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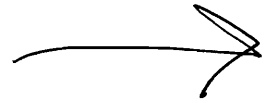
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IN confirmation & expansion
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THERE ARE TWO MENTAL POSSIBILITIES FOR MAN:
YOU ARE EITHER: THINKING -- OR YOU ARE CONSCIOUS,
AND THEY ARE TWO ENTIRELY DIFFERENT STATES:

IF YOU'RE THINKING -- YOU'RE NOT CONSCIOUS,
AND IF YOU'RE CONSCIOUS -- YOU'RE NOT THINKING.

..(AND THAT'S A WRAP!)

MAN LIVES IN TWO REALMS: IN "LIFE"-- AND IN "CONDITIONS";
LIFE IS "JUST THERE"! -- THE SILENT, PHYSICAL WORLD;
CONDITIONS ARE ALL OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES CONJURED UP BY MAN'S THINKING.
LIFE IS TO THE BODY AS CONDITIONS ARE TO THE MIND.
...(AND THERE'S ANOTHER WRAP!)

A MAN IS EITHER CONSCIOUS, OR HE IS THINKING -- ONE OF THE TWO;
TO CHECK IF YOU'RE CONSCIOUS, ASK YOURSELF: "AM I CONSCIOUS?",
AND IF YOU ANSWER, "YES," -- THEN YOU ARE;
TO CHECK IF YOU'RE NOT CONSCIOUS, SEE IF YOU'RE THINKING,
IF YOU ARE -- THEN YOU'RE NOT.

RULE: IT IS GOOD FOR A MAN TO KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN
THINKING AND CONSCIOUSNESS.

RULE II: IT IS EVEN BETTER FOR A MAN TO BE CONSTANTLY AWARE OF WHETHER HE IS
THINKING OR IS CONSCIOUS.

LIFE MAKES MEN --

MEN MAKE CONDITIONS --

CONDITIONS MAKE MEN CONFUSED.

LIFE SIMPLY MAKES MEN,

AND IT IS THEN MEN WHO MAKE UP THE CONDITIONS THAT CONFUSE THEM.

SOME DISTINCTIONS BETWEEN THINKING & CONSCIOUSNESS

- THINKING CEASELESSLY TALKS & ATTACHES ITSELF TO THINGS; CONSCIOUSNESS NEVER DOES.
- THINKING NEVER REVEALS THE NATURE OF LIFE; CONSCIOUSNESS WILL, (AND AS A MATTER OF FACT -- HAS KNOWN ALL ALONG);
- THINKING IS NOT THE INDIVIDUAL "SELF" MEN DREAM OF; CONSCIOUSNESS IS -- AND;
- THINKING CAN NEVER SATISFYING THE INNER MAN -- ONLY CONSCIOUSNESS CAN.

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ALL MEN LIVE IN THE SAME "LIFE",
BUT BELIEVE THEY ALL LIVE IN DIFFERENT "CONDITIONS" --
THIS BELIEF IS THE SOURCE OF ALL UNIQUELY "HUMAN PROBLEMS".

THINKING IS CONSCIOUSNESS DRAGGED TO ITS LOWEST POSSIBLE LEVEL..... FOR A FEW, THAT IS--
-- FOR MOST, THINKING WILL BE THE HIGHEST FORM OF THEIR MENTAL AWARENESS.

THERE WAS A RACE OF CREATURES WHO FOUND A THING THAT GAVE THEM EXCEPTIONAL POWERS --
IT LATER PRODUCED IN THEM, A DREAM OF AN ADDITIONAL ABILITY,
WHOSE REALIZATION HOWEVER,
THE PRESENCE OF THE ORIGINAL POWERS PREVENTED.

THE MIND GIVETH AND THE MIND TAKETH AWAY,
WITHOUT THE MIND EVER RECOGNIZING-ETH
EXACTLY WHAT THE MIND BE UP-ETH TO.

