

WHAT BECOMING, "CLEAR-HEADED" ACCOMPLISHES IS THAT IT EMPTIES YOU THUS ALLOWS  
OBJECTIVE REALITY TO FILL YOU,  
AND IT BECOMES THE ONLY LEAD YOU FOLLOW -- THE ONLY VOICE YOU HEED.

A MAN "FULL-OF-HIMSELF" IS IN TRUTH -- SIMPLY, FULL-OF-DREAMS,  
AND A MAN, "FULL-OF-DREAMS" IS BY OBVIOUS DEFINITION, A MAN -- "A" WHAT?.....  
-- A - SLEEP!

THERE WAS ONCE A MIGHTY, ALLEOGRICAL "KHAN" WHO SWEEPED DOWN FROM THE MOUNTAINS,  
ACROSS THE UNSUSPECTING PLAINS,  
CLEARING OUT ALL THAT STOOD BEFORE HIM:  
RUNNING THE PEOPLE FROM THEIR HOMES:  
RAVAGING THEIR POSSESSIONS: :  
OVER-TURNING ALL OF THEIR RELIGIONS & PHILOSOPHIES,  
ALL-IN-ALL: TOTALLY DESTROYING THE THE LIVES THEY HAD PREVIOUSLY LEAD,  
AND FOR THE MOMENT: STRIPPING THEM OF ALL DREAMS OF A FUTURE.

A FEW-AMONG -THE-FEW  
EXCITEDLY HOPE FOR THE KHAN'S RETURN,  
AND THAT HE WILL DO TO THEM  
WHAT HE HAS DONE IN THE PAST  
TO A FEW OTHERS.

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ONE MAN MUSED: "I WONDER IF IT'S EASIER TO 'CONCENTRATE' IF YOU'RE MENTALLY DULL,  
RATHER THAN WITTY?!.....  
...AND AFTER A MOMENTARY PAUSE, ADDED THE SOUND: "DUHH-UH!",  
(BUT I COULDN'T BE SURE IF THE, "DUHH-UH!" WAS SINCERE, OR SHAM.)

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AND ANOTHER CHAP BEGAN TO EXPERIENCE A CONSTANT,  
(ALTHOUGH NOT TERRIBLY, UNCOMFORTABLE), ACHE IN A CERTAIN AREA OF HIS HEAD:  
AND BEING APPARENTLY, A NON-STANDARD SORT OF GUY,  
HE SAYS HE'S BEEN HAVING FLASHES OF WONDERING WHETHER THIS CONDITION IS IN ANY WAY  
RELATED TO A GROWING SUCCESS IN HIS ATTEMPTS TO "AWAKEN"?!

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ONCE YOU CAN, (WITH SOME CONSISTANCY) -- "THINK ALLEGORICALLY", IT IS HARD TO  
GO BACK TO THE ORDINARY VARIETY...WELL, PERHAPS, HARD TO GO BACK" IS NOT THE BEST  
DESCRIPTION,,,LET ME SEE...WHAT WOULD BE A BETTER WAY OF PUTTING IT.....HUM" →

.....WELL, HOW 'ABOUT THIS: "NOT HARD AT ALL TO GO BACK...IN FACT:  
ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE NOT TO ....YEAH, THAT IS AN IMPROVEMENT.

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IF YOU STILL DO NOT SEE THAT, "LIFE RUNS ITSELF",  
YOU ARE SUBJECT FOREVER  
TO ALL SORTS OF MISCHIEF.  
...(ALL OF WHICH ARE MEANINGLESS.)

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ONE MAN OFFERS US WHAT HE CALLS HIS:  
"BREIF, YET COMPREHENSIVE DESCRIPTION OF:  
EXACTLY WHAT THE SO-CALLED STATES OF SLEEP & DELUSION ARE ABOUT",  
ACCORDING TO HIM THIS STATE FROM WHICH THE FEW WISH TO FLEE  
AMOUNTS TO NO MORE, AND NO LESS THAN THIS:

"BELIEVING THAT THE VOICE  
SAYING THESE WORDS  
IS REALLY AND TRULY -- 'ME'."

