

A GUY WHINED TO A FRIEND:
 "THERE'S ALWAYS A PARTY GOING ON UPSTAIRS.", AND HIS BUD RESPONDED WITH THE GUESS:
 "AND YOU'RE UPSET 'CAUSE YOU WEREN'T INVITED?",
 "NO", THE GUY REPLIED, "I'M MAD 'CAUSE THEY ALWAYS MANAGE TO DRAG ME UP THERE."

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RATHER THAN TRYING TO STOP THE NOISE IN YOUR HEAD,
 THE ALTERNATIVE IS TO STOP LISTENING TO IT.
 ...(SOME FIND THIS APPROACH MORE REWARDING.)

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EVERYONE IS TRYING TO AWAKEN IN THEIR OWN WAY --
 -- BUT THE ORDINARY DO NOT SPECIFICALLY SUFFER FROM IT --
 -- THAT'S LEFT TO THOSE
 SPECIFICALLY TRYING TO AWAKEN.
 ("I ASK YOU, MR. RUMPOLE, IS THERE NO END TO JUSTICE?!"

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NO ONE WARRANTS CRITICISM FOR THEIR DELUSIONSSAVE FROM THOSE EQUALLY DELUDED.

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IF YOU ARE NOT AWARE OF PLANET MX-714, (JUST RECENTLY DISCOVERED),
 THEN YOU CANNOT THINK ABOUT IT -- & FOR YOU, IT DOES NOT EXIST:
 AS FOR PLUTO, (FOR INSTANCE), A PLANET YOU KNOW IS THERE,
 WHEN ARE YOU ARE THINKING ABOUT IT, THEN FOR THAT PERIOD,
 IT, "OPERATIONALLY" -- DOES NOT EXIST.
 NOW! -- I DENF ANYONE PROFESSING TO BE IN POSSESSION OF A SAME & RATIONAL MIND
 TO FIND A WAY THAT THIS COULD BE APPLICABLE TO CLEARING OUT ONE'S MIND.
 ...(I FOR ONE AM GETTING PRET-TY SICK OF HEARING EVERYTHING IN MANS' LIFE
 MADE TO SOUND AS THOUGH IT IS RELATED TO THE SO-CALLED "STATE OF CONFUSION",
 AND THE ALLEGED "CONDITION OF CLEAR-HEADEDNESS" .
 NOTE: SUCH COMPLAINTS FROM ROUTINE SOURCES ARE SOMETIMES REFERED TO MY THE
 NAME OF: "DON'T TELL ME TO, 'GET-A-GRIP'! -- I AM ALREADY FIRMLY 'IN-THE-GRIP'
OF A GRIP -- THAT IS IN FACT, 'THE GRIP-OF-GRIPS', (AKA:
 "THE PERSONAL WORLD OF -- DREAMING".)

THE YOUNG SON OF A CERTAIN MAN, (REPUTED TO BE OF THE MYSTICAL PERSUASION), WAS ONE DAY HEARD SINGING THIS LITTLE, APPARENTLY, SELF-COMPOSED RHYME:

“WHAT DRIVES A MAN TO DRINK?,
WHAT DRIVES A MAN TO THINK?;

WHAT DRIVES A MAN?
WHAT DRIVES A MAN?,--

-- (ONLY THE EMPTY-HEADED KNOW).”

..(AND QUIET QUICKLY, HIS FATHER APPEARED TO SHUSH HIM UP & TAKE HIM IN THE HOUSE.)

NOTE: EVERYONE WALKING THE PLANET BELIEVES THEY HAVE SOME IDEA OF WHAT CAUSES THINGS TO BE AS THEY ARE....EVERYONE THAT IS, EXCEPT THOSE WHO ACTUALLY KNOW.

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YOU REMEMBER THE STORY OF THE TWO DEAD GUYS, WHEREIN ONE OF THEM COMPLAINED THAT THE DOWN SIDE OF BEING DECEASED IS THAT YOU HAVE NOTHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO?, AND THE OTHER ONE RESPONDED: “YEAH -- YOU MEAN LIKE BEING: CLUTTER-HEADED, AND LIVING THE LIFE OF A SLEEP-WALKER?!” -- YOU RECALL THE TALE...WELL... CONSIDER THIS ADDED TO IT:

SO LONG AS YOUR HEAD IS EMERSED IN THE DREAMING THE ONLY FUTURE POSSIBLE FOR YOU IS A LIFE OF UNCERTAINTY & SLEEP-WALKING. ... (HEY -- GLAD I COULD -- “CHEER YOU UP”!)

....OHhh, OKAY: FACT: A CLEAR-HEADED MAN NEEDS NEITHER “CHEERING UP”, NOR, “CALMING DOWN”....IN FACT, COME TO THINK OF IT: JUST WHAT DOES AN CLEAR-HEADED MAN NEED THAT HE HAS NOT BEEN IN POSSESSION OF, FROM BIRTH?!

TO KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT IS TO BE -- CLEAR HEADED & AWAKE.