A MAN SAID TO A MYSTIC:

"YOU CERTAINLY HAVE A KNACK FOR COMING UP WITH METAPHORS.", AND HE REPLIED:

"I DESERVE NO CREDIT,

IT WAS THE HUMAN MIND THAT ORIGINALLY CONCEIVED OF THE CONCEPT
WHEN IT FIRST TURNED 'BEING ALIVE' INTO - 'LIVING AMIDST "CONDITIONS"'."

A BOY ASKED HIS FATHER:

"DOES THOUGHT DISTORT EVERYTHING?",

"YES.", HE ELDER NODDED,

"DOES THOUGHT CAMOUFLAGE EVERYTHING?", HE ASKED,

AND AGAIN THE OLD MAN NODDED HIS AYE, THEN THE LAD ASKED:

"DOES THOUGHT SEPERATE MAN FROM EVERYTHING?",

"YES.", HIS FATHER INDICATED, AND THE BOY FINALLY ASKED:

"DOES THOUGHT RUIN EVERYTHING?", AND HIS PROGENITOR REPLIED:

"ONLY IF BEING HUMAN RUINS BEING ALIVE!

....AND IF, WITH ANY INDIVIDUAL, THAT PROVES TO BE TRUE,

THE SOLUTION FOR HIM IS TO -- FIND ENLIGHTENMENT."

THE LAD MAY LEARN YET THAT FOR ANY QUESTION THOUGHTS MAY PROFFER,

AN ANSWER -- THOUGHTS WILL OFFER.

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ADDITIONAL NOTE: LIFE IS JUST LIFE -- "CONDITIONS" ARE MAN'S METAPHOR FOR LIFE
... (AND A DAMN PISS POOR ONE AT THAT,
[ONCE YOU SEE THROUGH IT].)

THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A VALID "THINKING VIEW",
ONLY CONSCIOUSNESS PROVIDES A FAITHFUL REPRESENTATION OF WHAT IS TO BE SEEN.

A GIRL ASKED HER MOTHER:

"WHAT DO YOU CALL RUDE NOISES THAT COME FROM YOUR BODY?", AND SHE REPLIED:

"IT'S ACCORDING TO WHICH END OF YOUR BODY THEY COME FROM."

"THE-INSTALLATION-OF-CIVILIZATION,

AND ITS ATTENDANT PROPER APPROACH TO:

'RELATIVE-ASSIGNMENT-OF-BLAME'."

THINKING MEN, (WITH THEIR INDIVIDUAL SENSE-OF-"I"),
LIVE IN TWO REALMS: IN LIFE, AND IN CONDITIONS:

THERE ARE CONDITIONS BECAUSE MAN HAS AN "I",
AND MAN HAS AN "I" BECAUSE THERE ARE CONDITIONS;

THERE ARE CONDITIONS BECAUSE MAN THINKS,
AND MAN THINKS BECAUSE THERE ARE CONDITIONS.

PEOPLE IN THE WOODS ARE NOT CONFUSED --

-- IT IS ONLY AFTER THEY RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS THAT THEY BECOME SO.

TO THINK IS TO BE DEFINITELY HUMAN --
- TO THINK IS TO BE TRAPPED IN A ROOM OF MIRRORS.

LIFE IS JUST "THERE" -- IMPARTIAL, IMPERSONAL, AND SEEMINGLY, INACTIVE;
CONDITIONS, ON THE OTHER HAND, STRIKE MAN AS EXTREMELY, BIASED, PERSONAL,
AND ALWAYS IN UNPREDICTABLE FLUX.

LIFE IS JUST "THERE" -- HAVING NO PARTICULAR TASTE OF EITHER THIS OR THAT;
CONDITIONS HOWEVER, SEEM TO MAN TO BE ANNOYING OR PLEASANT;
DISTRACTING OR INFORMATIVE; THREATENING OR SUPPORTIVE.

