

HUMANS DON'T MIND BEING STUPID AS LONG AS THEY CAN BELIEVE THAT
THEIR IS A STUPIDITY THAT IS UNIQUE TO THEM,
AND THAT ONCE AGAIN SHOWS THEY ARE SPECIAL AMONGST ALL OF THE CREATURES HERE.

...(I WOULD SAY, "THINK ABOUT IT.",
BUT I FEAR YOU MIGHT,
AND THUS MAGNIFY THE AFORENOTED CONDITION.)

A CONSCIOUS MAN DOES NOT COMMENT ON THE RAIN,
AND EVEN THE ORDINARY WHO DO,
DO NOT ACTUALLY SPEAK OF THE WETNESS, BUT RATHER THEIR RELATIONSHIP THERETO.

..(I KEEP TELLIN' YOU THAT IT'S A MATTER OF VERBS --- NOT NOUNS.)

AWAKENING AND THE PERCEPTION OF DISTANCE

THE FURTHER AWAY SOMETHING IS THOUGHT TO BE, THE LESS DISTINCT IT SEEMS.

.....(BUT DE EYES CAN PLAY DEVILISH TRICKS.)

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THERE WAS ONCE A MYSTIC WHO ENTITLED HIS DAILY LECTURES AS
 "'YOU KNOW WHAT I THINK?' -- 'NO, WHAT DO YOU THINK?' -- 'NEVER MIND'.",
 (AND AFTER EACH TIME GIVING THE TITLE, HE'D ANNOUNCE HIS TALK CONCLUDED.)

SOME OF ONE MAN'S NEURONS HAD A SONG THEY'D SOME TIMES SING TO THEMSELVES:
 "OH! -- DRUGS MAKE US THUGS,
 WHILE LEAVING-US-AS-BE IS EVEN WORSE!"

BASED ON OUR, SECRET DICTIONARY --

PSYCHIATRY AND ALL OTHER FORMS OF PSYCHOLOGICAL COUNSELING AND TREATMENTS
COULD BE DESCRIBED AS: ATTEMPTING TO GET A GHOST TO -- *CHANGE CLOTHES*.

....('COURSE, GOIN' FROM THAT YOU COULD SAY THAT RELIGION IS IN ASSURING THAT
BETTER DUDS ARE ONLY AVAILABLE -- AFTER DEATH.

....["BUT - HEY!", SOMEONE INJECTS, "WHERE DOES THAT LEAVE PHILOSOPHY?",
OKAY: THEN IT WOULD IN THOSE, "HALF DRESSED"
DEBATING WHETHER OR NOT NAKEDNESS IS JUST AN ILLUSION.])

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ALL MENTAL PREFERENCE IS MEANINGLESS.....
.....WHICH IS WHY IT MUST BE CONTINUALLY DISCUSSED.

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A MAN WENT TO A MYSTIC AND SAID:

"I HAVE HEARD YOUR PUBLIC WORDS TO MUCH PROFIT,
BUT WOULD YOU EXPLAIN TO ME SOMETHING THAT I HAVE NOTICED ABOUT YOU PERSONALLY?"
TOWHICH THE MYSTIC REPLIED:

"IF I WOULD EXPLAIN ANYTHING ABOUT MYSELF
THEN MY WORDS WOULD NOT BE WORTH YOUR LISTENING.",

...(ANOTHER SCENE WHOSE ONLY BENEFIT IS IN YOU APPLYING BOTH SIDES OF THE
CONVERSATION TO THE ONE WORLD OF YOUR OWN CONSCIOUSNESS.

PEOPLE DON'T *TALK TO* MYSTICS --
-- MYSTICS TALK TO THEMSELVES!

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ONE MAN PUT HIS WEIGHT ROOM IN HIS LIBRARY,
AND MOVED HIS LIBRARY INTO HIS WEIGHT ROOM.

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WHEN YOU COMMENT ON THE PACKAGES THAT COME TO YOUR HOUSE
YOU NEVER FULLY TAKE DELIVERY THEREOF --
-- AND ARE THUS NEVER TOTALLY SATISFIED THEREWITH.

