IS A PLANET IN ANOTHER GALAXY ONWHICH THERE IS A CERTAIN LOCATION WHICH,  
THE HARDER YOU TRY TO REACH -- THE MORE DIFFICULT IT IS TO DO SO.

GO FIGURE!.....AND YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO TO ANOTHER GALAXY TO DO SO.

SO?!.....

DO NOTE ONCE MORE THAT: THE MIND IS CAPABLE OF THINGS OTHER THAN THOUGHT.

AND TODAY'S: SAFETY TIP: YOU CANNOT BURN UP FIRE WITH FIRE --  
.....UNLESS YOU'RE AN IDIOT, I MEAN -- NORMAL.

LOOKING AT HIS FIGURE IN THE MIRROR WITH A CERTAIN AGGITATION-OF-REALIZATION  
A MAN THOUGHT:

"NO WONDER IT'S BEEN SO DIFFICULT FOR ME TO AWAKEN --  
-- THERE IS NO ME TO AWAKEN."

(AND SILENTLY TO ITSELF, HIS REFLECTION MUTTERED: "I COULD'AVE TOLD YOU THAT.")



"OKAY", SAYS ONE MAN, "IF WHAT SOMEONE ELSE UNDERSTANDS CAN ACTUALLY DO YOU ANY GOOD THEN I THINK THIS SHOULD BE REFLECTED IN OUR LAWS, FOR INSTANCE, IF YOU'RE STOPPED WHILE DRIVING DRUNK IN SOMEONE ELSE'S CAR IT SHOULD BE THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WHO'S CHARGED WITH THE OFFENSE. NO?!"  
....(HE ADDS THAT IF THIS DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO YOU, YOU SHOULD, "HAVE A DRANK!")

THE FOLLOWING IS ONE MAN'S QUESTION OF THE MOMENT:

"WELL, NOW THAT I HAVE IT -- WHAT DO I DO WITH IT?"

ONE MAN SAYS THAT HE'S PRESENTLY ADOPTED THIS ATTITUDE:

"DON'T THINK ABOUT THOUGHT! -- WHAT EVER YOU DO -- DON'T THINK ABOUT THOUGHT  
OR YOU'LL BE STUCK FOR ETERNITY."

A CERTAIN MAN SUDDENLY MUSED:  
"WITHOUT THE ORIGINAL THOUGHT OF ME,  
THERE'D BE NO SENSATION OF MULTIPLE ME'S."

WHEN ONE MAN HEARD ONE KID ASK ANOTHER KID:

"WHERE DOES THE LIGHT GO WHEN THE LIGHT GOES OUT?", HE SUDDENLY WONDERED:

"WHERE DO MY THOUGHTS GO WHEN I SHOW UP?!"

AN ESSAY CONCERNING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN: AWAKENING & THE MIND

ONE MAN SUN BATHES ON OVERCAST DAYS -- WHEN THE TEMPERTURE'S COOLER.

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ONE MOTHER'S ADVICE TO A DAUGHTER:

"IF YOU'RE NOT CONTINUALLY DOING THE OPPOSITE OF WHAT YOU WERE INCLINED TO DO,  
YOU'RE NOT DOING ANYTHING WORTH YOUR WHILE."

AFTER MANY YEARS INVOLVED IN IT, A MAN THOUGHT:

"I DO NOT KNOW WHETHER MY STRUGGLE TO AWAKEN HAS BEEN GOOD OR BAD,  
BUT I DO KNOW IT WAS INEVITABLE."



CONTRAIRE TO THE WAY IT'S NORMALLY PUT, (THAT): "MEN HAVE THOUGHTS",  
'TWOULD BE JUST AS ACCURATE TO SAY THAT: "THOUGHTS HAVE MEN  
... (AND INSOFAR AS USEFUL POTENTIAL IS CONCERNED,  
"ACCURATE" COULD BE AN UNDERSTATEMENT.)

