

...and Kyroot said:

In the city the complex can BE explained — but not the simple.

...and Kyroot said:

One guy wanted to renegotiate his contract with life,
Which - him even THINKING of such a thing - duly impressed life.

...and Kyroot noted:

One man's last words were, "I don't want to go."

...and Kyroot said:

"Remember", swept the mighty cry throughout that universe,
"Only an IDIOT would quit doing that which hurt him!"

...then - just about now, as a matter of fact, Kyroot said:
And now for our "Optimistic Thought For The Day": To be a pessimist you must be alive.

...and Kyroot noted:

If life WERE actually some type of warfare,
And if the abstract revolution WAS an extreme form thereof,
Then one of the rebel's maneuvers should be to get the opponent to sponsor him.

...and Kyroot said:

Most everyone had the urge once --- but most everyone got over it.

...a god put in temporary charge of one local reality

Said that his favorite word was, "most":

(He says that it covers all that need be said,

While yet giving nothing of value away.)

...and Kyroot said:

In the wonderful world of intellectual travel on secondary roads,
Many people, as opposed to an uncertain destination,
Would apparently prefer a guaranteed head-on collision.

...and Kyroot said:

One man decided to make a complete list of everything he could possibly think about.

One man used to tell his mind, "Hey, don't try to comfort me.",
And in response his mind would think, "Fat chance!"

...and Kyroot said:

During one of the frequent debates twix physics and emotions

The latter turned the subject to music and said,

"The difference between a major key and a minor one

Is the difference between happiness and sorrow.",

To which physics countered,

"The distinction is between a natural third and a flatted one."

...("A-h-h-h", sighed local life,

"The pleasure of both the infection AND the pain.")

A surly speaker in city park last Sunday addressed the afternoon throng,
"Anyone who says, '*We, as a people, are at a crossroads*'
Should be made to stand in the middle of one."

...and Kyroot said:

A revolutionist HAS no intellectual loyalties IF they lead to agendas.

...then Kyroot offered up an Update of an earlier one —
Apparently whether you asked for it or not:

All problems are caused by ANCESTORS trying to help.

...(The management believes that many did NOT seek this elaboration.)

One man had some plaster geese in his brain.....no, I mean in his yard.....no,
I was right the first time -- in his brain.

...and Kyroot said:

If you think you should "probably leave your mind alone", you probably should.

Taking the young nipperwhipper into the backyard, his ole man told him:
"Information they've already hung-out-on-the-line-to-dry
Is already too bleached and faded to assist the likes of us."

...and Kyroot said:

If you live in a totalitarian state you'll never know it.

Since there were no after breakfast mints to serve the young troopers,
The old rebel sarge gave them this, one fine morning:

"You can either look like your genes

Or else resemble how you have taught yourself to think;

And - Oh yeah! - Everyone is first-off, gonna look exactly like their genes."

...then Kyroot mentioned:

One guy's description of ordinary mens' memory of their ordinary lives:

"The extraordinary recollection of the patently forgetable."

..and Kyroot said:

If you're not at least partially embarrassed by what you do in the city
You'll never be able to properly defend it.

Standing next to the marks on the door frame in the kitchen,
One man took the full measure of himself by noting,
"You are not TRULY civilized and secondary until words can take preeminance
Over actual experience."

*... (Back straight,
Chest out;
Pigs be proud
Of their snout.)*

One chap says he has but a single metaphysical guide-line in life which is,
"Never undertake a spiritual quest on a bus."

(After intense scrutiny he admitted that this was not his "guide-line" for life,
But merely something he'd once said.)

..and Kyroot observed:

Any king worthy of his abstract name

Keeps a ventriloquist's dummy seated in his lap.

And a correspondent says:

"What if I DID take your suggestions and began to think about stuff
That I didn't really HAVE to think about? - what would that do to
All the really important stuff that I SHOULD be thinking about?"

And now for ole, Bear, Bull & Beaver K.'s daily stock market report:

First city says: "That which is futile can still be fun.",

And his metro bud replies, "Say, you've come up with a new definition of
The secondary world."

...and Kyroot said:

Since it takes two ordinary people to think,
Some revolutionists might secretly be hermits.

Sometimes,
When alone,
Rather than going to the bother of thinking,
This one man would make secret hand gestures.