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A CERTAIN MAN WHO FOR SOME TIME, (READ: A LIFE TIME), HAD , “BEEN UPSET”, ONE DAY UNDERTOOK UNPRECEDENTED ACTION: HE SAT DOWN AND ASK HIMSELF JUST WHAT IT WAS THAT WAS THE CUASE OF HIS DISCOMFORT & DISSATISFACTION WITH BEING ALIVE -- -- AND YOU KNOW WHAT HE FINALLY REALIZED?...WELL IF YOU DO, THEN YOUR HEAD HAS BEEN AT LEAST FOR A MOMENT, “CLEARED-OUT”, AND YOU’VE ACTUALLY SEEN WHAT THERE IS TO BE SEEN ABOUT LIFE -- NOTHING! THAT’S RIGHT, DOCTORS & PROFESSORS, BOYS & GIRLS: THE “CAUSE” OF EVERYTHING IS -- NOTHING. NOW YOU’RE ENLIGHTENED.

SPURRED INITIALLY BY OBSERVATIONS OF MATTERS EXTERNAL,
SPECIFICALLY OF THE MASS'S DEVOTION TO EVER CHANGING TASTES IN ATTIRE,
ONE MAN NOTED TO HIMSELF:

"NO MATTER HOW OUTLANDISH IT MAY APPEAR TO A NON-PARTICIPANT.
ONCE A FASHION HAS, 'TAKEN HOLD'
THOSE GIVEN OVER-TO THE HANDS-OF-FASHION CAN BE SCARCELY PULLED FROM ITS GRIP."
HE THEN WENT ON TO PONDER HOW A SIMILAR SITUATION EXISTS REGARDING
ORDINARY PEOPLE AND THEIR SLAVISH REVERENCE FOR WHAT MEANINGLESSLY
PASSES THRU THIE MIND.

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WERE WE TO BE TALKING IN MEDICAL TERMS,
I COULD POINT OUT TO YOU THE EXISTANCE OF A CERTAIN PERCEIVED "ILL" --
ALL ACCEPTED TREATMENTS OFWHICH --
ONLY ENCOURAGE IT.

MORAL: DON'T BE A "SLAVE-TO-FASHION"
EVEN IF IT DOES COME -- "CLOAKED-IN-THE-GARB-OF-ENLIGHTENMENT".

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NOW FOR SOME "TRAVEL NEWS":
THERE IS A PLACE, (THOUGHT TO BE --FAR-R-R AWAY,
BUT WHICH IN FACT IS -- OH SO NEAR --
A PLACE INWHICH ANYTHING YOU KNEW -- EVEN FOR "DAMN-SURE" -- YESTERDAY
IS THROUGHLY USELESS TODAY.

...(AND ANOTHER STRANGE THING ABOUT THE PLACE IS THAT
SO FEW OF THE INHABITS REALIZE THIS.
...WEIRD, HUH?!)

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WHATEVER HE OBSERVED GOING ON, ONE MAN HAD AN APPROACH THAT HE THOUGHT OF AS:
 "WAMP-ER" -- W.A.M.P.R. -- WHAT ARE MY POSSIBLE RESPONSES?!"

...AND IN LIGHT OF HIS PERSONAL PROTOCOL, LET ME NOTE THIS:
 THERE IS NEVER ANY NEED TO WONDER ABOUT YOUR RESPONSES TO SURVIVAL NEEDS,
 (E.G.: WHEN YOU'RE HUNGRY THE PROPER AND ONLY RATIONAL RESPONSE -- IS TO EAT):
 NO, THE AREA INVOLVED IN THIS QUESTION OF: "WHAT ARE MY POSSIBLE RESPONSES?",
 STRICTLY APPLIES TO MAN'S MENTAL REALM,
 WHEREIN THE FIRST APPLICATION OF HIS APPROACH COULD BE SEEN AS CONCERNS YOUR
 RESPONSE TO OTHER MEN'S WORDS AND IDEAS,
 BUT OF ULTIMATE IMPORTANCE TO THE FEW WOULD BE IN REGARDS TO WHAT SEEMS-TO-BE
 "YOUR" (THE WORD, "YOUR" BEING IN QUOTATION MARKS),
 YOUR RESPONSE TO THE WORDS, PICTURES & IDEAS IN YOUR OWN HEAD.

BUT HAVING SAID THAT -- NOW TAKE EVEN MORE SERIOUS NOTICE OF THIS FACT:
 WHAT I JUST SAID ABOVE, IS NOT SO:

YOU DO NOT "RESPOND" TO YOUR THOUGHTS -- YOU ARE THEM! --
 YOUR "RESPONSE" IS THE SENSATION OF YOU HAVING A "YOU".

NEAT, HUH?!

NEAT, CLEAN. & TIDY,

AND JUST WAITING -- FOREVER WAITING --

TO BE EASILY DISCOVERED BY "HE-OF-THE-CLEAR-HEAD".

...(SUPER NEAT, HUH?!)