ONE MYSTIC SO SAID:

"ONLY THE BLIND CAN SEE --- ONLY THOSE WITH NO PERSONAL VIEWS."

TREES, MOUNTAINS, RIVERS, CLOUDS AND CROWS  
ARE CONTINUALLY REVEALING TO MAN THE SUBTLE REALITY OF THE TRUTH;

THEY ARE SAYING: "WE ARE WHAT WE ARE,  
AND WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT WE ARE,  
AND WE DO NOT SAY WHAT WE ARE,  
AND WE DO NOT IMAGINE THAT WE ARE OTHER THAN WE ARE."

THIS IS THE GREAT, BUT SUBTLE AND SILENT MESSAGE THEY SEND TO MAN.

*EL CURIO* TIME ONCE AGAIN

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WITH ENLIGHTENMENT, THERE IS NOTHING TO HOLD ON TO.

GOING ALONG WITH CONDITIONS MAKES ONE ORDINARY --

GOING AGAINST THEM -- MAKES ONE FREE.

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NOW FOR SOME: SOCIAL ADVICE (FOR THE FEW)

BEING UN-ENLIGHTENED  
IS LIKE  
BEING UN-POPULAR  
WITH YOUR SELF!

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SIGN IN A SEMI SUPER MARKET:

"INTENSE, ABSOLUTE FEELINGS OF AN INDIVIDUAL 'I' ARE  
INTENSE, ABSOLUTE INDIVIDUAL ILLUSIONS -- AND,  
SHOPLIFTERS WILL BE PERSECUTED."

EVEN AFTER SOME ENLIGHTENMENT  
A MAN'S MIND REMAINS PARTIALLY CLEAR AND PARTIALLY DARK.

THERE IS ALWAYS *MORE* TO BE DONE. -- MORE TO BE SEEN.



AS MEN HAVE LONG SUSPECTED:  
THERE IS A SINGLE SOURCE FROMWHICH EVERYTHING COMES,  
BUT NOT, (AS THEY COMMON PROPOSE), IS THIS SOURCE OUTSIDE THEMSELF.

AS CONCERNS SECTS & THE VARIOUS MYSTICAL SCHOOLS:

THOSE WHO KNOW,  
ARE THOSE WHO KNOW,  
REGARDLESS OF WHAT YOU CALL THEM --  
BUT IF THEY LET YOU CALL THEM ANYTHING -- THEY DON'T KNOW.

AFTER SOME TIME ACTIVITY ENGAGED IN A CERTAIN PURSUIT, ONE MAN NOW SAYS:

"I DON'T BELIEVE WHAT WE'RE DEALING WITH HERE IS THOUGHT, MIND OR CONSCIOUSNESS-

I THINK WHAT WE'RE DEALING WITH IS A ----- 'THING'!,  
SOMETHING TOTALLY UNKNOWN TO US, SO AS OF YET, NOT CORRECTLY IDENTIFIED & NAMED."

ONE THING IN PARTICULAR THAT AWAKENING REVEALS IS THAT THERE IS NO "OUTSIDE" --  
-- OUTSIDE OF YOU.

FORGET IT!

THERE IS NO EXPLANATION OF REALITY.

TO BE AWAKE IS TO BE IN THE LIGHT -- WITH NO SHADOW FALLING.

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A MAN WHO CAN BE FOUND,  
IS NOT FREE.

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SPECIAL INFO FOR THOSE ON A SPECIAL INVESTIGATION OF THAT CERTAIN CELLAR

THE QUICKEST WAY TO UNDERSTAND DARKNESS  
IS TO TURN THE FLASHLIGHT BACK ON ITSELF.

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LEGEND TELLS OF A CERTAIN MYSTIC WHO, ON HIS DEATH BED SAID  
THAT THE ONLY REASON HE'D SO PERSISTABTLY WRITTEN AND SPOKEN PUBLICLY  
WAS TO KEEP HIMSELF FROM READING AND LISTENING TO THE WORDS OF OTHERS.



