

The *gravity-of* all city situations is in constant danger of escaping --
Which is why everyone over there must act so *serious*.

Only the simple criticize ----- only the simple have anything to criticize.

One man had an imaginary business card made up that said:

"Hi! - I work for life and am aware of it -- How about you?"

There are two battles that every man must ultimately lose;
Those with inanimate objects,
And those with routine distraction, passing for intelligence.

...And -- Who!? --

Who?!,

Amongst such a fine-looking,

Upstanding audience

As is assembled here before us tonight,

Could have the impudence to ask me if the two are not actually one-in-the-same.

"Who!?" -- I humbly ask you -- who!?

A man who has been watching these news shows and reflecting on their content, so says:
"If it is life itself, through human institutions,
That continues to tell man that he's not, 'doing enough' -- AND
Since it continues to have its guilt-producing effect,
Then that can only mean that indeed, man is NOT ever, 'doing enough!' -- BUT,
We are then faced with the quandry that life must not want him to!,
Or else it obviously could cause him to do so."

Such comes tantalizingly close to actual independent thinking.

The "city" -- the collective, civilized base of man's ordinary intellectual operations --
Is his natural home, and thus, *inter alia*, it may be noted that:

City thought is *safe* thought.

Hormones hold herds together --

Hormones and neurons hold civilizations together --

And a man's own skin keeps him in his proper form --

But what then, along these lines, could be imagined regarding a thinker-who's-straying-away!?

The rebel sergeant told the plotters:

"Once you have exhausted your present captivity

You may take a quick nap before moving on to the next one."

Huh? ! ?:

Do the simple *attract* simplicity -- or is it just their natural environment?

Two Examples Of Things That Are, "Self-Fueling":

Habits,

And a thinker's hunger to be free therefrom.

Exemplifier's Addendum:

Do note that in the above listing,

That is the way one of them is supposed to be,

And how the other one could be.

After reading the newspapers' Classified Section for some fifty years or more,
One kid finally thought to himself:

"Why come you NEVER see any, 'Help Wanted' ads for, 'Someone To Tell Me The Unbiased Truth'!?"

The, "Hope Of The Routinely Civilized":

I may be crippled --

But there is always the possibility that I'll become even MORE so!"

Allegory Courtesy Of The USPS:

A viewer writes:

"After hearing your many less than positive comments regarding such matters as:
Aging, death, and religion,

And even your inference that they are all spurious -- if not downright, specious!,
I wonder why you even continue to mention them!?"

A most pertinent inquiry, dear viewer,

And I will tell you that

Amongst real thinkers such subjects DO never arise.

City thought is *established* thought.

"Civilization" met head-on, once again at our New Intelligence Definitions Desk:

The Civilized: *Contented captives of a brand new prison.*

Hormones said: "We can make ourselves happy almost any time we want to.",
And neurons just pouted.

New Intelligence, News Show Footnotie:

Notie: In the above it was said that "neurons just pouted --
It did not say that they could "only pout"! --
You see -- that is always the unexpected distinction between what is "natural",
And what a thinker might think about it otherwise.

This, from a viewer:

"I some times really enjoy your program,

But let me ask you:

Is it possible that you could make it seem even more complex and unaccustomed?!",

Do you think that's a real "question" -- or an expression of -- fear!?

More from our, "Field Spotter's Guide For Certain Indoor Sports":

A city critic can talk almost anyone, "into a corner" --

While a real thinker could, EVERYONE! -- and then even make the corner get *jumpy*.

A man thought:

"It has reached a place that every time I say, 'I', a certain *unpleasantness* occurs."

Simplicity IS captivity.

Now a follow-up, and further-focusing of a story from last week,
Wherein will be presented a direct definition
Based on a few people's individual, intellectual efforts
Amidst the everyday hormonal directed affairs of city life:

A Thinker: *A supposed, dead man, who refuses to lie down.*

A child asked his father:

"Why are there never any comedians leading nations, or heading religions?",

And the old man replied: "I thought you knew that by now."

From our, Definitions File:

History: *An excuse to keep from looking in your own mind.*

A Formidable Battle Cry:

Long Live The Unfinished!

City thought is *no-risk* thought.

Some, Financial -- No, Medical -- No, I guess it's, "Financial-Or-Medical" Advice For
Those Who Don't Normally CARE For Advice:

Non-physical suffering requires the use of *memory*.

A gentleman in our viewing audience immediately responds thusly:

"For god's sake, people! --

I mean, the sentence makes rhetorical sense, and all,

But what in god's name do you expect me to DO with such information!?"

If there's something you think,
About which you're uncertain,
Say it aloud, and,
All doubt will go.

The simple are never free. --
Nor even suspect the possibility.

A man ponders:

"Is it that the simple never 'suspect' it, or that they have no desire for it?!"

