

TO BE TRULY ORIGINAL IN THOUGHT IS TO BE, FOR THE MOMENT -- NOT ASLEEP.

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IF YOU CAN'T BE QUIET -- BE STILL.

"COMMANDER ARMSTRONG, I HEAR NOISES IN THE BUSHES."

"HUSH YOU FOOL, YOU ARE THE BUSHES."

NOTHING CAN DISTURB A CLEAR-HEADED MAN BUT HIMSELF....  
...AND SAYING "BUT HIMSELF" IS A DISTORTION OF THE FACTS.

"COMMANDER ARMSTRONG, I HEAR BUSHES IN THE BUSHES.

"NOW YOU'VE GOT IT:"

ALL A THING CAN BE, IT ALREADY CONTAINS WITHIN ITSELF."

(YOU RECKON COMMANDER ARMSTRONG REALIZES THAT WHAT HE JUST SAID RELATES SPECIFICALLY & PRACTICALLY TO A MAN'S MIND AND THE THOUGHTS THAT POPULATE IT IN THE SAME WAY THAT THE CONDITIONS IN XANADU ARE AS COLERIDGE DECIDES, AND DESCRIBES.

ITALIANS CAN NEVER LEAVE ITALY, SERBS CAN NEVER LEAVE SERBIA,

AND SLEEPERS CAN NEVER DEPART THE LAND OF SLEEP;

ALL YOU CAN DO IS -- BE STILL;

FOR IF YOU ARE INTERNALLY "STILL" IT IS AS THOUGH, (FOR AN ITALIAN),

THE EXTERNAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF ITALY HAVE CHANGED,

AND THUS ALSO: IT IS NOT NECESSARILY THE MATTER OF A SLEEPER SO MUCH LEAVING THE LAND OF NOD AS IT IS THAT HIS RELATIONSHIP TO THAT INTERNAL PLACE HAS BEEN FOREVER ALTERED.

"COMMANDER ARMSTRONG, THE BUSHES ARE QUIET."

"WHAT YOU MEAN TO SAY IS THAT: THEIR PRESENCE NO LONGER BOTHERS YOU."

"BY GOD, COMMANDER -- YOU'RE RIGHT."

("OF COURSE I'M 'RIGHT' -- I'M THE COMMANDER!")

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HERE'S ONE GUY'S RECENT COMMENT ON A CERTAIN MATTER:  
"I GUESS YOU CAN EITHER PICTURE MAN AS BEING TWO SEPERATE POPLA IN ONE BODY -- OR:  
JUST ONE PERSON TO A BODY WHO THINKS THAT THERE'S TWO PEOPLE INSIDE HIM.

EITHER OF THE TWO HOWEVER, STRIKES ME AS -- WEIRD !!"

THEORUM # 212; IN THE "WEIRD UNIVERSE" OF THE MIND  
THERE IS ROOM FOR ALL POSSIBLE EXAMPLES OF "WEIRDNESS" --  
-- THAT WHY IT IS CALLED THE "MIND" AND NOT THE "KITCHEN TABLE."

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WHEN ORDINARY MINDS ATTEMPT TO PICTURE WHAT SEEMS TO THEM TO BE PRACTICAL APPROACHES  
TO ACHIEVING, IMPROVED "STATES-OF-CONSCIOUSNESS"  
THEY INEVITABLY DESCRIBE ACTIVITIES WHICH WOULD ACTUALLY RE-ENFORCE THEIR  
PRESENT, ORDINARY STATE.

WHEN YOU ARE THE SLAVE OF A WOLF  
IT IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO EVER HEAR DIRECTIONS WHICH ARE NOT "HOWL-BASED":  
AND THUS WILL A MAN SEEKING TO PUT SOME DISTANCE BETWEEN HIS  
"ENLIGHTENED MIND", AND HIS EVERYDAY VERSION,  
CEASE GIVING HEED TO THE LATTER'S IDEAS.

REACHING A RELATIVELY STABLE REALIZATION OF THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF THIS POSITION  
CAN BE CONSIDERED A "PIVOTAL POINT" IN A MAN'S INVOLVEMENT IN THIS WHOLE AFFAIR.  
...OR PUT TO YOU AGAIN, MOST DIRECTLY: DON'T LISTEN TO ANYONE! --  
AND ESPECIALLY -- "YOU KNOW WHO".

