

EACH MORNING, AS SOON AS HE AWOKE, ONE MAN WOULD IMMEDIATELY SIT UP IN BED, LOOK ALL AROUND HIM, AND IN REFERENCE TO THE PRESENCE OF A NEW DAY, LOUDLY DECLARE: "THIS IS A TEST."

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AFTER MAKING A CERTAIN STATEMENT, SOMEONE ASKED A MAN: "WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?", TO WHICH HE REPLIED: "I MEAN WHATEVER IT IS THAT I THINK I MEAN.", IN RESPONSE TO WHICH THE QUESTIONER CHIDED: "DON'T YOU INTEND TO SAY THAT YOU: 'MEAN WHATEVER IT IS THAT YOU MEAN'?! -- -- THAT IS HOW MOST PEOPLE WOULD ANSWER SUCH A QUESTION.", AND THE ONE BEING QUESTIONED REPLIED: "YES, BUT MOST PEOPLE DO NOT REALIZE THAT BY SO RESPONDING THEY DECEIVE THEMSELVES AGAIN -- NO, I REPLIED TO YOU IN THE MORE CORRECT CONTEXT, SPEAKING IN FACT, FOR ALL MEN, (THOUGH THEY RECOGNIZE NOT, THE VALIDITY OF MY RESPONSE): WHAT I, AND ALL OTHER MEN 'MEAN' BY WHAT THEY SAY IS NOT, 'WHAT THEY MEAN' BUT IS RATHER: 'WHATEVER THEY THINK THAT THEY MEAN'. YOU MAY PERCEIVE THIS TO BE A SUBTLE, EVEN MEANINGLESS DISTINCTION, BUT FOR A MAN SEEKING TO SEE LIFE AS IT SIMPLY IS, THE DIFFERENCE IS: EYE OPENING -- AND: MIND CLEARING."

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AND ANOTHER MAN, EACH MORNING WHEN HE AWOKE WOULD LOOK AROUND AND SAY TO HIMSELF: "WHAT I NEED IS A -- COMPLETE NEW WARDROBE."

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ALL PEOPLE TAKE IN STAY ANIMALS WHO ARE RESTLESS, UNMANAGABLE, & BELONG TO NO ONE. ... (AND, BY THE WAY, SINCE IT OCCURED BEFORE YOU WERE BORN, AND YOU THUS HAVE NO MEMORY OF IT: MEN WERE FORCED TO TAKE IN THESE STRAYS. ... AND, OH YEAH, OF PERTINANCE TO THIS FACT: THOSE WHO FINALLY BECOME CLEAR HEADED ARE THOSE WHO HAVE STOPPED BEING BOTHERED BY THESE STRAYS, AND IN FACT, PAY THEM LITTLE MIND.)

A MAN WHO TALKS ABOUT HIMSELF -- SLANDERS HIMSELF:  
A MAN WHO STILL THINKS ABOUT HIMSELF -- DOES MAYHEM TO HIMSELF, (IF HE HAD ONE).

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A FATHER TOLD HIS SON:  
"AS LONG AS YOU REMAIN CAPTIVATED BY THE MIND  
YOU WILL ERRONEOUSLY BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE THOUGHTS OF VARYING 'QUALITY'.",  
AND AFTER MOMENTARY REFLECTION ON THE COMMENT, THE LAD REPLIED:  
"BUT HAVEN'T YOU YOURSELF TOLD ME THAT THE MIND CAN BE USED IN THE STRUGGLE FOR  
CLEAR HEADEDNESS?!",  
"YES.", THE ELDER REPLIED, "BUT DO REMEMBER THAT I SPECIFICALLY LIMITED IT TO  
"THOUGHTS ABOUT NON-THINKING'.",  
"DAMN!", MUTTERED THE LAD, "I KEEP FORGETTING!"

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A MAN WITH A QUESTION HAS A MUCH LARGER PROBLEM THAN THAT OF AN --  
-- ANSWER TO HIS QUESTION.

MERE IGNORANCE CAN BE HIDDEN -- BEING TOTALLY LOST, CANNOT:  
...YOU ALWAYS GIVE YOURSELF AWAY BY YOUR BELIEF IN THE NEED FOR  
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

CALL UP LIFE DIRECTLY --  
THOUGHTS ARE NOT ITS YELLOW PAGES OR "OPERATOR ASSISTANCE":  
THERE'S NO WHERE ELSE TO LOOK BUT HERE --  
-- AND NOTHING MORE TO "SEE WITH" THAN WHAT YOU'VE GOT.

A CLEAR HEADED MAN WHO FINDS HIS MIND STILL HAS A QUESTION  
RECOGNIZES THE-EXISTANCE-OF-THE-QUESTION  
AS THE "ANSWER" TO EVERYTHING ABOUT THE MIND.