A thinker -- acting stupid -- has no place to hide.

There is a difference between being guilty and being caught,
But local civilization doesn't particularly care if you're aware of this or not.

One city thinker's, "secret" -- and I do mean, SECRET, personal motto:
"Only sissies criticize! -- real men and women punch each other out!"

Query: Is information you can't use, not, "useless" information!?

Ah so! , but now let me inquire of your mental faculties, this:

If there is certain information that you don't want to use,

Would not one way to avoid the possibility be to simply conclude it to be "useless"!?

City thought is *reliable* thought -- even when it's not.

By numerous requests,

We will now repeat a story we first brought to you last Friday, (to wit, more or less):

One man asked his cousin:

"Why don't you take all of that extraordinary stuff you know and start a religion with it?",

And he replied:

"For the very reason you unintentionally mentioned."

History, Revisited, Revised, And Otherwise, "Straightened Out"
For Your Increased Driving Pleasure:

The true "father" of our neural laws of levers,
And the efficient movement of inert objects,
Was he who first declared:

"Give to me drugs in sufficiently large quantities, and I can -- *move the world.*"

Second Principle Of Seccessionary Dynamics:

That which works -- a thinker can ALWAYS -- *make work.*

After much trying, failing and frustration,
One man decided to attempt a kind of, "turn-around-approach", and said:
"Hence forth, my name is spelled with three '*I's*' -- or even five or six, for all I care."

When poison is no longer a possibility, it is no longer a threat.

Hint:

The only *serious* -- and thus, foolish & meaningless -- "I's" a man possesses are --
Those he thinks, and those he says.

The "SecretPassword" for next Wednesday will be:

"If everyone knew how tasty the unknown custard was

Then everybody would want some, and there probably wouldn't be enough then for us."

.....(Pass it along -- if possible.)

A certain non-standard mother told the child just before their first city visit:
"Over there -- Support the positive -- smile and walk away from the otherwise."

Thinking Viewer's Sidebar:

The problem with ordinary "advice" is that it is
Always weighted, partisan, and less than fully revealing,
And thus of no ultimate use for increased comprehension.

From the heights of a thinker's mind, 'tis noted:

"Up here -- it's even light at midnight."

Then there was this other lad who,
Promised his father that after he arrived in the city,
And just as soon as he was able --
He would personally -- *leap from a large structure* -- in the old man's honor.

One day,
Life said to one man who was trying to, *think-too-much* -- "Watch it!, buster!" --
And believe it or not,
But from that day on
The man always thought of himself as, "Buster".

If tombstones are a monument to a man's death,
What to look for regarding his life?!

City thought is *non-threatening* thought.

A certain thinker told a good friend:

"Intentional silence is perhaps the most consistently appropriate mode of communication
One can have with the ordinary, in ordinary circumstances."

A viewer lets roll about in his mind:

"Sometimes I think that everything I hear on your show I've heard before,
And sometimes I think, surely not!
I feel myself approaching a position wherein it matters not."

From our Picturizations Desk:

Extrinsically-Perceived, "Non-Partisan Thinking": *The war against plagiarism --
Waged on your behalf.*

Outside of town,
In rebel camps,
Fires are stoked with fires.

Attention All Truckers! -- Stay In The Far Right Lane:

City Scales Now Open For A Re-Weighing Of Your "Wide-Load", Sense-Of-Justice:

One old aggressive man said:

"I only get aggressive with other people under two conditions:

One is, when they get aggressive toward me first;

And the other is, when they don't."

Okay, another run at it, via our old Definitions Desk

A Thinker: *One doing the intellectually, "improper" in a manner proper to him.*

Deep lust,
As with all hormonal hungers in man,
Causes day dreams --
-- But who is there to do the dreaming!?

...And moreover: Why the need?

One man called the neural family together and told them the following:
"Forget about routine notions of, 'guilt, pain, suffering, and self-pity' --
For if life truly wanted to 'clamp-down' on you, it could do better than THAT! --
And do further note: It never HAS, as yet."

But still: Turtles are little comforted by encouragement intended for eagles.
This is why religion, and other human institutions both succeed, and do not succeed --
Which, in a binary world, become operationally indistinguishable.

Signs Of A Thinker's Progressing Journey As Reflected In The Thought Of One Traveler:

"I know I have walked this way before -- but why does not the past come out to greet me."
..(This being mused with a smiling satisfaction, I might add.)

City thought is *comforting* thought -- even when it is upsetting.

One line from one man's most recent monologue:

"I know the battle is near -- I can hear the glorious moans of relief."

(A little "Insider's Gossip):

Once you do begin to "think more independently",
One of the real challenges then becomes: How to re-define the concept of, "overboard".
....Not in the nautical sense, but as reflected in the admonition:
"Now don't go *overboard* in what you're doing."

