

WHEN YOU ARE IN THAT MARVELOUS STATE OF "CLEAR-HEADEDNESS"
YOU CANNOT SAY WHAT YOU CONDITION ACTUALLY IS --
-- ONLY THE CONDITION ITSELF, "KNOWS".

IF AN ORDINARY MAN WERE TO SUDDENLY "AWAKEN" AND COULD SPEAK PLAINLY OF THE MATTER:
WHAT COULD HE SAY OTHER THAN SOMETHING LIKE THIS:
"WELL -- THIS IS CERTAINLY NOT HOW I ALWAYS THOUGHT THINGS TO BE.",
(WHICH, FROM A ROUTINE, COLLECTIVE VIEW, WOULD COVER THE SUBJECT NICELY, WHAT?!)

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'TIS BEEN SAID THAT: "ASKING, IS HALF OF, KNOWING." , BUT DIG THIS ADDITION:
"BELIEVING THAT THERE ARE ANSWERS, IS FOUR-FIFTHS OF IGNORANCE."

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ONE GUY'S PRESENT DICTUM:
"NEVER QUOTE ANYBODY....NOT EVEN YOURSELF....ESPECIALLY, NOT YOURSELF."

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ONE MAN SO PONDERED: "WOULD IT BE BETTER TO NOT KNOW ABOUT A CERTAIN 'GOAL',
AND THUS, NEVER SUCCEED THEREIN -- OR:
TO KNOW ABOUT IT, AND THEN NOT SUCCEED AT IT?
VERBALLY, THERE SOUNDS TO BE A DIFFERENCE -- BUT WHAT IS IT !?!.
...AFTER ALL: 'FAILURE-IS-FAILURE.', IS IT NOT ?!"

AND THEN THIS OTHER CHAP DECLARES HE NOW HAS BUT ONE "DESCRIBABLE"
AIM IN LIFE, (WHICH IS): "TO LIVE IN A, 'NO DRIFT ZONE'.",
SHOULDN'T WE REMIND HIM THAT THE SURE FOR "DRIFTING" IS ALWAYS, "CONCENTRATION"?!
THAT SPECIAL, "NON-SPECIFIC CONCENTRATION"?!,
BUT THE MAN OBJECTS THAT HE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT THAT KIND OF CONCENTRATION IS,
BUT THAT PERFECTLY ALL RIGHT SIR -- NEITHER DOES ANYONE ELSE --
-- JUST: "DO IT"!,
AND WORRY ABOUT EXPLAINING IT LATER.

FACT: MORE PEOPLE WOULD UNDERSTAND WHAT AWAKENING IS IF THEY DIDN'T BELIEVE THAT
THEY ALREADY UNDERSTAND WHAT IT IS.

LET ME TRY AGAIN TO POINT OUT FOR YOU A CERTAIN MENTAL "BUSINESS PRACTICE", NORMALLY IGNORED, BUT WHICH YOU SHOULD LOOK INTO:

"IF YOU CAN'T -- BUY-&-SELL -- AT A PROFIT, DON'T BUY TO BEGIN WITH."

THE FIRST BULLET YOU TAKE IS NOT ONLY "THE WORST", BUT IT ALSO SETS THE PRECEDENT FOR YOUR CONTINUING TO BE, "FIRED UPON",

FACT: YOU CAN DODGE ANYTHING THROWN AT YOU, SAVE FOR THE ILLUSION THAT YOUR DREAMING IS "YOU".

DREAMING IS A SINGULAR, "SHOOTER'S PEHNM" IN THAT IT BRINGS WITH IT: ITS OWN BOWS, ARROWS, AND TARGETS.

...AND A BOOMING VACUOUS VOICE WAS HEARD, RINGING THROUGHOUT THE INNER UNIVERSE: "THERE IS NO ESCAPING THE WRATH OF THE 'MIGHTY-KHAN-OF-DREAMING'-- I AM EVERY WHERE -- AND ANY WHERE THAT MAN CAN IMAGINE HIMSELF TO BE."

('TIS GOOD TO BE ABLE TO DISTINGUSIH "REAL VOICES" FROM THOSE OF VENTRILOQUISTS' DUMMIES --

-- AND A MAN COMPLAINS: "I RESENT HAVING MY THOUGHTS SO REFERED TO." GOOD SIR, REAL GOOD.