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UNTIL YOU ACHIVE A CERTAIN, STABLIZED STATE OF, "CLEAR-HEADEDNESS",  
EVEN THE CLEVERIEST OF MYSTICS REMIAN IN THE SNARE OF ACCEPTING THAT:  
"THINKING ABOUT AWAKENING -- IN ANY WAY HAS ANYTHING WHATSOEVER TO DO WITH --  
-- AWAKENING"

...WITHOUT YOUR OWN "CLEAR-HEADEDNESS",  
THIS SIMPLE, OBVIOUS FACT CANNOT BE MADE CLEAR TO YOU  
NO MATTER HOW MUCH IT IS TALKED ABOUT.

GHOSTS DO NOT SEE THEMSELVES AS, "GHOSTS",  
AND NEITHER CAN THE DREAMS-OF-THOUGHTS TURN THEIR EYES OBJECTIVELY ON THEMSELVES:  
.....FOR THEY HAVE NO "EYES" (I's).  
NO - YOU MUST PULL YOUR CONCENTRATED ATTENTION OUT OF THIS MIRAGE --  
-- STAND ASIDE IT, AND THEN: SEE IT OBJECTIVELY AS IT IS.

PAST A CERTAIN POINT IN YOUR ADVENTURE,  
"THINKING ABOUT AWAKENING" IS COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE:

IT BECOMES AS, MUD  
ATTEMPTING TO HELP YOU GET YOUR CAR OUT OF THE RUT INWHICH  
YOUR TIRES FUTILEY SPIN.

HEY, IF "DREAMING" WASN'T SUCH A PLEASANTLY ADDICTIVE PAST TIME  
DO YOU IMAGINE THAT ALL OF THE WORLD'S POWERFUL-LEADERS, & DEEP-THINKERS  
WOULD BE SO THEREIN, EMERSED?!

TRYING TO "GET AWAY FROM DREAMING" IS LIKE TRYING TO, "JUMP OUT OF SPACE".

AND A BOY ASKED HIS FATHER:

"WELL -- IF YOU CAN'T ACTUALLY, 'GET-AWAY-FROM' DREAMING,  
THEN WHAT CAN YOU DO?!"

TOWHICH THE ELDER RESPONDED:

"FOR ONE THING: -- QUIT DREAMING ABOUT THERE BEING SOME 'PROBLEM' REGARDING  
WHETHER YOU CAN, 'GET-AWAY-FROM-DREAMING' OR NOT."

...("GREAT ZEUS!", BUT WAS THE LAD PERIODICALLY, TOTALLY OVERCOME BY  
THE OLD MAN'S INSIGHT & INTELLIGENCE.

QUEERY: DO YOU EVER EXPERIENCE SIMILAR SENSATIONS CONCERNING IDEAS THAT  
PASS THRU YOUR OWN, "FATHERLY-NOGGIN"?!....IF SO -- WATCH IT !!,  
-- YOU'RE "DREAMING" AGAIN.)

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ONE MAN RANDOMLY, PICKED-UP-A-BOOK, AND STARTED READING,  
ONLY TO QUICKLY EXCLAIM: "I'VE READ THIS BEFORE."

EVENTUALLY, NO MATTER WHAT TOME HE RETIEVED -- THE SITUATION WAS THE SAME.

...(AND A GUY LOUNGING ABOUT OVER IN,

"THE SHADY REST, ALLEGORICAL TRAILER PARK COMMUNITY" MUTTERED  
TOOK TIME OUT OF HIS BUSY LOUNGING TO MUTTER:

"EVEN I GOT THAT ONE.....I THINK ?!?!"

"BUDDHA BY BUDWEISER,  
JESUS BY GIN,  
DREAMS OF ENLIGHTENMENT,  
COME RIGHT ON IN."

..."OH NO!", ANNOUNCED THE MIGHTY KHAN'S WIFE:  
"NOT INTO THIS MOBILE HOME WILL YOU YOU SO,  
'CAUSUALLY-ENTER'."