That Supra Noted, "Second Principle" Restated:

That which works -- a thinker can ALWAYS -- *make work*.

More than any form of illness, drugs, guilt-producing-morality, or fear,
Is a thinker's energy drained by acts of neural laxity and misadventure.

* That's why the active minded don't need anyone to
tell them what time it is. *

One kid,

Not quite too far past being ordinarily "grown",

One day thought/questioned/pondered:

"Fun that *hurts* is a funny kind of fun!?!?"

Once upon a never-ever time,
A potential, "city thinker",
Who life cut down PRET-TEE quick, I might add,
Stood one day and said:

"Since you're going to progressively age -- and then, up and die -- and, *know about it!* --
What possibly *worse* could befall you!?"

A Personal Observation: It is my suspicion that life's displeasure with such expressions
Is its fear that some men might begin to take them as comments
Relating to the possibility of expanded, non-standard thinking.
What do you think?

Another Picture & View Of The Intellect And Man:

A potential volcano in a *less-than-anxious-to-be-so* mountain.

City thought is *non-strenuous* thought.

Some guy,
Pretending to be a "viewer",
Submits this imaginary hunting question:
"Well, if criticism is not a proper part of a thinker's arsenal,
Then tell me how one is to drive away stupidity if one never fires at it!?"

No matter where you wish to go --

The distance between here-and-there is measured in steps of increased complexity.

Okay, all you dogs and parakeets, get away from the tv, this is a quiz just for humans:

What is worse than, "being alone"? --

-- Believing that you are.

The ordinary think:

"Things must be as they appear to me, or else how can you explain me!?"

Not a medical --

Not a psychological --

Not even a theological, or anthropological -- but!,

An Overall Update:

If you can't do the *hoo-doo* on you -- you can't do the *hoo-doo*.

City thought is *honorable* thought -- even among scoundrels.

Just as *guilt* is intended to *wound* the ordinary,
So is true, intellectual shame damn-near fatal to a thinker.

Book News:

One new city best seller is entitled: "14 Ways To Tell If You're In A Coma."

The operational distinction between "being crazy", and "being a thinker" is that
In the first instance people are afraid that they're, "losing their grip",
While in the second, a thinker fears that he's not "letting go" -- fast enough!

"Special Announcement" from the Executive Management of:

"The News", as brought to you by the, New Intelligence organization:

Unless people are made to "feel bad" they won't ever try ANYTHING new!

Okay, all you people -- FEEL BAD!, dammit!

Another, "Song Of The City":

A mask for a mirror -- a mirror for a mask.

If men did not talk to themselves, the voice of the collective would carry no weight.

A man in the city so spoke:

"This thing must be going some where -- just listen to how noisy the engines are!"

If men did not take the voice of the collective to be their own
Then the voice of the collective would have no weight.

From a man's city clothes,
His aroma can never be washed.

Nor should it be.

Even though his road is one of ever increasing complexity,
There is one area made simpler by being an independent thinker:
All guilt, shame, fear, and the like is narrowed smartly down to one thing -- Stupidity.

And another viewer reacts to some of our news:

"I ain't!", (counters he), "NO body's -- '*after-thought*'!"

It is not unusual for even those with 20/20 hearing to sometimes mistake the sound of a, "T", or an, "E", or an, "I" for a, "W".

Revel In The Extraordinarily Strange Mathematics Of Non-Partisan Thought;

A thinker only suffers through omissions.

Re Questions Of, "Mortal Captivity":

You must be free to "be free".

.....OR:

Those still talkin', still ain't walkin'.

A Thinker's Shopping Attitude:

IF it's cheap,

Expensive,

Discounted,

Or comes with a bonus -- I don't want it.

In other words -- If it's for sale in the city -- forget it!

Although illness can surely sap a man's physical strength,
It is lack of alertness that does so intellectually.

It is thus, that thinkers dread stupidity much worse than mere death.

City thought is *non-challenging* thought.

All-in-all -- City thought is exactly what city dwellers need.

After making a quick study of his present position amidst the sane and civilized,
One man declared:

"I am S0-0-0 pleased to be here,
That I'm damn-near actually pleased to be here."

Another, "Positive Report For Neural Urbanites":

Over in the city

You don't have to be a boy genius

To pass for a, "boy genius."

Okay --

I guess, "turn about's" fair play --

So here's some more of that kind of *questionable*, "Good News For Thinkers":

Compared to the simplistic -- the complex is in constant danger of coming unraveled.

Forget, "ambrosia" --

All you hearty, "*pretenders-to-a-thinker's-throne*" --

The true food of the neural gods will always be the one with out a name.

All "magic" is but the contrast of the more complex with the routinely simplistic.

And now for your final question of the evening:

What is it that can be *held* but not *captured*?