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THE SIGN OF A TRUE MYSTIC WOULD BE THAT IF HIS LIFE-LONG STRUGGLE FOR ENLIGHTENMENT ENDED UP WITH HIM DYING, EVEN MORE DELUDED THAN WHEN HE BEGAN, HE'D STILL HAVE NO REGRETS AS TO HOW HE'D LIVED: LIFE.

SUPRISING? - PERHAPS,.....DISTURBING? -- MAYBE.....RIDICULOUS? -- POSSIBLY.... UNDERSTANDABLE? -- CERTAINLY SO, BY THE ENLIGHTENED.

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AT A CERTAIN MYSTICAL MONESTARY IT IS RUMORED THAT ITS HEAD GAVE WEEKLY LECTURES ENTITLED: "THE GREAT PITFALL", BUT NEVER SAID SPECIFICALLY WHAT IT WAS. ...THOSE WITH THE CAPACITY TO BENEFIT AT ALL FROM "WORDS" UNDERSTOOD WHAT HE MEANT ANYWAY.

NOTE: IF THERE IS --, ONE GREAT "PITFALL", THEN THERE IS ALSO; "ONE GREAT REDEMPTION....BUT: NOTE-NOTE: "THERE IS NO ONE GREAT ANYTHING! -- -- THERE'S ONLY; "EVERYTHING", WHICH INDLUDES: THE GREAT, THE SMALL, THE SMELLY, THE FRAGRANT, THE RIPE, THE ROTTEN, AND SO ON.

AS HE BEGAN TO REALIZE WHAT ENLIGHTENEMTN ACTUALLY IS, ONE MAN SAID TO HIMSELF: "I DON'T JUST, 'FEEL GREAT' -- I FEEL BEYOND ALL DESCRIPTIONS -- I SIMPLY, 'FEEL ALIVE'! -- WITH OUT FURTHER COMMENT."

A CERTAIN FELLOW PRESENTED HIMSELF WITH THIS POSER:

"WOULD THERE BE ANY REAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BEING, 'COMPLETELY AWAKE', AND 'TOTALLY ASLEEP'?.....

...AND IF THERE IS, THEN HOW, (IF YOU WERE IN EITHER STATE), COULD YOU TELL? ...YOU COULDN'T", HE, TO HIMSELF CONCLUDED.

WELL, WHAT DO YOU THINK?...DO YOU CONCUR, YOU MANGEY CUR?..("ARF. ARF")

BUT HOLD ON THERE, JUST ONE DOGGY MINUTE:

IF THERE IS NO REAL DIFFERENCE IN BEING COMPLETELY AWAKE & TOTALLY ASLEEP, THEN WHAT'S THE SENSE IN TRYING TO AWAKEN?!WELL SIR, FACE UP TO THIS FACT: NO ONE HAS EVER FORCED YOU TO BELIEVE THAT THERE IS ANY SENSE TO IT: WHATEVER YOU "THINK" ABOUT AWAKENING, YOU'VE GOTTEN FROM YOUR OWN DREAMING... ..SO -- THERE!,

(AND UPON HEARING ALL OF THIS, ONE MAN WONDERED:

"REGARDING THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THERE IS ANY REAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN: 'COMPLETE AWAKENING' AND, 'TOTAL SLEEP', IS THE KEY WORD: 'REAL' DIFFERENCE?!"

AND A BOY TUGGED ON HIS DAD, SAYING: "GIVE ME ANOTHER DEFINITION OF: BEING ENLIGHTENED.", AND THE TUGGED-UPON-ONE REPLIED: "OKAY:

AN ENLIGHTENED MAN IS A MAN WHO IS ENGAGED IN: 'NO MEANINGLESS BUSINESS'. -- (THAT IS TO SAY), THAT FROM A ROUTINE PERSPECTIVE

HE WOULD BE, MENTALLY, "UN-EMPLOYED --- OUT OF WORK.",

AND THE NIPPER SQALED WITH GLEE AT THIS RESPONSE, AND CRIED OUT:

"OH DAD, OH PAP PA: WHEN I GROWN UP CAN I NOT BE, 'ENTANGLED-IN-ANYTHING'?",

AND HIS FATHER REPLIED: "YES -- IF YOU 'GROW-UP' IN THAT SPECIAL, CERTAIN WAY WE'VE OFTEN TALKED ABOUT.", AND THE LAD SCRATCHED HIS HEAD, THEN SAID:

"UHHHHHH...I'VE FORGOTTEN ALL THAT WE'VE EVER TALKED ABOUT." -- "GREAT!", SAID THE OLD MAN, "YOU'RE ON THE RIGHT TRACK."