BY THE DOOR OF WHEREVER HE MAY MOMENTARILY ABIDE,  
THE ALERT MAN STATIONS THE WATCH DOG OF: "NON-SPECIFIC CONCENTRATION"

...(AND BY THE OLE BY: VERY FEW PEOPLE ARE PRIVY TO THE FACT THAT  
THE CLOSEST THING TO A "THOUGHT" THAT EVER PASSES THRU THE GUARDIAN CANNINE'S BRAIN  
IS WITHIN THE WORDS: "I'VE READ THIS BEFORE.".....SEE!...I MEAN,  
WHAT ELSE IS THE AMAZING, UNIVERSAL CONCENTRATION OF THE AWAKENED  
OTHER THAN THE PLAIN & SIMPLE REALIZATION THAT  
WHAT EVER SEEMS TO HAPPEN IN THE MIND  
HAS ALREADY HAPPENED MANY TIMES BEFORE -- AND TO NO END --  
AND WITHOUT YOUR ACTIVE ATTENTION TO THE MATTER, WILL CONTINUE TO  
MEANGINGLESSLY RE-OCCUR, ALL TO THE DISADVANTAGE OF YOUR POTENTIAL STATE OF:  
"CLEAR-HEADEDNESS"

AFTER SOME  
 HEAVY EXPOSURE-TO  
 SOME SERIOUS PERVEYORS-OF:  
 "CARPS, WHINES & COMPLAINTS",  
 A MAN MUSED TO HIMSELF:  
 "IF,(AS SEEMS THE CASE WITH SOME),  
 SIMPLY -- 'BEING ALIVE'  
 MAKES YOU -- 'WISH YOU WERE DEAD',  
 THEN WHAT MIGHT BE THE PARALELL, BENEFICIAL VIEW IF YOU WERE DEAD,  
 LOOKING AT THE POSSIBILITY OF -- BEING ALIVE?"  
 ... (CAN YOU MAKE ANY USEFUL SENSE OF WHAT HE SAID?!)

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TRY AND TAKE A VIEW FROM THIS PERSPECTIVE:  
 OUTSIDE OF THE DREAMS IN HIS MIND, (NORMALLY CALLED, "CONSCIOUSNESS"),  
 THE REST OF MAN IS IN A CONTINUAL, NATURAL STATE OF, "CLEAR-HEADEDNESS"  
 SO -- DIG IT:  
 THE VERY GOAL YOU SEEK IN YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS  
 IS ALREADY PRESENT & IN PLACE -- EVERY WHERE BUT IN YOUR ---- "CONSCIOUSNESS".  
 ... (IS THAT TOO WEIRD FOR WORDS, OR WHAT?!.....[GOD, I HOPE SO].)

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AND NOW FOR TONIGHT'S: "JOKE OF THE MOMENT":  
 ONE GUY RECENTLY SAID, (WAIT'LL YOU GET A LOAD OF THIS!),  
 ONE GUY RECENTLY SAID:  
 "YOU KNOW WHAT: I COULD BE 'CLEAR-HEADED' AND AWAKE  
 IF ONLY I DIN'T HAVE THOUGHTS." -- CAN YOU BELIEVE THAT ANYONE HAD THE NERVE --  
 -- NO, NOT "NERVE" -- THE "DENSITY-OF-PERCEPTION"  
 TO UTTER SUCH WORDS?!.....I MEAN -- REALLY NOW --  
 CAN YOU ACTUALLY BELIEVE THAT SOMEONE HAD THE DESTORTED TURN-OF-MIND  
 TO TAKE-AND-WASTE THE TIME TO MAKE SUCH AN OBSERVATION.  
 ...I'M DAMN-NEAR -- SPEECHLESS!, (THOUGH, THANK GOD, NOT LITERALLY SO),  
 BUT STILL: I ALMOST DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY IN RESPONSE TO SOMEONE BEING SO  
 OBLIVIOUS & DULL WITTED AS TO PUBLICLY MAKE THE STATEMENT THAT THEY COULD ACHIEVE  
 THAT OFT-LONGED FOR CONDITION OF BEING "ENLIGHTENED & CLEAR-HEADED" WERE IT NOT FOR  
 THAT ONE, TEENSIE-WEENSIE LITTLE PROBLEM, (TO WIT), OF THEM HAVING, "THOUGHTS"  
 .....I MEAN -- REALLY NOW: HOW OBSCURE, IN-DIRECT & IMPERCISE CAN YOU BE ?!