JUST PICTURE IT: A HOUSE FULL OF STUFF, ONLY HALF THERE,
AND EVEN THAT HALF, YOU'RE ONLY HALF PLEASED TO HAVE.

IN HIS DAILY ADDRESS, A CERTAIN MYSTIC ONCE PROCLAIMED:
 "IT IS ALWAYS THE DUTY OF EVERY LIVING MYSTIC
 TO DENOUNCE ALL MYSTICS WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE HIM.",
 AND AFTER A QUIET PAUSE, SOMEONE IN ATTENDANCE RAISED THEIR HAND AND ASKED:
 "WHI?",

"I DO NOT KNOW.", THE MYSTIC REPLIED, ALTHOUGH HE DID KNOW,
 BUT KNEW NOT TO ANSWER ANYONE WHO ASKED.

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A MAN ONCE PRESENTED A MYSTIC WITH THESE WORDS:

"IF, (AS I'VE HEARD): 'THE ONLY *GOOD* MYSTIC, IS A *DEAD* MYSTIC.',
 THEN WHAT SHOULD BE MY VIEW OF THOSE I FIND ALIVE AND TALKING?",

"THE ANSWER TO THAT IS MORE THAN SELF EVIDENT, AND REASSURING, IS IT NOT?!",
 THE MYSTIC REPLIED, FULLY AWARE OF THE LAST PART OF HIS REPLY'S

ANNOYANCE FACTOR.

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A MAN WHO ONCE, (ON HIS OWN), BECAME HIS OWN *PERSONAL MYSTIC*, MUSED:

"IT'S ALWAYS - THIS-AND-THAT,
 AND WHEN IT'S NOT, IT'S -- THAT-AND-THIS."

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PICTURE THIS: A MAN INSIDE A STRUCTURE, TRYING TO BREAK OUT,
AND OUTSIDE, ANOTHER MAN TRYING TO BREAK IN.

THE MIND HAS NO PREFERENCES
UNLESS COMMENT THEREUPON
BE MADE.

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A MAN ASKED A MYSTIC:

"HOW MANY DIFFERENT WAYS ARE THERE OF SAYING THE SAME THING?",

"AS MANY AS THERE ARE MEN IN THE WORLD."

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ONE GUY'S LATEST, FAVORITE SAYING IS:

"LIFE IS EASY TO *LIVE* -- BUT HARD TO *LEAD!*"

AN ELUCIDATION OF THE MIND'S ATTEMPT TO DESCRIBE ANOTHER STATE OF CONSCIOUSNESS
AS OPPOSED TO THE REALITY OF SAME AS EXEMPLIFIED BY ONE MAN'S COMMENT, (QUOTE):

"I'D RATHER BE ENLIGHTENED THAN BE ABLE TO DEFINE WHAT IT IS."

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ON ONE PLANET WAS ONCE A RACE OF CREATURES WHO HAD TWO SEPERATE BRAINS & TONGUES
ONE OF WHICH COULD THINK & SPEAK OF MUD --
AND THE OTHER OF, BEING DIRTY.

NEEDLESS TO SAY -- THEY WENT PLACES.

... "DADDY, I WANNA -- GO PLACES."

"HUSH CHILD, AND EAT YOUR PRONOUNS."

TO COMPLIMENT A MORE CONSCIOUS MAN
IS TO PRAISE A PORTRAIT OF HIM, LONG AFTER HE'D DEAD.

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SAME AS THERE ARE TWO BASIC REALITIES,
THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO PAY HOMAGE TO A MAN:

YOU CAN -- EXTOL HIM

OR

GIVE 'IM A SAMMICH.

....('CORDIN' TO WHICH OF THE REALITIES
YOU & HIM ARE DEALING IN AT THE MOMENT).

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FROM THE VIEW OF THE FEW:

ONE OF THE PROBLEMS WITH THE RUNNING, INNER COMMENTARY IS THAT IT CONSTANTLY
PRESENTS A FLEETING, PRE-DIGESTED, QUICK SKETCH OF VAGUE IMAGES

WHICH MEN COME TO ACCEPT AS A FULL, DETAILED PICTURE OF THINGS AS THEY ARE;

A SITUATION, DOING NO HARM AMONG THE MANY, .