RULE: THOSE DESIROUS OF BECOMING CLEAR-HEADED SHOULD NOT HAVE ANY MORE TO "DO" THAN DOES THE UNIVERSE ITSELF.....AND JUST LOOK WHAT THAT AMOUNTS TO.

RULE # 2: DON'T ASK ME WHAT IT DOES "AMOUNT TO"

...WIPE THE CHATTER FROM YOUR EYES AND SEE FOR YOURSELF.

AND A BOY INQUIRED OF HIS PATER: "HOW CAN YOU, 'SEE' ANYTHING OTHER THAN, 'FOR-YOURSELF'?" AND THE OLD MAN RUEFULLY SHOOK HIS HEAD AND SAID:" AH YES, BUT, JUST LOOK AT HOW OTHERWISE MEN NORMALLY APPROACH THIS QUESTION."

RULE #3: ONE THING THAT ALWAYS IDENTIFIES "ORDINARY MEN" IS THEIR MENTAL DEPENDANCE ON THE IDEAS OF OTHERS:

NO ENLIGHTENMENT, OR FREEDOM IS, (ALONG SUCH LINES), TO EVER BE FOUND.

FOR THOSE, "BEGINING-TO-UNDERSTAND":

THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF "CONCENTRATION": ORDINARY, AND REDEMPTIVE.

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ONCE THE PICTURE OF THERE BEING: "TREATMENTS FOR A CERTAIN ILLNESS WHICH TREATMENTS,CONTRIBUTE TO THE ILLNESS" MAKES PERFECTLY GOOD SENSE TO YOU, THEN -- YOU'RE BEGING TO, "GET IT"

RULE #4: WHILE IT CAN BE PROFITABLE TO, "NOT TRUST ANYONE",,
IT'S EVEN BETTER TO, "NOT, 'NOT TRUST ANYONE'." -- OR BETTER STILL IS TO:
"NOT TRUST ANYTHING YOUR HEAD HAS TO SAY ABOUT, 'TRUSTING OR,NOT TRUSTING'!"
-- SEE -- IF YOU CAN SWALLOW THIS WITHOUT REFLEXIVE REGURGITATION
THEN YOU ARE BEGINING TO, "GET IT" -- TO REALIZE WHAT BEING CLEAR-HEADED
IS TRULY, ALL ABOUT.

AND ONE GUY HAS THIS PERSONAL PRINCIPLE:

"PUT NO TRUST IN ANY WORDS -- ESPECIALLY THE ONES YOU'RE PRESENTLY SPEAKING."

...AND ANOTHER FELLOW MUSED TO HIMSELF:

"IF I WOULD BUT LISTEN TO MY STOMACH AS MUCH AS I DO MY HEAD,
I WOULD, SURELY-BY-NOW,
BE THE BETTER PART OF, 'ENLIGHTENED'."

...(WELL...WHAT D'YA THINK?!...IS HE ON TO SOMETHING OR NOT?!.....)

TO PRACTICE THE PERFECTED, NON-SPECIFIC FORM OF, "CONCENTRATION"
IS TO BE FINALLY FREED FROM THE DISTORING INFLUENCE OF ANYONE'S WORDS,
AND IDEAS OF WHAT LIFE IS "REALLY ALL ABOUT".

FINAL FACT: THERE IS NOTHING WHATSOEVER TO BE SAID ABOUT, "BEING ALIVE" --
AND TO BE AWAKE & ENLIGHTENED IS SIMPLY TO KNOW THIS FOR YOURSELF,
DEEP INTO THE VERY MARROW OF YOUR
YOUR VERY BEING.

A.MAN, "AWAKE-UNTO-HIMSELF"

NO LONGER HEARS FROM HIMSELFNOT FROM HIS ERSTWHILE, IMAGINARY, "HEAD-SELF"!

WELCOME TO THE REAL GAME SIR, AND AS ALWAYS, THE KEY INGREDIENT BEING THE
NOTION OF THE, "REAL"SO, REALLY: "WELCOME TO THE ACTUAL GAME ITSELF.
...WELCOME."