

HOW CAN YOU SPOT AN AWAKENED MAN IN A PUBLIC REST ROOM? --
-- BY THE VOICE COMING FROM A STALL WHICH ANNOUNCES THAT: IT IS 'UN-OCCUPIED'.

IF, IN YOUR ATTEMPT TO AWAKEN, YOU ADOPT SOME PARTICULAR "SOMETHING-OR-OTHER"
FOR THE MIND TO DO,
IT MERELY BECOMES ENTANGLED, CONGEALED, STUCK-ON, STAGNATED-BY & OCCUPIED-WITH
WHATEVER IT IS THAT YOU GAVE IT TO DO.

THE AWAKENED MIND IS ONE THAT IS FREE, LIQUID & UNOCCUPIED.

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HOW CAN YOU SPOT AN ENLIGHTENED MAN IN A FOREST? --
-- HE IS THE BIRD THAT NEVER LIGHTS.

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IF YOUR MIND IS CONGEALED & OCCUPIED,
YOU CANNOT PROPERLY RESPOND TO ANY QUESTION:
NOR CAN A SAMURAI CORRECTLY RESPOND TO AN ATTACK.

SIMPLE TRUTH IS THAT WHEN YOUR MIND IS OCCUPIED WITH ANY ONE THING IN PARTICULAR
YOU CANNOT RESPOND TO ANYTHING IN A PROFITABLE FASHION.

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HOW CAN YOU SPOT A LIBERATED MAN AMIDST A BUTTERFLY COLLECTION? --
-- HE'S THE ONE THAT CAN'T BE PINNED DOWN.

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BEGINNER'S ENLIGHTENMENT USUALLY ENTAILS SOME EFFORT TO "BIND THE MIND":
IN ADVANCED ENLIGHTENMENT, NO EFFORT AT ALL IS MADE TO TINKER WITH THE MIND.

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WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A CLEAR-HEADED MAN & A CERTIFIBALE IMBECILE? --
 -- YOU CAN'T GET EITHER ONE'S ATTENTION.

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NO MATTER WHERE YOU LET THE MIND LIGHT,
 IT WILL TEDN TO MEANINGLESSLY REMAIN THERE.

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ASK NOT, WHAT YOUR MIND CAN DO FOR YOU, BUT RATHER, HOW LITTLE YOU CAN DO TO IT.
 ASK NOT, WHAT YOU CAN DO ABOUT THE MIND, BUT RATHER, HOW TO LET IT BE.

WHEN THE MIND IS FREE,
 SO ART THEE.

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GIVE THE MIND NOTHING SPECIFIC TO DO OTHER THAN HAVING NOTHING SPECIFICALLY TO DO

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YOU CAN'T GET AN ENLIGHTENED MAN'S ATTENTION.

OH, HE MAY LOOK AT YOU -- EVEN NOD HIS HEAD AS YOU SPEAK,
 BUT YOU WILL NOT ACTUALLY HAVE HIS ATTENTION ANY MORE THAN DOES HIS OWN MIND
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WHEN THE MIND IS FREE,
 SO ART THEE.

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IS AN ORDINARY, SLEEPING MAN'S MIND LIKE GELATIN THAT HAS CONGEALED -- OR,
 LIKE WATER THAT HAS FROZEN?
 IN OTHER WORDS: WHEN THE MIND IS OCCUPIED, IS IT HARD & SOLID LIKE ICE -- OR,
 WOBBLY & UNSTABLE LIKE JELLO?

ARE YOU AN "ICE HEAD" -- OR A "GELATIN NOGGIN"?

LET YOUR MIND BE LIKE A LARGE, UNGAINLY INNER TUBE WHICH,
 WHEN YOU ATTEMPT TO HOLD IT UNDER WATER,
 (WHICH IS TO SAY: WHEN YOUR MIND GRABS ON TO SOME PARTICULAR IDEA),
 THAT AREA OF THE TUBE NOT BEING DIRECTLY PUSHED DOWN
 WILL ALWAYS BOB BACK UP.
 TRANSLATED: YOU CAN'T KEEP AN OCCUPIED MIND DOWN.
 ...YOU CAN'T IN FACT -- DO ANYTHING WITH IT.

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THE MIND THAT THINKS ABOUT "NOT THINKING" WILL THEN BECOME OCCUPIED WITH THAT.
 THE EFFORT TO "STOP" THE MIND IS A MISTAKE: THE OBJECT IS TO NEVER LET IT STOP.
 HOW CAN YOU TELL THAT YOU'RE NOT SNOOZING? -- YOUR STALL IS "UNOCCUPIED".