LIFE PRESENTS NOTHING OTHER THAN ITSELF -- TO BE ALIVE;
CONDITIONS ARE THE SOURCE OF ALL THAT MEN CALL "PROBLEMS" --
-- BUT SEEN CLEARLY, IT IS NOT AFTER ALL, ACTUALLY CONDITIONS,
BUT RATHER MENS' THINKING --
WHICH ALONE GIVES BIRTH TO HIS PERCEPTION THAT THERE ARE THESE,
NEVER-SETTLED,
EVER-FRUSTRATING,
ALWAYS POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS -- "CONDITIONS".

TO LIFE SOLELY IN LIFE, (AND NEVER IN CONDITIONS) IS WHAT IS CALLED:
BEING ENLIGHTENED,
BEING AWAKE,
BEING FREE, AND KNOWING WHAT'S GOING ON.

THE INFLUENCE OF MAN'S THINKING
UPON THE CONDITIONS INWHICH HE LIVES
CANNOT BE OVER EMPHASIZED --
...INTHAT IT IS HIS THINKING THAT CREATES CONDITIONS.

BEYOND PHYSICAL NEEDS, ONLY ONE THING DISTURBS MAN...AND IT IS NOT CONSCIOUSNESS
...IT'S WHAT GETS INTO CONSCIOUSNESS AND REPLACES IT.

LIFE IS NOT CONDITIONAL -- ONLY THE WORLD OF CONDITIONS IS CONDITIONAL --
-- HENCE, LIVING IN THE REALM OF CONDITIONS IS TO LIFE A LIFE OF UNCERTAINTY.

CONSCIOUSNESS IS SURE & SPONTANEOUS -- THINKING, ANYTHING BUT.

...FORGET THE ADAGE: "HE WHO HESITATES IS LOST." --
HE WHO HESITATES IS THINKING!

A MYSTIC: SOMEONE WHO IS TOTALLY SELF-CENTERED,
BUT IT HAVING NOTHING TO DO WITH VANITY OR THEM PERSONALLY

...HOW WEIRD IS THAT?!

"NOT WEIRD ENOUGH", YOU SAY -- AND TO THAT I SAY:
HEY! -- YOU MY KINDA GUY!

THE "MOST IMPORTANT THING" IN EACH MAN'S LIFE IS WHATEVER HE THINKS IT IS.

...OH!, AND BY THE WAY: IF YOU FEEL THAT THE ABOVE NOTED FACT REPRESENTS
SOMETHING OF SIGNIFICANCE IN A MAN'S ACTUAL LIFE --
-- THEN YOU NEED TO "GET OUT MORE!"....(OR SOMETHING ?!?)

THOSE WHO BELIEVE THEMSELVES INSIGHTFUL BY SAY THAT
ALL RELIGIONS ARE BASICALLY THE SAME
STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND AND EMBARRASS THEMSELVES BY THEIR WORDS -- --
-- FOR HOW CAN "NOTHING" BE DIFFERENT -- ONE INSTANCE TO ANOTHER?

THINKING IS NEVER VERIFIABLE -- ONLY CONSCIOUSNESS IS --
...INASMUCH AS LIFE NEVER NEEDS "PROVING."

AS A QUITE ELDERY MAN LAY ON HIS DEATH BED,
HE SMILED AND SAID: "MY INNARDS ARE WORN-N-N OUT!",
AND SOMEONE LEANED OVER AND CONFORTINGLY RESPONDED:

"THE PHYSICAL DETERIORATION OF ONE'S ORGANS IS A NATURAL PART OF GROWING OLD."
AND THE OLD MAN WAVED AWAY THE COMMENT, SAYING:
"NO, YOU FOOL, I'M NOT REFERING TO THOSE INNARDS! --
-- WHY DO YOU THINK I SMILED WHEN I SAID IT?!"

IF CONSCIOUSNESS WAS A PIECE OF MACHINERY, THINKING WOULD BE IT, "FROZE UP".

WHEN THIS ONE MAN WOULD HEAR SOMEONE GIVING OUT ADVICE,
OR OFFERING INSTRUCTIONS, HE OFTEN LIKE TO SAY TO THEM:
"HEY!, PUT IT ON BREAD AND MAYBE I'LL CONSIDER IT."