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WHEN PEOPLE ARE ASKED SUCH QUESTIONS AS:

"HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU WANTED TO BE A PAINTER, (MUSICIAN, WRITER, ETC)?", OR:

"WHAT CAUSED YOU TO GO INTO POLITICS, (THE MINISTRY, ETC)?", AND

EVERYONE ASKED, WILL GIVE A REPLY -- EVEN THOUGH IT BE TOTALLY BOGUS & MEANINGLESS
 AND INVENTED ON THE SPOT,

NONETHELESS, ORDINARY MEN WILL LET THEIR ORDINARY MINDS ACCEPT SUCH
 WITHOUT QUESTION.

...(AND AT THIS LATE DATE, YOU'RE NOT GONNA REQUIRE THAT I POINT OUT FOR YOU
 THE OBVIOUS APPLICATION OF THIS SITUATION TO "YOUR" RELATIONSHIP-TO

THE NEVER-ENDING VACUOUS EXPLANATIONS RUNNING THRU YOUR HEAD
 REGARDING THE "CAUSES" OF HOW YOU'VE LIVED YOUR SLEEP-WALKING LIFE THUS FAR?!)

A SPEAKER TOLD A CROWD:
 "ANYONE WITH, 'AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE'
 SHOULD BE AVOIDED LIKE, "THE PLAGUE ON STEROIDS'." , AND SOMEONE YELLED OUT:
 "MIGHT THAT INCLUDE THE MESSAGES I RECEIVE FROM MY OWN MIND?!",
 AND THE SPEAKER REPLIED:
 "WHAT THE HELL YOU THINK I'M TALKING ABOUT, YOU SQUINT-EYED-NINNY?!",
 ... (AND AS THE THUSLY REPREMENDED CHAP WALKED AWAY, HE WAS HEARD TO SAY:
 "WELL THAT WAS UN-CALLED FOR: I WAS BORN WITH A 'VISION DEFECT'." ,
 TOWHICH THE SPEAKER YELLED BACK: "WE ALL WERE, YOU BLADDER-BAG-BRAIN --
 THE ONLY MATTER LEFT OPEN TO QUESTION IS WHEATHER OR NOT YOU TAKE CONTINUAL
NOTICE OF SAID CONDITION, AND THUS, PERPETUATE IT,
 MAKING ALREADY, "CLOUDY-VISION" EVEN MORE DISTORTED & VEILED.
 TIP, (READ: "STRONG SUGGESTION"): BE SAFE -- DON'T LISTEN TO ANYTHING THAT --
 "HAS-A-VOICE".

ONE MAN, (IN CERTAIN MATTERS), WAS ACCUSED OF ALWAYS SPEAKING IN, "EUPHEMISMS",
 TOWHICH HE RESPONDED:
 "HELL, WHAT D'YA MEAN, 'CERTAIN MATTERS',
 I SO SPEAK IN ALL MATTERS -- AS DO EVERYONE ELSE --
 DIFFERENCE IS -- I KNOW IT."
 .. (NOW THERE IS A MAN WITH AN ILLEGAL UNDERSTANDING OF HOW THE WORLD OF
 DREAMING OPERATES, MORE SPECIFICALLY: THE SIGNIFICANCE OF ITS EXPRESSION OF ITSELF
 VIA WORDS.... OR OF COURSE, THE POSSIBLE LACK THEREOF --
 ... AND A VOICE SIMPLY "DRIPPING-OF" SARCASM , CRIED OUT IN DISBELIEF:
 "HOW CAN YOU EVEN BRING YOURSELF TO SAY: 'POSSIBLE LACK THEREOF'?!",
 WELL, HELL SIR, DON'T I TOO HAVE THE RIGHT TO SEPAK EUPHEMISTICALLY?!
 ... [JEEZE!, BUT "NORMAL-HEADED-PEOPLE" CAN BE TOUCHY!])

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THE FOLLOWING IS AN ARCHTYPICAL PROGRESSION OF AN ARCHTYPICAL PERSON WHO DISCOVERS
 SOME "SYSTEM" PROFFERED AS PROMOTING THE ABILITY TO, "AWAKEN", (SUCH AS,
 LET US SAY FOR INSTANCE, THE METHOD OF TRYING TO BE ETERNALLY, "MINDFUL"),
 SO HERE'S HOW IT'D LOOK AFTER HE'D UNDERTAKEN TO FOLLOW THE APPROACH: FIRST, HE'D
 FIND HIMSELF SAYING, "DAMN!" A LOT AS HE REALIZED HOW LITTLE HE WAS BEING MINDFUL:
 THEN HE'D SPECIFICALLY UNDERTAKE TO BE MORE "MINDFUL": THEN NEXT WOULD BE A RETURN
 TO A WHOLE LOT OF SAYING, "DAMN!" AGAIN AS HE'D BE FORCED TO RECOGNIZE WHAT LITTLE
 SUCCESS HE WAS HAVING: AFTER THAT HE'D BEGIN TO TRY AND "ANALYZE" THE THINGS THAT
 PASSED THROUGH HEAD AND APPARENTLY KEPT HIM FROM BEING "MINDFUL" -- THEN,
 BACK TO, "DAMN!", AGAIN, ONCE HE REALIZED THE FUTILITY & MEANINGLESSNESS OF
 SUCH AN ENDEAVOR. —————> (CONT) —————>