BUT FOR THOSE ATTEMPTING TO AWAKEN,

IT IS A KIND OF, "SHORT-HAND"

TO

SLEEP-LAND.

WHILE ARTISTICALLY,

EVERYONE UNDERSTAND THAT THE MUSIC OF A BACH CAN ONLY BE PRODUCED ONCE --

-- BY THE ORIGINAL BACH --

AND THAT LATER IMITATIONS (NO MATTER HOW FAITHFUL), ARE NEVER OF EQUAL INTEREST

MANY OF THOSE WISHING TO AWAKEN ANYONE

FAIL TO LIKEWISE REALIZE THAT NO AWAKENING OF ANYONE BEFORE THEM

IS SUBJECT TO MEANINGFUL DUPLICATION.

LET'S MAKE IT SIMPLE: ALL MENTAL PREFERNCE IS HABIT -- NOTHING MORE.

MAGIC FOR THE MOMENT

IF YOU DO NOT COMMENT ON INTANGIBLES -- THEY CEASE TO EXIST.

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ONCE UPON A TIME A MAN HEARD THE STATEMENT:

"IF YOU DO NOT COMMENT ON INTANGIBLES -- THEY CEASE TO EXIST.",

AND SAID TO HIMSELF:

"THAT IS FOOLISH! --

INTANGIBLES, BY THEIR VERY DEFINITION DO NOT EXIST.",

...THEN HE THOUGHT ON THE MATTER A BIT MORE, AND SAID:

"EXCEPT FOR SUCH MATTERS LOVE, ANGER, APPROVAL, REJECTION AND SUCH AS THAT.",

...HE THEN PONDERED WHAT HE'D JUST SAID A MITE FURTHER,

AND SUDDENLY THE TRUE MEANING OF THE STATEMENT STRUCK HIM.

IF YOU DO NOT COMMENT ON INTANGIBLES -- THEY DO NOT EXIST.

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EVERYONE IN THE WORLD CAN HAVE FUN,
(OR AT LEAST THEY KNOW WHAT IT WOULD TAKE FOR THEM TO HAVE SOME),
EXCEPT FOR THOSE WANTING TO AWAKEN.

.....(WHAT D'YA MAKE OF THAT!, SERIOUS BRITCHES?!

...BUT YOU KNOW -- REALLY! --

THE "PROBLEM'S" NOT SIMPLY IN - "BEING SERIOUS" ITSELF,
BUT RATHER IN KNOWING PERCSIELY WHAT TO BE SERIOUS ABOUT! --

.....NO! IT'S THE HELL NOT! --

THE DAMN PROBLEM'S IN SIMPLY -- BEING THE FRIG SERIOUS - PERIOD

....WHEN YOU GONNA GET THAT STRAIGHT?!)

ALWAYS REMEMBER THIS:

SMALL PROBLEMS FROM MIGHTY PROBLEMS GROW.

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A MYSTIC ASKED HIS AUDIENCE:

"WHAT IS IT THAT YOU PICTURE WILL BE GAINED
EVEN IF YOU DO UNRAVEL A PUZZLE THAT IS PURELY IMAGINARY?"

...(AND THAT NAME OF THAT SERMON IS:

"HOW COME THEY AIN'T NO ANSWER TO DAT QUESTION?!")

IF THE UNABATING ANNOTATING IS THE INDIVIDUAL ILLNESS
THEN COMMON KNOWLEDGE IS THE PUBLIC PLAGUE.

JUST BECAUSE EVERYONE'S SURE THAT THEY'RE "CONSCIOUS OF THEMSELF"
DOESN'T PROVE THAT WHAT THEY'RE CONSCIOUS OF IS THEMSELF.

MINI HINT FOR THOSE STILL IN THE DARK:

PREFERENCE MAY BE THE LIGHT SWITCH.

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MAXI HINT FOR THOSE STILL CONFUSED:

THE INNER COMMENTARY IS FOR SURE!

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TODAY'S LIMITED HEALTH NEWS

YOU GET ILL IN PUBLIC -- BUT ONLY WELL IN PRIVATE.