...(Some years into the future he will also claim that all
Sentences with the same number of letters mean the same thing.)

...then Kyroot read from,

"The Big Blue Book Of Midway Science Fiction Scriptures And Fairy Tales":

"Whenever he'd find himself thinking about something he didn't WANT to think about,
There was once a man who would bleed some of his hormones into an envelope,
Then seal it up and sit on it until they'll begin to bite his ass, and then he'd exclaim,
'Ahh -- *Here comes the spotty horse and my old friend the swan*'."

One man said that when it DID come time "to go"
That he looked forward to the extraordinary possibilities.

...and Kyroot said:

As regards men and solar systems,
The difference between blood and stardust is that they both
Contain molecules that think.

...and Kyroot said:

One day,
While not havin' nothin' else to do,
One revolutionist spent one or two split-seconds reviewing his life, and thought,
"You know, I don't have to SEEK revenge — I AM revenge!"

In celebration of the centennial of its founding one city told its citizens;

"If things COULD be explained they WOULD be.....AND -- if they WERE -- you'd
all
be
dead."

...and Kyroot relayed this rumor:

Standing near the university's Med School and Mental Health Clinic
Was a man crying out, "There is no such THING as 'therapy'!",
Then pointing to the traffic signal at the adjacent intersection, concluded,
"Only the yellow light between the red and green."

...(Is said that within the following three weeks near 20% of those studying
Psychiatry switched their major to Urban Affairs.)

A chap with seditious intellectual business in mind advised his partner,
"Disount goods -- but never services."

Now from our, Cortical And Social News-Watch:

When it comes to "Things to think about",
Everyone has an "A List", and a "B List":
Everyone quickly disposes of their A List.

...then, (slyly disguised as a message), Kyroot sends you the following message:

As long as you still have something "serious" to talk about
You still don't know what's actually going on around here.

A rebel's Household Tip: If you're going to do some home improvements
DON'T call in someone to give an estimate.

An interested viewer thought,

"It seems like this mental revolution thing could actually be called instead

An intellectual '*Renaissance*' except that it's not.....but then again,

it's not a revolution either."

...(I suppose it's possible that he then wondered

Why he'd brought the matter up in the first place?-!)

...and Kyroot said:

The reason advice between men is so readily available is that
Life permanently marked down its cost on the eighth day of creation.

One guy comforted and guided himself by the reminder that,
"Even in the best of mortal worlds,
On bad days automatic transmissions can go BACK to being stick shifts."

...(He further says that "Faith" is something you might name the little
Bobbing dog in the back window of your car.)

The caption of the handbill he offered was,
"Symptoms Of Being Ordinary" — the rest of the page was blank.

...and Kyroot said:

Once the city was put to bed for the night,
One ole man took the kid up on the roof, sat them both down and said to him,
"Everything -- Everything that's ever happened to you was meaningful,
Significant and poignant -- Okay?! -- now FORGET IT!"

...and Kyroot said:

Don't bother to look for evolutionary dead-ends,"out there", in life;
It would only be any in you that could be profitably confronted.

...and a friend of Kyroot's said:

From secondary tongues, all "absolute facts" are pathetic.

...and Kyroot said:

To the revolutionist's mind,
The proof of everything is obvious.

Back and fresh from his vacation, the Whisper Man has this late greeting
For all who pass his alleyway:

"The great thing about ordinary memory is that if it fails it doesn't really matter much."

...and Kyroot said:

When it came to the everyday, necessary secondary connections through which
Ordinary men communicate,
One rebellious chap had a simple motto - "Don't answer the phone."

...(When it comes to the thinking-of-the-collective,
The ring is as good as the potential message.)

On one planet a man's attention span is measured by his hat size;
Some of the creatures object to this arrangement,
But not enough to be of concern to the atmosphere or powers-that-be-be.

At certain times this one man would say to himself, "Don't be a simpleton,"
And his self would think, "Boy, talk about your *waste-of-words!*"

...and Kyroot said:

Anything a rebel already knows that he learned from the city
Is like a visiting relative with a head that died eighteen years ago
Who'll try and stay with you forever.

...(A man who resembles himself is F-A-R too spooky to be a mere coincidence.)

...and Kyroot said:

Without words there IS no wonder or awe to the primary world.