POP QUIZ, PERTINENT TO THE FEW

WHY IS SOME ADVERTISING SO IRRITATING? --

-- BECAUSE ALL ATTEMPTS TO SELL AN ENLIGHTENED MAN SOMETHING ARE.

.....(COURSE THERE'S SOMETHING EVEN MORE DISGUSTING,

AND THAT'S AN AWAKENED MAN BUYING SOMETHING SOMEONE WANTS TO SELL HIM.

YUK-OLA!

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AS HE WAS ABOUT TO TOSS ONE OF THE WRINKLED ROAD MAPS OUT OF THE CAR WINDOW,  
HE NOTICED FOR THE FIRST TIME A MESSAGE IN SMALL PRINT AT THE BOTTOM WHICH SAID:  
"AFTER SOME ENLIGHTENMENT YOU MAY FEEL LIBERATED, BUT NOT YET ACTUALLY BE."

AFTER READING THIS AND PONDERING ITS SIGNIFICANCE  
HE WAS MOMENTARILY UNSURE AS TO WHETHER TO GO AHEAD AND THROW THE MAP AWAY --  
...OR MAYBE, FOLD IT BACK UP AND SLID IT UP UNDER THE SEAT...JUST IN CASE.

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MEANWHILE: ACCORDING TO ANCIENT LEGEND  
THERE WAS ONCE A GROUP OF SEEKERS OF FREEDOM WHOSE OPERATIONAL MAXIM WAS:  
"THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS: *JUST IN CASE!* --  
....(AND EVEN IF THERE IS, WE WANT NO PART OF IT)"

(YOU EVER THINK HOW RARELY WE SEEM TO FIND ANY CONTEMPORANEOUS MEN WHO ARE  
EQUAL TO THOSE OF YORE?!...IS THIS A REFLECTION OF THE DECLINE OF MAN?....  
OR COULD IT BE AN UNRECOGNIZED COMMENT ON OUR INABILITY TO MAKE SUCH JUDGEMENTS  
IN REAL TIME AND ANIMATE CIRCUMSTANCES?

THINGS SEEN FROM A DISTANCE ARE ALWAYS MORE AGREEABLE TO PERSONAL INTERPRETATION  
AND IMAGINATION.

SPECIAL GUIDE TO THOSE SPECIAL TRAVLERS

IF THERE'S A FINAL STEP ON YOUR PATH -- YOU'RE ON THE WRONG PATH.

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ALL ENLIGHTENMENT PERISHES AND MUST BE REPLACED WITH FRESH ENLIGHTENMENT.

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AN ENDEAVOR WITH NO END MEANS A LIFE WITHOUT LIMITS.

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SPECIAL DATA FOR THOSE SPECIAL AUTHORS

UNTIL YOU CANNOT SEPERATE THE SHEETS OF PAPER ONWHICH YOU COMPOSE,  
YOU HAVE NOT FOUND YOUR PROPER WRITING MATERIAL.

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A BOY ASKED A COP ON THE CORNER:

"IS A WELL TURNED METAPHOR JUST AS GOOD AS THE PLAIN TRUTH ITSELF?",  
AND THE GENDARME REPLIED WITH A CHUCKLE:

"HAR HAR, LITTLE LAD --

WHY A METAPHOR IS JUST AS GOOD AS ANY DAMN THING YOU CAN PUT A WORD TO! --  
-- DON'T CHU GET IT!? -- THAT'S THE WHOLE POINT OF THE THING.",

"OH!", REPLIED THE KID, "YOU MEAN REGARDING PEOPLE WHO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON?!"

"HAR HAR, LITTLE NIPPER -- THAT'S PERZACTLY WHAT I MEAN!" --

AND WITH ANOTHER COMBINED AND HEARTY, "HAR HAR!",

THEY CONCLUDED THEIR CONVERSATION

AS THE CORNER LOOKED ON WITH A SMILE.