AND NOW FOR A BROAD, EXPANSIVE, "OVER-VIEW" OF THE COMPLETE, COMPLEX QUESTIONS REGARDING: "TIME & SPACE":

THERE IS NO TIME BUT NOW -- THERE IS NO PLACE BUT HERE.

"CLASS DISMISSED.....BUT DON'T LEAVE THE UNIVERSE DURING RECESS."  
...("OH.", SAID A GUY HANGIN IN A TREE, "EVEN I GET THAT ONE. DUHH-UH!")

AND THE ABOVE COMMENTS SUDDENLY CAUSED A CERTAIN LAD TO BECOME CURIOUS IN AN AREA WHEREIN HE'D NEVER BEEN SO BEFORE, AND SPURED HIM TO INQUIRE OF HIS PATER:

"IN THAT EXOTIC, ELUSIVE REALM OF, 'ENLIGHTENMENT"

ARE THERE THOSE WHO, EVEN THOUGH ENLIGHTENED, ARE STILL, 'STUPID", AND OTHERS, ENLIGHTENED, WHO ARE, AS YOU WOULD EXPECT, UNUSUALLY 'INTELLIGENT'?", AND THE OLD MAN GAVE THE LAD A VIGOROUS, GOOD-NATURE PUSH,

(SENDING HIM, DOWN INTO THE MUD), AS HE LOUDLY REPLIED:

"OH -- NO NEED TO WORRY OVER SUCH A QUESTION --

THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS, 'BEING ENLIGHTENED' TO BEGIN WITH."

(AND UPON HEARING THAT, THE BOY TRIED TO SQUIRM HIMSELF DOWN EVEN DEEPER INTO THE WARM, COMFORTABLE SLUDGE....AKA:"THE WORLD OF DOZING & DREAMING -- WHEREIN: NOTHING MAKES ULTIMATE SENSE....AND YET THERE IS NOTHING APPARENTLY PRESENT TO CORRECT THE SITUATION."

...(SOUNDS LIKE "MUD" TO ME.)

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ONE MAN SAID: "IT USED TO BE FUN TO -- READ.",

"YEAH", CHIMED IN HIS TWIN BROTHER: "AND IT USED TO BE FUN TO -- THINK.",

"YEAH", ADDED IN HIS TWIN SISTER, "A WHOLE LOTTA STUFF, 'USED-TO-BE-FUN' UNTIL YOU GUYS STARTED TRYING TO, (WHAT D'YA CALL IT)....YEAH -- 'WAKE UP'.....

...YEAH, THAT'S WHEN YOU BEGAN RUINING EVERYTHING FOR THE REST OF US.",

AND THE TWO TWIN BROTHERS COUNTERED: "WHAT DO YOU MEAN: 'YOU GUYS' --

WE'RE ALL THE SAME PERSON.", AND AFTER A BRIEF PAUSE, THE TWIN SISTER SAID:

"AH -- GET OUTTA HERE!...'WE'RE-ALL-THE-SAME-PERSON'. MY SWEET SIBLING ASS!

...DID YOU GUYS REALLY BELIEVE THAT I'D FALL FOR THAT?!",

AND THEY COULD ONLY SHRUG AND SIGH: "WELL....IT WAS -- WORTH-A-TRY."

...(OKAY, COME ON, LEVEL WITH ME: CAN YOU EXTRACT SOME USEFUL SENSE FROM THIS ONE?)

...AND A GROUP OF LIKE-MINDED CELLS IN ONE MAN'S BODY JOINED IN BY NOTING:

"WE DO WISH YOU WOULD NOT ASK QUESTIONS LIKE THAT.", TOWHICH HIS HEAD MOLECULES RESPONDED: "WELL THEN: JUST WHAT TYPE OF QUESTIONS WOULD YOU PREFER THAT I ASK?",

AND, BOY!, DID THAT EVER SET THE BODY CELLS OFF TO OUTRAGEOUS LAUGHTER, (WHICH IS

THE MINIMUM LEVEL OF LAUGHTER APPROPRIATE IN RESPONSE TO ALL QUESTIONS REGARDING: "THINGS THAT GO -- 'BUMP' IN THE HEAD".