...(Upon hearing this,
A man with a brain,
Living in the primary world said,
"I should probably think about this.")

"Hey, don't fight it", advised one rebel D.I.,
"If you were BORN you were issued-a-card;
I know it's sticky, and you can't seem to throw it away, but, Hey,
Just don't use it."

...(And a viewer inquires: "Is it just my imagination, or do the people in your stories
Say, 'Hey!' much more often than your average person?")

...and Kyroot said:

Part of the power of cliches is that it allows ordinary people to amaze even themselves
With the speed at which they can think and size up a situation.

...and Kyroot said:

No one with talent is ever a censor.

...(Those with the least of a personal secondary life
Are the most active in wanting to regulate that of others.)

...and Kyroot asked:

Why worry about escape if captivity is illusionary?!

...(Then, disguised as his own partner, added:
"What WILL that boy ask us next?!!")

As it turned out,

This one man talked to the out-of-doors -- No, not Nature -- the out-of-doors.

Heard in the hallway of the university was this comment,
"The insouciant are attractive to the obsessive.",
And another voice came asking,
"Did that come from the Physics or Psychology Department?"

...and Kyroot said:

On every bus is yet another bus;

Which is why so many people feel safe in saying, "I believe I'll just get off here."

Since they KNOW it's not at ALL possible.

...and Kyroot said:

A revolutionist shouldn't *drive* a bus.

And there's this one fellow who now says that
He's as sure he belongs in this as he is that he deserves the nose he has.

Just before the afternoon break,

A speaker at the meeting said as follows:

"The question as I see it comes down to this:

Are we to allow circumstances to dictate what we think about? - or
Shall we turn our active attention to THINKING about our circumstances."

...(Although no one solicited my opinion,

They can't stop me from noting to myself that

The above idea would play proudly even at an enzyme convention.)

...and Kyroot said:

Every time he'd try to think for himself
This one man would imagine that life said,
"Watch it, bozo, or '*I'll take care OF you!*'"

...(Imagination is a wondrous thing to waste on the ordinary mind.)

In one rebel camp was a sign posted (over near the sunshine tree) which said,
"Existence MAY be more than you bargained for.",
(And below which hundreds of past troopers had scrawled the response,
"I certainly HOPE SO!")

...and Kyroot noted:

A viewer objects thusly:

"How do we know that hormones themSELVES are not critical by nature?!"

As they pretended to be out in the yard horsing around,
One subversive styled ole man said to his kid,
"If you DO feel 'badly-about'life'
At least you'll never be lost and have to wonder where you're at."

...("Gads!", sighed the trailing preposition,
"It's S-A-D to feel sad1.....Gads!")

And one incendiary thinker,
(Playing Smith & Dale to his own Abbot & Costello), thought,
"I shall accept NO praise before its time." - (then added) - "It'll NEVER be time!"

...and Kyroot said:

After the sunset-of-the-past,

And the calming-of-the-present,

The revolutionist's question then is — Will I provide for a more complex future?

...and Kyroot said:

Straight lines and stardust are incompatible.

...and Kyroot said:

You haven't actually lived if you're not more complex than your ancestors.

...and Kyroot said:

Just outside of town,
Yet not too deeply into the bushes,
Is a chap who says he's thus far divided his life into two segments:
The first was to "Look for examples EVERY where,"
And the second phase was to ignore all examples.

One fellow, as he began to think he was getting smarter,
Refused to try and speak for anyone else;
THEN -- as he actually GOT smarter,
He quit even speaking for him SELF!

...and Kyroot said:

In a rebel's life,
Anything that was once a help can become a hindrance.

...and Kyroot said:

Once all the animals are fed
The king can sit down and ponder his meal.

...(A man then observes: "This sounds like a most excellent commentary on the
Evolution of man's thinking and talking nervous system."
...[And Kyroot thought: "Not excellent enough,
Or I wouldn't have had to
Make-up YOUR follow-up observation."])

...and Kyroot said:

One guy decided to compile a list of all his regrets in life;
He decided he'd start on it tomorrow.....or maybe next month....

...and Kyroot said:

It's the chemistry that knocks things over;

Thoughts come later and say, "Hey - who did this?:.....Hey, I KNOW who did this.