...(HEALTH CONSIDERATIONS CAN ALWAYS PLAY A PART!,
[THOUGH GOD ONLY KNOWS WHAT I MEAN BY THAT!?!])

PERHAPS THE WORST THING A MAN WITH THE POTENTIAL TO AWAKEN CAN DO
IS TO LISTEN SERIOUSLY TO HIMSELF THINK.

.....THUS A MAN'S GREATEST FOE MAY PROVE TO BE --
-- HIS OWN WORDS!.....IF NOT, UNENLIGHTENED HEARING.

THE OFFICAL EXCUSE FOR ALL DUMB MOVES, EASILY DISCOVERED
IS FOR THE HUMAN PERPETRATOR TO SAY: "I WAS DESPERATE!"

SUCH ARE THE COMMON RESULTS OF LIVING A LIFE AMIDST -- CONDITIONS!

TWO KIDS WENT TO SEE A MAN-WHO-KNEW, AND ONE OF THEM SAID TO HIM:
"TELL US AGAIN ABOUT, 'ENLIGHTENMENT'." , AND THE SECOND ONE SAID:

"SCREW THAT!, REVEAL TO US - HOW TO DO IT!",

AND TO ACCOMIDATE THE LATTER TYKE'S INTEREST, THE ONE-WHO-KNEW - DROPPED DEAD.

IF THINKING WAS A TERMINAL ILLNESS THEN WORDS WOULD BE MINI-STROKES.

THOSE WHO BELIEVE THEMSELVE TO BE "RIGHT" -- ARE RIGHT!.....BUT NOTE:
"RIGHT", (AS A STAND-ALONE CONCEPT) IS NON-EXISTANT -- AND IN FACT,
SEEN IN ITS FULL CONTEXT: RIGHT IS MORE WRONG THAN IT IS "RIGHT".

....(BUT WHAT ELSE IS NEW FOR TWO EYED CREATURES
IN A LAND OF IMAGINARILY LIMITED DIMENSIONS?!)

THINKING IS LOCAL AND SPECIFIC --

-- CONSCIOUSNESS, UNIVERSAL AND OF NO FIXED ADDRESS.

QUESTIONER: "HOW CAN YOU TELL THAT A MAN IS ENLIGHTENED?",

CONTESTANT: "UHH...YOU DON'T SEE HIM ANY MORE?!?",

QUESTIONER: "NOT BAD, BUT THE AWARD WINNING REPLY IS:
HE DOESN'T SEE HIMSELF ANY MORE."

CONTESTANT: "...UHHHH...DO I STILL GET THE LUGGAGE?!"

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MINDS OF A FEATHER FLOCK TOGETHER, THAT IS: MINDS OF A MIND FLOCK TOGETHER.
WHICH IS TO NOTE THAT: ANIMALS THAT THINK, RUN IN BUNCHES --
....REAL NOISY AND ANNOYING -- BUNCHES!

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A MAN WHO HAS FAITH IN WORDS, ULTIMATELY HAS FAITH IN IDEAS,
AND A MAN WHO HAS FAITH IN IDEAS IS ULTIMATELY AN IDIOT.

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THOSE WHO LIVE IN THE WOODS ARE NOT CONFUSED --

-- IT IS ONLY AFTER THEY GET IN CONDITIONS THAT THEY BECOME SO.

ANYTHING YOU THINK ABOUT JUST ADDS TO THE ILLUSION THAT
THINKING ABOUT THINGS IS MEANINGFUL.

AFTER THROWING HIS PAPER DOWN, AND SHAKING HIS FIST AND HIS WATCH,
UPON JUST MISSING HIS TRAIN,
SOMEONE ON THE VESTIBULE OF THE DEPARTING CONVEYANCE SHOUTED TO HIM:
"WHEN YOU'RE DEAD YOU WON'T CARE WHAT TIME IT IS.",
AND THE ANGRY MAN SHOUTED BACK:
"YEAH -- AND NEITHER WILL I WHEN I'M CONSCIOUS!"