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ONE STRANGER HAD THIS TEACHING TO OFFER:

"OPEN THE DOOR WIDE AND LET EVERYBODY IN AND YOU WILL BE ENLIGHTENED.

....YOU MIGHT AS WELL ASSUME THIS POSITION

SINCE THE DOOR'S ALREADY OPEN AND YOU CAN NEVER CLOSE IT."

MINI MAXIM: BEING "MORE CONSCIOUS" IS MAKING THE ABSOLUTE MOST OF WHAT YOU HAVE.

....(IS IT NOT?!)

THERE WAS ONCE A MAN INVOLVED IN ACTIVITY SUCH AS THIS, WHO ONE DAY THOUGHT:

"IF I WAS ACTUALLY AS AWAKE AS I TALK, I'D BE AWAKE!" --

....THEN AFTER A MOMENT FURTHER MUSED:

"WHAT IF I AM?! -- AND JUST HAVEN'T BEEN AWARE OF IT?! --

....IT'S NOT IMPOSSIBLE!"

(I THINK WE SHOULD LEAVE THIS STORY RIGHT THERE.)

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A CERTAIN MYSTIC,
AFTER BEING LONG BADGERED TO PUT TO PAPER WHAT HE UNDERSTOOD
FINALLY AGREED AND TO WHAT HE WROTE, GAVE THE TITLE:
"THAT CONTINUING OFFENSIVE ACTIVITY."

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A MYSTIC ONE DAY SAID TO SOME LISTENERS OF LIKE INTERESTS:

"ONCE CHANGE HAS OCCURED IN YOU,

YOU MUST FINALLY BE COLD AND DIRECT ENOUGH TO TAKE CHARGE YOURSELF AND,
CHANGE-THE-CHANGE, (THAT IS),

TO GO AHEAD AND LIVE AS THOUGH THE CHANGE HAS HAD IT FULLEST POSSIBLE EFFECOT
ON YOU --

AND AFTER HAVING SAID THIS, SOMEONE ASKED:

"HOW CAN YOU TELL THAT SUCH A TIME HAS FINALLY ARRIVED FOR YOU?",

AND THE MYSTIC REPLIED:

"IF YOU FEEL THE NEED TO ASK -- THE TIME HAS COME."

A MAN CAME TO
HEAR THE WORDS OF A RENOWNED MYSTIC ONLY TO BE TOLD THAT HE'D JUST DIED,
AND AS THE HE STOOD BESIDE THE STILL BODY OF THE WISE ONE,
HE ASKED A MOURNER: "WHAT DID HE SAY WHEN HE WAS ALIVE?",
AND SUDDENLY THE MYSTIC RAISED UP AND REPLIED: "TOO MUCH."

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ONE GUY SAYS HE SOME TIMES WONDERS IF
AN ENLIGHTENED MAN IS JUST AN EVERYDAY KINDA PERSON
WHO AT ONE TIME BELIEVED HIMSELF OTHERWISE,
AND AFTER A GREAT DEAL OF EFFORT, REALIZED THE TRUTH.

....(HE SAYS THE ONLY REASON THIS DISTURBS HIM IS AS APPLIES TO HIMSELF.)

CONVERSATION OVERHEARD BETWEEN TWO WOULD-BE MYSTICS

"IT CAN'T BE AS SIMPLE AS IT SOUNDS -- NOTHING'S THAT SIMPLE."

"WHAT D'YA MEAN, 'NOTHING'S THAT SIMPLE'?! - HELL, EVERYTHING'S THAT SIMPLE."

....(PAUSE).....

"WEL HELL, IF EVERYTHING'S THAT SIMPLE,

YOU REALIZE WHAT THAT MEANS ABOUT WHAT WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO DO?!"

....(PAUSE).....

"AH - DAMN!"

THE END

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TO BE OF ORDINARY, IRRELEVANT CONSCIOUSNESS -- (THAT IS) --
TO BE ASLEEP, CAPTIVE AND IN THE DARK --
IS TO FOREVER CONFUSE THE ENDING OF THINGS
WITH THE BEGINNING OF THINGS.

TO BE AWAKE

TO BE AWAKE IS TO BE - A *CLOUDLESS SKY*.

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