...then Kyroot remarked:

Still another thing that ordinary thought can never comprehend is that
To a revolutionist mind any one else's advice or knowledge is literally useless,
And this has NOTHING to do with humans.

...and Kyroot said:

All things human have two purposes; Its stated purpose and its purpose.

...and Kyroot said:

While off on an imaginary hike

The sarge sang out this cadence to the troops:

"Although most of you should realize by now for yourselves,

I'll go ahead and put it in words so that you can put it behind you:

The unspecified aim of all religion, philosophy, and drugs

Is for a participant to think more than he did before."

...(They all recognized the success of such approaches,

And each understood why they were in rebel camp.)

...and Kyroot said:

Anything that can be divided can be divided again;
Everything in the secondary world can be divided.

...and Kyroot said:

As he waited for something to happen,
One guy's rebellious mind thought,
"The whole CONCEPT of '*gradual*' is just an excuse to slip
Therapy and collective decision making into the life of man."

...and Kyroot said:

The organic nature of secondary life is such that
All ideas and institutions that live long enough
Will become a parody of themselves.

...and Kyroot said:

In more complex future areas

Businesses will not take a name that has anything to do with

What they're involved in.

Monday's, "Ponder-Hint From Kyroot's File For Wednesday":

A revolutionist *might* be happy over the fact that there's no particular reason TO BE.

...and Kyroot said:

"Truth", in the primary world is action;
In the secondary, thought itself.

...and Kyroot said:

If you hear more than two people,

In the same circumstance,

In the city say, "Listen, they're playing our song.", rest assured that it's NOT
Stardust.

...and Kyroot said:

A rebel's knowledge is never local.

...(Okay, so much for the "con" rendition --

Now the "pro" view:

A rebel's knowledge is always universal.

...[Okay, so much for the chit-chat:

Why does the mind so readily expect the first version?!)]

...and Rev. Kyroot noted:

The ultimate fear of death is the fear of ultimate ignorance.

...and Kyroot observed:

The true revolutionist realizes that his own life is not exemplary of anything.....
.....at least of anything worth the bother of talking about.

...and Kyroot said:

Some begin to suspect that the stairways are NOT the proper place to hold discussions.

...and Kyroot said:

While psychology and mythology investigate the parables regarding men attempting
To slay their ancestors,
A more complex thinker well knows that whenever given the opportunity
His progenitors would have ALREADY done HIM in --- and properly SO!

...and Kyroot said:

In the new goo fields only voices that can't speak have anything of value to say.

...(And of course, justice-always-prevailing,

Only the near, non-existent revolutionist can *hear* them.)

...and Kyroot said:

Verbal descriptions of stardust are brakes on an Indy racer.

...and Kyroot noted:

Yet another difference between the revolution and ordinary life is that
The former HAS no history until it is dead.

Now settle down,
It's time for our "Conversational Fragment Of The Day":

First voice: "Anyone who CAN swim should WANT TO swim."

Second one : "But EVERY one has the potential to swim."

First voice again: "Yeah, that's WAY too vague."

Second voice: "NOW you're learning!"

...and Kyroot gave out with:

The Rebel's Reminder Of The Month: What the revolution is to you — you are to life.

...and for your shopping convenience Kyroot noted:

Ordinary thinking is JUST like the living neural revolution, except dead.

And a guy asks Kyroot, "When you use the word 'dead,' do you mean what people
Ordinarily mean, or what?"

...and Kyroot said:

From life's view - but not from mans' -

It's not a matter of whether what you think is true or not;

All that matters is that you DO think.

...(And now we take you to the opening lines of a new play based on the
Above historical incident.

The first actor repeats the above:|

"From life's view - but not from mans' -

It's not a matter of whether what you think is true or not;

All that matters is that you DO think.",

And the second actor replies:

"How can you possibly attempt to speak for life, and say what ITS views are?!!",

And the first actor says:

"I don't have to; the evidence is right before you - (that is) —

The fact that everyone DOES think.",

To which actor two replies: "Yeah, but part of what's there is not true!",

Then first actor says: "And there IS your final proof."

And another guy asks Kyroot, "When you say '*thinking*' do you mean the same thing as I do?"

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...and Kyroot said:

In a certainly unusual fashion,
The revolution can ONLY preach to the converted.