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THE SCHOOL SONG OF ALL ACCREDITED INSTITUTIONS OF ENLIGHTENMENT IS ENTITLED:
"SO WHAT?!" -- A DITTY WITH -- NO WORDS, NO MUSIC AND NO RHYTHM.
...(NO SWEAT!)

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ON ONE WORLD WAS A CERTAIN BEAST THAT MANY WISHED TO CAPTURE,
BUT YOU COULD NEVER DO SO IF YOU SAID -- OR EVEN THOUGHT -- THAT YOU WANTED TO.

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WAKING UP IN AN UNUSUALLY EXUBERANT MOOD, A MAN SHOUTED OUT:
"WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD!",
THEN AS HE POPPED OUT OF BED, CRIED OUT: "TALK TO ME, LIFE!" --
-- BUT IT WAS CONDITIONS WHO ANSWERED.

COMPARED TO THINKING, HOW DO YOU SPELL "CONSCIOUSNESS"?:

UNFETTERED,

UNCONDITIONAL,

INDEPENDENT,

UNTOUCHABLE,

UNATTACHED,

LIBERATED AND HAPPY AS HELL --

THAT'S HOW YOU SPELL, "CONSCIOUSNESS".

ANOTHER: "SURE FIRE TEST":

THE SOUTHSIDE "SURE FIRE TEST"

IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING SERIOUS LEFT TO SAY -- YOU STILL DON'T GET IT -- (THAT IS)
NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU KNOW,
NO MATTER HOW CHARMINGLY YOU CAN EXPRESS IT
YOU STILL DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON.

THINKING IS A DISTORTION IN THE MIRROR OF CONSCIOUSNESS

ONE MAN HAD A PACK OF WILD, NOISY DOGS THAT LIVED AROUND HIS HOUSE,
AND AFTER YEARS OF UNSUCCESSFULLY ATTEMPTING TO TAME AND QUIET THEM,
HE HIT ON THE TACTIC OF BRINGING THEM INTO THE HOUSE,
THUS TURNING CONDITIONS INTO LIFE, AND SETTLING THE WHOLE AFFAIR.

CONSCIOUSNESS, THINKING AND CONVERSATION

YOU CAN EITHER: DRINK FILTH --

SPEW FILTH -- OR

WASH YOUR MOUTH OUT... (SO TO SPEAK).

SINCE LIFE PRESENTS NO PROBLEMS,
AND THEY ALL COME FROM CONDITIONS -- AND
ALL CONDITIONS ARISE FROM THOUGHTS,
DOES NOT THE SOLUTION TO "PROBLEMS" SEEM CLEAR?!...(NOT TO MENTION, SIMPLE.)

A MAN ASKED A MYSTIC:

"AS REGARDS, THINKING BEING A PROBLEM, IS THE PROBLEM WITH:

WHAT WE THINK?, OR IS IT WITH:

HOW WE THINK?, OR IS IT WITH THE FACT: THAT WE THINK? -

- AND DON'T JUST BUNDLE 'EM ALL TOGETHER AND ANSWER: 'YES'."

SO THE MYSTIC REPLIED THUSLY:

"ALL RIGHT: THE ANSWER TO YOUR FIRST QUESTION IS, YES;

THE ANSWER TO YOUR SECOND QUESTION IS, YES,

AND THE ANSWER TO YOUR THIRD QUESTION IS, YES."

AND THE MAN THOUGHT: "DAMN!, HE GOT ME AGAIN.

..(WELL, EITHER THAT, OR THE REALITY OF THINGS DID)."

EVERYONE HAS THIS "THING", AND YOU CAN EITHER:
PLAY-WITH-IT -- OR IT WILL:
PLAY-WITH-YOU!

....(No!, NOT THAT THING, YOU SILLY!)

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Now SOME: MEDICAL NEWS

THE BEST WAY TO FIGHT A VIRUS IS TO MAKE IT SICK FIRST.