ONCE YOU'VE "GOT IT", YOU'VE -- GOT IT, AND THERE'S NOTHING MORE TO ADD →

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A TRAVEL TIP: ASPECTS OF ISTANBUL SEEM REMARKABLY SIMILAR TO THOSE OF PARIS.  
 AND NOW: A HUMOR TIP: A SECRET PRANK FORWHICH MANY PEOPLE FALL  
 IS IN THEM GIVING SERIOUS ATTENTION TO THE TERM, "SEEMS REMARKABLY SIMILAR TO"....  
 ...IS IT NOT BEWILDERING: QUITE ORDINARY HUMANS, WITH REASONABLY GOOD SIGHT,  
 STILL BELIEVING THAT THERE ARE "SIMILARITIES", AND "DIFFERENCES" IN THINGS?!  
 (BUT OF COURSE: WHEN YOU FACTOR IN THEIR FAITH IN THEIR MIND,  
 IT'S NOT BEWILDERING AT ALL....UNLESS OF COURSE, YOU THEN BEGIN TO:  
 "TRY AND FIGURE IT ALL OUT....ALWAYS SEARCHING FOR THAT:  
 EAST, LITTLE "MISSING-PIECE"  
 THAT WILL FINALLY CAUSE IT ALL TO -- FINALLY "MAKE SENSE".  
 I'LL TELL YOU AGAIN:  
 ONCE YOU'VE -"GOT IT", YOU'VE - GOT IT, AND THERE'S NOTHING MORE TO LOOK FOR.

A BOY ASKED HIS FATHER THIS QUESTION:  
 "IF AN AWAKENED MAN COULD ALSO BE STUPID AT THE SAME TIME,  
 HOW MIGHT THIS MANIFEST ITSELF?", AN INQUIRY TOWHICH THE ELDER GLADLY RESPONDED:  
 "PICTURE THIS: XMAS MORNING:  
 STANDING BY THE TREE;  
 LOOKING DOWN AT THE PACKAGES;  
 A MAN WHO KNOWS THAT THEY'RE EMPTY,  
 STILL DREAMING ABOUT -- WHAT  
 THEY COULD CONTAIN."

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OUT IN THE YARD PLAYING, ONE KID YEELED TO THE OTHERS:  
 "LET'S DO SOMETHING -- COMPLETELY USELESS|",  
 "YEAH", CRIED ANOTHER, "LET'S PRETEND THAT WE -- KNOW WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT|",  
 "AH, RATS.", SAID A THIRD, "I'M GETTIN' TIRED OF -- 'PLAYING ADULTS'."

WELL, LET US LEAVE THE NIPPERS TO THEIR FOOLISHNESS, I HAVE SOMETHING OF MUCH  
 GREATER INTEREST TO ALL OF YOU GROWN UPS: I BET YOU DON'T KNOW THAT THE  
 POSTAL SERVICE HAS AN "INSIDE JOKE" CONCERNING WHAT IT IS TO BE: "ASLEEP < CONFUSED  
 THEY DEFINE AS: "ANYONE WILL AWAITING A PACKAGE" (THEY GET A REAL "BANG" OUTTA THIS  
~~ONE MAN'S BEDROOM WOULD BE FILLED WITH THE SOUND OF HIS VOICE LOUDLY BE CLANKING~~  
~~THEY WOULD BE TALKING TO HIM~~  
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ONE MAN HAD A MOTTO: "DON'T MAKE FUN OF THE 'ILL'.";  
ONE OF HIS BROTHERS HAD ANOTHER: "DON'T MAKE FUN OF THE 'WELL'.":  
A THIRD ONE ASKED: "HOW CAN YOU TELL THEM APART?|",  
AND WITH THAT, THEIR FATHER SHOT THEM ALL --  
..(MUCH,[I MIGHT ADD], TO THEIR SIZABLE RELIEF.)

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NOW FOR SOME: SPORTING NEWS:

ONE DAY A BOY DEMANDED OF HIS FATHER: "WHY WON'T YOU -- SHOOT ME?!",  
"I TRY", HE REPLIED, "EACH TIME WE TALK....."

....ALTHOUGH,  
IF LIMITED TO 'WORDS',  
THE BEST TO BE HOPED FOR IS A 'FLESH WOUND':

ANY 'MEANINGFUL DAMAGE' CAN ONLY COME ABOUT THRU YOUR OWN -'FIRING ON YOURSELF'."

RELATED NOTE: WHY "AIM" FOR YOUR FOOT -- WHEN,  
YOUR HEAD'S JUST AS CLOSE?!

ADDITIONAL NOTE: THE MIND IS THE ONLY TARGET THAT CAN BE DIRECTLY "HIT"  
AND SUFFER NO DAMAGE.

OKAY, TELL ME:WHO AMONG YOU BELIEVES THAT  
IF CINDERELLA WAS CUT -- SHE'D BLEED?!



AFTER MANY YEARS OF DUTIFULLY -- "LOOKING INTO THE MATTER" --  
ONE MAN SAID TO HIMSELF: "WHILE MOST ALL OF THE WORDS & PICTURES THAT  
PASS THRU MY MIND, BEAR NOT AT ALL ON THE LIFE I ACTUALLY LEAD,  
IF I ABANDONED THEM TOTALLY,

WHAT THEN WOULD MY LIFE CONSIST OF?!"

FACT: ANYONE WHO WOULD TAKE SUCH A QUESTION SERIOUSLY

HAS YET TO REALIZE THAT THE VERY INTENTION OF THE EFFORT TO AWAKEN  
IS THE UNSPOKEN ANSWER TO THE QUESTION.

THUS: TODAY'S "CONCLUSION":

IF YOU'RE GONNA ADOPT ANY PRINCIPLE BYWHICH -- "TO LIVE"  
DON'T LET IT HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH "THINKING".

NOW -- HAVE YOU -- "GOT IT"?!

*[Handwritten scribbles and mirrored text at the bottom of the page, including phrases like "WHEN THOSE SEEKING ENLIGHTENMENT COMMENCE THEIR JOURNALS" and "ORDINARY LIFE SEEMS TO 'MAKE NO SENSE'"]*