THERE WAS ONCE A MAN WHO GAVE REGULAR TALKS ON THE MATTER OF, "CLEAR-HEADEDNESS" WHICH WERE ELECTRONICALLY RECORDED AND SENT TO INTERESTED PARTIES IN OTHER LOCALES, SOME OF WHO WOULD PERIODICALLY CONVEY TO THE MAN THEIR REGRETS AT NOT BEING WITH HIM IN PERSON TO PARTAKE OF HIS WORDS -- -- YET, SOME OF THESE SAME PEOPLE HAD, AT ONE TIME, BEEN IN THAT VERY POSITION, BUT HAD, AT A PARTICULAR POINT, FELT COMPELLED TO FORSAKE HIS PRESENCE. WHEN HE WOULD MAKE NOTE OF THIS, NO ONE EVER SEEMED TO HAVE ANY THOUGHTS ON THE SUBJECT ... THAT THEY CONSIDERED WORTH MENTIONING,

AS BROOKS FLOW OVER ROCKS  
 THEY MAKE THE SOUND KNOWN AS, "BUBBLING":  
 WHEN CHEMICALS FLOW OVER PROTRUSIONS IN THE BRAIN  
 THEY MAKE THE NOISE KNOWN AS, "THINKING".

SUGGESTION: STAY IN THE WOODS, AND:  
 STICK TO THE STREAMS

AND RIGHT HERE, THE BROTHER OF A MAN MENTIONED EARLIER THIS EVENING'S NEWS,  
 PRESENTED THIS POSER TO HIMSELF:

"I WONDER IF IT IS ACTUALLY "EASIER-TO"  
ACHIEVE ENLIGHTENMENT  
 IF YOU ARE RELATIVELY, 'SLOW-WITTED'  
 AS OPPOSED TO BEING -- 'QUICK & CLEVER'?" ,  
 THEN SUCCEEDING A FEW SECONDS OF REFLECTION ON THE QUESTION,  
 THE MAN FURTHER PONDERED:

"BUT HOW COULD I EVER PERSONALLY SOLVE SUCH AN ISSUE  
 INASMUCH SO  
 AS I AM SO

BOTH: 'QUICK & CLEVER' AND, 'DULL WITTED'  
 ALL AT THE SAME TIME,  
 WITHIN THE SAME SPACE OF -- 'ME' --  
 ...GOOD OLD, WHAT-SUPERFICALLY-APPEARS-TO-BE -- 'ME'."

AND WE QUICKLY CONCLUDE TONIGHT'S NEWS WITH THIS "CORRECTED CLICHE":

"NEVER IN THAT UNIVERSE THAT CONTAINS MAN,  
 HAS SO LITTLE  
 TAKEN UP  
 SO MUCH ROOM  
 IN SO MANY IMAGINARY WAYS  
 IN SO MANY."

...(PLAIN TRANSLATION: IN NO OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES, HAS ANYTHING AS VAST & PROMISING  
 AS THE OPEN LANDSCAPE OF MAN'S BRAIN BEEN REDUCED, CONFINED & LITTERED BY  
 THAT WHICH IN ESSENCE, AMOUNTS TO -- SO LITTLE -- THE-DREAMS-IN-HIS-HEAD  
 -- WHICH IMAGINE, "A LIFE THEY LEAD" AS OPPOSED TO THE "DIRECT ONE",  
 LIVED BY THE CLEAR-HEADED.

HOW SPLENDID IT IS FOR THE FEW WITHOUT NORMAL HOBBIES & DISTRACTIONS  
 TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PURSUE THIS ONE-OF-A-KIND GOAL KNOWN AS:  
 "AWAKENING FROM THE MENTAL DELUSION OF AN, 'AVOCATIONAL-REALITY'

TO THE OBJECTIVE, PLAIN ONE OF: THINGS SIMPLY AS THEY ARE, BEYOND ALLTHOUGH  
 "HOWDY" AND NICE TO HAVE YOU HERE, & THAT'S -- "THE NEWS".