AT THE OUTSET OF THIS GRAND ADVENTURE,  
MUCH OF THE FUN SEEMS TO BE IN THE ACQUIRING OF NEW AND CERTAINLY "EXTRAORDINARY"  
KNOWLEDGE:

BUT THEN AS YOUR EXPERIENCE & UNDERSTANDING RIPENS  
YOU GRADUALLY COME TO RECOGNIZE THAT THE ONLY "TRUTH" YOU NEED KNOW  
IS CONTAINED IN PURE SILENCE -- PURE PERSONAL SILENCE.

-- THE GREAT, "INNER STILLNESS"

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RELATED TRAVEL NEWS: NOT A SMALL NUMBER OF PEOPLE GET STUCK, GET LOST  
OVER WHAT INITIALLY SEEMS TO THEM TO BE THAT MOST DISTURBING FACT THAT:

YOU CAN NEVER GET TO ISTANBUL BY TRYING TO "GO" THERE.

...(BUT TO THOSE WHO MANAGE TO GRASP AND HOLD TO THIS REALITY,  
IT IS MOST REFRESHING AND PRAGMATICALLY LIBERATING.)

THEORUM #213: A "BUSY" MAN IS A "DOOMED" MAN

AND A CHAP SO PONDERED:

"WHAT POSSIBLE FATE CAN A MAN SUFFER THAT IS WORST THAN HAVING TO: 'STAY-AT-HOME'?"

THEORUM #214: A "BUSY" MAN CAN NEVER LEAVE HOME.

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JUST OUTSIDE HIS DOOR, ONE MAN KEPT TWO TAXIS ALWAYS WAITING, MOTORS RUNNING:  
SUCH A MAN HAS TOO MUCH BUSINESS GOING ON TO EVER CLEAR OUT HIS HEAD, AND -  
'TAKE A VACATION" -- A PERMANENT "VACATION"

DIRECTIVE #403; ACT AS THOUGH NO ONE IS EVER WAITING FOR YOU, AND THAT YOU HAVE  
NOTHING UPCOMING TO DO.

..(NOW THERE'S AN ALERT MAN'S VACATION.)

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ONE MAN FOUND A LUMP OVER HIS CARPET,  
AND THE MORE HE STOMPED ON IT TO MAKE IT GO AWAY  
THE MORE IT PERSISTED TO STAY.

"I SAY, HOLMES, JUST WHAT ARE WE TALKING ABOUT HERE?!"

"WELL DR. WATSON, CERTAINLY NOT YOUR AVERAGE 'DEEP-PILE' OR SHAG."

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AND ONE MAN HAD A CLOSE RELATIVE WHO, EVERY TIME THEY'D MEET,  
HE FAILED TO RECOGNIZE.

"WELL I MUST NOTE AGAIN, DEAR HOLMES, THAT I SUSPECT WE ARE NOT HEREIN  
ACTUALLY DISCUSSING FACIAL RECOGNITION REGARDING ONE'S FAMILY.",

"AND WELL AGAIN TO YOU, DEAR WATSON, I SUSPECT YOU ARE CORRECT."

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ONE MAN WHO WAS MUCH "INTERESTED" IN THINGS  
HAD A FLASHLIGHT WHICH HE WOULD TURN ON THEM FOR STUDY, BUT  
EVEN IN SPIITE OF THIS SPECIAL EFFORT  
HE COULD NEVER COME TO ANY SATISFYING CONCLUSION REGARDING ANYTHING.  
THEN HE STUMBLED UPON THE METHOD WHICH REVEALED TO HIM, ALL THAT HE SOUGHT:  
HE TURNED THE FLASHLIGHT BACK ONTO HIS OWN HAND WHICH WEILDED IT.

ORDINARY MINDS SCRUTINIZE OBJECTS:  
THE ENLIGHTENED SCRUTINIZE THE SOURCE OF THEIR SCRUTINY.

ONCE YOU KNOW WHERE "EVERYTHING COMES FROM" YOU KNOW -- EVERYTHING.