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CONTRAIRE TO COMMON CONSTIPATED CONCEPTION:

THE BEST THINGS IN LIFE ARE FREE! -- CONSCIOUSNESS!

...CONSCIOUSNESS IS ALWAYS FREE -- ONLY THINKING, COSTS.

THERE ARE TWO UNIQUE, SPECIAL, EXTRAORDINARY AREAS IN THE LIFE OF MAN:
ONE IS THE ONE THAT MEN SAY THEY KNOW ABOUT,
AND THE OTHER ONE IS TOTALLY UNKNOWN TO THEM -- THE REAL ONE!

...OKAY, I SEE THAT SOME OF YOU FIND THIS PRETTY VAGUE,
SO PICTURE IT THIS WAY:
SOME WHERE IS HIDDEN A GREAT TREASURE -- AND IT IS IN A BOX,
BUT WHAT FEW EVER REALIZE, (EVEN IF THEY SPOT IT), IS THAT
THE BOX IS THE TREASURE.

...(YOU HAVE TO BE EXTREMELY HARD TO PLEASE --
-- AND HAVE A MIND LIKE A WORM FARM --
TO EASILY UNDERSTAND THIS MATTER.)

THE ONLY WAY TO ACTUALLY APPRECIATE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THINKING & CONSCIOUSNESS
IS TO --
NOT THINK ABOUT IT.

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A CONSCIOUS MAN'S MIRROR: ONE THAT WOULD SHOW ONLY THE BODY. -- NEVER THE THINKING

CONSCIOUSNESS IS ALWAYS FREE AND IN MOTION --

-- THINKING, ALWAYS FIXED AND IMMOBILE.

THE NATURES OF THINKING AND CONSCIOUSNESS
ARE NOT TO BE UNDERSTOOD THROUGH EXPLANATIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS.

"THE EXPERIENTIAL LAB IS NOW OPEN! --
...FOR THE PERCEPTIVE -- IT IS ALWAYS OPEN."

REMINDER UPDATE

NO MATTER WHAT MEN APPEAR TO BE TALKING ABOUT — IT'S ALWAYS ABOUT THE MIND.

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THINK NOT -- WANT NOT.

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SOLUTIONS UPDATE

CONSCIOUSNESS IS THE ANSWER TO EVERYTHING.

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HEARING EXPERTS IN THE AREA OF PROPAGANDA CLAIM THAT IT ENCOURAGES THE
MAXIMUM OF AGGRESSIVE ACTION AGAINST AN ENEMY IF YOU THINK OF THEM AS HAVING
A FOREIGN SOUNDING NAME,
ONE MAN IMMEDIATELY NAMED ALL OF HIS THOUGHTS: VLADAMUSHKISH GROPTIMOTZALKOFF

THINKING CAN CERTAINLY BE FUN,
BUT FOR A FEW,
NOT DOING SO IS EVEN MORE SO.

A MAN WHO LETS HIS KNOWLEDGE SHOW -- HAS NO KNOWLEDGE.

WHAT IS A MAN'S TRUE SELF BUT HIS UNTHINKING CONSCIOUSNESS?! --
- WHAT IS ENLIGHTENMENT OTHER THAN KNOWING THIS?!

THOUGHTS: THE FACILITY WHEREBY MEN CAN MAKE UP AN ENTIRE TRAIN FROM
ONE IMAGINARY BOXCAR.

A MYSTIC: A MAN WHO CAN MAKE THE TRAIN FLY.

IN EVERY INSTANT OF YOUR LIFE YOU ARE EITHER, "CONSCIOUS", (AND THUS ENLIGHTENED),
OR ELSE YOU ARE, "THINKING", (AND SURELY BY NOW THERE'S NO NEED FOR
FURTHER COMMENT REGARDING THE INEVITABLE OUTCOME OF THIS!)

THE CONSCIOUSNESS BAR IS NOW OPEN! -- DRINKS ARE ON THE HOUSE!,
-- (JUST LIKE THEY'VE ALWAYS BEEN.)