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IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER WHAT THE HELL YOU THINK ABOUT AS LONG AS YOU DON'T
 THINK ABOUT ANYTHING....IN PARTICULAR.

ONE MAN SAID: "MY MIND IS LIKE A HOLLOW GOURD:
 MY BROHER'S IS LIKE AN INNER TUBE:
 MY MOTHER'S IS LIKE A MOBIUS STRIP,
 AND AS FAR AS I CAN TELL -- MY FATHER NO LONGER HAS ONE."

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LOOK AT IT LIKE THIS:
 IT'S ALL RIGHT TO THINK....AS LONG AS IT'S NOT ABOUT SOMETHING.

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HERE'S HOW IT HAPPENS:
 WHEN YOUR MIND SETTLES ON A PARTICULAR SUBJECT— AND CONGEALS —
THAT'S WHEN YOU BECOME CONFUSED AND STUPID.
 WATER'S NOT DUMB.....ONLY ICE.

IF YOU HAVE A DEFINITIVE SENSATION OF WHAT IS YOUR "SELF" -- THEN YOU HAVE A MISTAKEN ONE.

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WITHOUT LANGUAGE -- THERE IS NOTHING.
("NOTHING" IN THE HUMAN SENSE OF THERE BEING "SOMETHING" IN ADDITION TO
PHYSICAL REALITY.

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IF YOU CAN OBSERVE THE LIVES OF MEN AS THOUGH IT WERE A SILENT MOVIE YOU WILL SHORTLY BE UNCONFUSED & RID OF ALL QUESTIONS.

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(AS AGAIN REGARDS THE PRIMARY WORLD OF DOING & THE SECONARY WORLD OF TALK):
EVERYTHING DONE IN THE WORLD OF TALK HAS UNFORSEEN CONSEQUENCES & COLLATERAL EFFECTS
THUS DOES TALK HAVE NO END, NOR EVER REACH A SATISFYING CONCLUSION.

TO SURVIVE IS TO LIVE A LIFE OF "DOING":
TO SURVIVE AS A HUMAN IS TO LIVE PARTIALLY IN A WORLD OF "TALK".
(I'M SURE YOU CAN FIGURE OUT FOR YOURSELF
WHAT IS NEEDED TO LIVE A LIFE OF THE MORE AWAKENED.)

THE UNFORSEEN CONSEQUENCE OF AN "OCCUPIED MIND"
IS THE SENSATION PRODUCED OF THERE BEING SOMETHING OTHER THAN A PHYSICAL "SELF"
(AND FROM SUCH, N'ER COMES CONTENTMENT).

YOU CAN'T BE YOURSELF WHILE
TALKING ABOUT YOURSELF.

SOME POET HAS SAID: "KEEP YOUR FEET ON THE GROUND AND YOUR HEAD IN THE CLOUDS",
BUT I SAY TO YOU: KEEP THE WHOLE SHEBANG IN THE PRIMARY REALM.

YOU'LL NEVER "FIND YOURSELF" WHILE RUMAGING IN THE SECONDARY WORLD OF TALK.
WHATEVER MAY BE YOUR "TRUE SELF"
WILL NEVER BE LOCATED THRU WORDS.

SO: KEEP YOUR FEET ON THE GROUND AND YOUR HEAD ON YOUR FEET.

SOME MINDS OF THE ORDINARY HAVE PRAYED: "DON'T LET ME BE -- MISUNDERSTOOD"
WHILE THE MINDS OF THE AWAKENED PRAY:
"DON'T LET ME BE.....THAT IS IN THE MENTAL SENSE OF -- 'ME BEING'."

KEEP YOUR MIND IN YOUR FEET, AND YOUR FEET WHERE YOUR TALK WOULD NORMALLY BE.

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WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT REMOVING EVERYTHING FROM YOUR MIND,
YOUR MIND THEN BECOMES OCCUPIED WITH THAT IDEA.

IS THERE NO "HOPE" FOR THE MIND ?!?! -- YES!,
IN THE SAME WAY THAT THERE IS NO "DISPAIR" FOR THE MIND.

THERE IS A MAGICAL BIRD THAT CAN ONLY BE SHOT WHEN IT HAS BOTH FEET ON A BRANCH.
KEEP YOUR FEET ON THE GROUND AND YOUR MIND OFF THAT BRANCH...

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