

LIFE IS ALIVE BOTH INSIDE AND OUT, AND SO SHOULD YOU FEEL YOURSELF TO BE,  
WITH EACH GIVEN ITS APPROPRIATE ATTENTION,  
AND NEITHER AT THE EXPENSE OF THE OTHER.

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AFTER LISTENING TO A MAN DISCUSS HIS LIFE AT SOME LENGTH, A MYSTIC SAID TO HIM:  
"IF THE MOST INTERESTING AND IMPORTANT THINGS THAT YOU HAVE EXPERIENCED  
ARE THINGS THAT HAVE PHYSICALLY HAPPENED TO YOU,  
THEN YOUR LIFE HAS BEEN OF INSIGNIFICANT INTEREST AND IMPORTANCE."

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AS LONG AS YOU "DWELL" IN THE MIND,  
EASY COMETH THAT WHICH TO DISTURB IT.

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REAL INTELLIGENCE: REAL INTELLIGENCE IS IN SEEING LIFE AS IT IS --  
-- NOT AS YOUR THOUGHTS SAY THAT IT IS.

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NO SECONDARY MANIFESTATION IS A PERFECT REFLECTION OF THE PRIMARY ONE WHICH IS  
ITS SOURCE.

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THE MIND IS LIKE A PET THAT SHOULD BE KEPT OUT OF DOORS...APART FROM YOUR FAMILY.

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EITHER: BE A "THINKER", OR AN ACTIVE OBSERVER OF THINKING,  
BUT NEVER A PASSIVE RECEPTACLE FOR THE THOUGHTS PASSING THRU YOU.

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THE OPERATIONAL DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE STATE OF "BEING AWAKE", AND THE GRADUAL PROCESS OF AWAKENING TO THE REALITY OF LIFE IS THAT THE LATTER IS THE ALWAYS AVAILABLE POSSIBILITY OF INSTANTLY EXPERIENCING THE UNPREDICTABLE FORMER.

...AND ONE GUY SAID: "I AM THROUGHLY CONVINCED BY NOW THAT THE WHOLE THING IS ACTUALLY QUITE SIMPLE...  
....AND I KNOW THAT IT'S RIGHT HERE, INSIDE OF ME SOME WHERE....  
....IF I COULD JUST PUT MY HANDS DIRECTLY ON IT!"

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FACT: A MAN WHO WILL NOT CONSISTANTLY DO -- THAT WHICH IS POSSIBLE TO DO -- IS NOT A MAN TRULY STRUGGLING TO AWAKEN.  
...HE IS LIKE AN AGGITATED DOG, ALWAYS SEEKING TO COME IN DOORS, YET NEVER SATISFIED, ONCE IN.

THE GRADUAL PROCESS OF MERGING YOUR OUTER LIFE & YOUR INNER ONE IS THE WAY TO THE GOAL....THE PROPER & PROFITABLE BALANCING OF YOUR MENTAL WORLD AND YOUR INSTINCTIVE ONE....THE PERSONAL REALIZATION OF THE INSUPERABLNESS OF YOUR TEMPERAMENT, (WHAT YOU FEEL), AND YOUR MIND, (WHAT YOU THINK),

↘ NO MATTER WHAT YOU'RE CALLED, NO WHAT WHERE YOU LIVE ON THE PREMISSES, OR HOW YOU'RE LEASHED, YOU'RE STILL, ALWAYS & FOREVER -- JUST ONE DOG....  
...AND ONCE YOU FULLY RECOGNIZE YOUR "UNIFIED DOGINESS", THE 'DOING-OF-WHAT-IS-POSSIBLE" BECOMES, MUCH MORE POSSIBLE.

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THERE WAS ONCE A MAGICIAN WHO HAD A TRICK DOLL, AND THE DOLL'S TRICK WAS THAT IT COULD SPEAK. AND THE MAGICIAN DID QUITE WELL FOR A WHILE, DISPLAYING THE DOLL'S ABILITY TO TALK BUT HE LATER FELL ON HARD TIMES AS HE BEGAN BRINGING THE DOLL ON STAGE TO PERFORM CARD TRICKS, AND TO DO THE "SAWING THE LADY IN HALF" ILLUSION, AND OTHER ASSORTED FEATS.

YES, WE EVENTUALLY FIND THE ERSTWHILE, "FINE MAGICIAN" IS A SORRY CONDITION...  
...AND FOR ONE SIMPLE REASON: HE BEGAN TO EXPECT MORE FROM THE TRICK DOLL THAN IT WAS CAPABLE OF DELIVERING.  
...DOES THIS SOUND AT ALL FAMILIAR TO ANY OF YOU LEGERDEMAINISTS OUT THERE ?!....

AND ONE OF OUR FELLOW-TYPE SORCERERS SAYS: "TODAY -- RIGHT THIS SECOND:  
WHICH YOU FIGURE TO BE THE WORST: WAS IT BACK WHEN YOU WERE A  
FLEDGLING MYSTIC AND QUITE UNSURE OF EXACTLY -- 'WHAT TO DO' -- OR NOW  
BEING SUFFICIENTLY INFORMED AND EXPERIENCED TO KNOW DAMN WELL 'WHAT TO DO'  
AND FOR WHATEVER REASON, NOT BE DOING IT?!...WHICH IS THE WORST?", HE ASKS,  
(BUT DO YOU REALLY WANT TO ANSWER?!)

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WHILE EVERYONE "LIVES-IN" THEIR ENTIRE BODY,  
(THE BODY BEING THE EXAMPLE OF, "BEING ALIVE"),  
'TIS YET POSSIBLE TO MENTALLY "FEEL" AS THOUGH YOUR PRIMARY PLACE OF RESIDENCE,  
(THE SPOT WHEREIN "YOU" ARE PRIMARILY "YOU"),  
IS FIXED IN ONE SPECIFIC LOCATION IN YOUR BODY.

IF YOU HEED THE TALKING CONCEPTS IN YOUR BRAIN  
AT THE EXPENSE OF OTHER INNER FORMS OF COMMUNICATION  
YOU ARE LOCKED IN A PRISON FROMWHICH NO ESCAPE IS POSSIBLE.

THE MIND IS THE LOCK -- UNDERSTANDING IT IS THE KEY....THERE IS NOTHING ELSE.

...AND A BOY ASKED HIS FATHER: "WHY IS THIS MOST MAGICAL AND JOYFUL OF  
HUMAN ENDEAVORS SO OFTEN MADE TO SOUND SO DREARY AND DOWNBEAT?", AND THE OLD MAN  
UNDERSTOOD THE ANSWER TO THE QUESTION, BUT KNEW IT COULD NEVER BE TOLD...  
(LIKE EVERYTHING ELSE, "MAGICAL, MYSTERIOUS AND LIBERATING"),  
IT CANNOT BE CONVEYED IN WORDS.....ONLY -- EXPERIENCED.

FACT: IN THE MYSTIC'S LEXICON, THE WORD, "EXPERIENCE" EXISTS SOLELY IN  
THE PRESENT TENSE.

...WHICH IS WHY IT'S BEEN SAID THAT:

IF YOU DON'T GO TO ISTANBUL "TODAY"-- IT WON'T BE THERE "TOMORROW".

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AND SPEAKING OF SUCH: HERE IS TODAY'S "TRAVEL TIP":

GOING WHERE YOU'VE ALREADY BEEN BEFORE IS DELETERIOUS TO A MYSTIC'S HEALTH.  
THIS CONCLUDES TODAY'S: "MENTAL TRAVEL TIP".

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