

THE NEWS FOR FEBRUARY 15, 1999

AS LONG AS YOU BELIEVE THAT "YOU" ARE ONE THING, AND YOUR "MIND" ANOTHER, YOU STRUGGLE FUTILELY.

AND A BOY ASKED HIS FATHER:

"WHAT WOULD YOU SAY, IN THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE, IS THE MOST DIFFICULT THING FOR A MAN TO EVER SEE?", AND HIS PA PA REPLIED: "THAT YOUR 'I' AND YOUR THOUGHTS ARE ONE IN THE SAME."

THE INSIDIOUS PROBLEM HEREIN IS THAT EVEN WHEN YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS IS COMPLETELY TAKEN UP WITH THOUGHTS, AND YOUR IMMEDIATE SENSE OF "I" IS NOT PRESENT IN YOUR MIND, THERE SEEMS TO BE A MOST SUBTLE SENSATION THAT IT IS STILL "YOU" WHO IS HAVING THE THOUGHTS, THUS SUSTAINING THIS USELESS AND HINERINING DUALITY.

HOW'S ABOUT TRYING THIS ON:

INSTEAD OF SAYING: "I HAVE THOUGHTS", SAY, "THOUGHTS HAVE, (THAT IS, THEY PRODUCE ME."

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AFTER A LENGTHY COMMENTARY OF THIS MATTER THAT INTERESTS US, SOMEONE IN THE AUDIENCE ASKED THE SPEAKER:

"ISN'T WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT MERELY ANOTHER FORM OF SEN, OR SUFISM, ETC?", "NO.", HE REPLIED, "IT'S NONE OF THOSE YOU MIGHT NAME, BUT I CAN TELL YOU THIS:

IT HAS NO NATURAL NAME, AND IS JUST BARELY DESCRIBABLE IN THE ROUGHEST OF TERMS."

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THE GREAT THING ABOUT GIBBERISH IS THAT YOU CAN'T RESPOND TO IT.

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HOW TO TELL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN NOVICE SYSTEMS & ADVANCED ONES:
NOVICE SYSTEMS HAVE CHARTS AND DIAGRAMS.....
....SAME AS WITH YOUR NOVICE MIND.)

THE CHALLENGE IS THAT WHILE WE SAY WE WANT TO CHANGE A CERTAIN "SOMETHING"
WE FAIL TO NOTICE THAT WE CONTINUALLY AND EFFORTLESSLY TURN INTO THAT SOMETHING

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IT IS THE UTTER SIMPLICITY OF THIS THAT CONFUSES MANY PEOPLE...FOR A LONG TIME.

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THE MORE YOU THINK, THE GREATER CONTINUES THE THE GAP THAT SEPERATES YOU FROM THE
REALIZATION THAT THE ONLY "YOU" THAT YOU HAVE IS CONTAINED IN YOUR THOUGHTS.
...(DON'T YOU JUST ADORE HOW LIFE TOOK THE TIME TO ARRANGE THIS AFFAIR TO
SPECIFICALLY BAMBOOZLE THOSE WHO STRUGGLE TO AWAKEN ?!)

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WITH GREAT ADMIRATION, A YOUNG MONK SAID TO THE ELDER OF THE ORDER:
"HOW DO I GET TO BE JUST LIKE YOU?",
"JUST LIKE ME?!", REPEATED THE ELDER,
"YES", SAID THE YOUNG MONK, "EXACTLY LIKE YOU.",
AND AFTER PONDERING THE QUESTION FOR A BIT, THE ELDER FINALLY REPLIED:
"EVEN IF I KNEW, I WOULDN'T TELL YOU.",
"THANKS.", SAID THE YOUNG MONK,
HAVING JUST RECEIVED HIS ENLIGHTENMENT.

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BEING AWAKE IS BEING ABLE TO SEE, BUT UNABLE TO TO SPEAK OF IT.
IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT BEING ENLIGHTENED IS TO "SEE INTO YOUR OWN NATURE",
BUT THIS REFERS NOT TO YOUR PHYSICAL NATURE, WHICH IS OBVIOUS,
BUT RATHER TO YOUR NON-PHYSICAL NATURE,
WHICH ALSO SEEMS TO BE OBVIOUS, BUT ONLY BECAUSE YOUR MIND SAYS THAT IT IS,
AND IT IS THE MIND THAT IS THE TOTALITY OF YOUR NON-PHYSICAL NATURE,
SO THUS YOU SHOULD TAKE ALL SUCH ASSERTIONS BY THE MIND IN LIGHT OF ITS
VESTED, SELF-INTEREST, AND UNAVOIDBLE PROCLIVITY FOR SELF-DECEPTION,
THAT IS: THE MIND FOOLING ITSELF IN THE SAME WAY THAT A MIRROR MIGHT SAY:
"BUT I DON'T SEE ANY MIRROR?!"

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REGARDING THE MATTER OF: "BEING UPSET":
 BEING ASLEEP CAUSES NERVOUSNESS.

AND ONE GUY'S FAVORITE SONG IS: "CAN'T KEEP MY 'I' OFF OF ME."

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AND ONE MAN CHANTED:

"FIRST I'M HERE -- THEN I'M NOT,
 WHERE DID I GO, BUT AWAY-IN-THOUGHT?!"

THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS YOUR "I" UNLESS IT CAN EXIST SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH
 YOUR THOUGHTS.

"I" IS STRICTLY A PRODUCT OF YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS,
 AND YOUR PRESENT CONSCIOUSNESS CONSISTS OF NO MORE THAN YOUR THOUGHTS.
 (REPEATING THIS FACT OVER & OVER TO YOURSELF A MILLION TIMES A DAY
 WILL SURELY AROUSE A MAN FROM HIS SLUMBER).

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ALL TALK NOT ABOUT AWAKENING IS GIBBERISH....TO THE AWAKENED.

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CONCERNING THE SUBJECT OF, "NEATNESS":

ENLIGHTENED CONSCIOUSNESS IS TIDY IN THAT IT IS EMPTY AND THUS CONTAINS NOTHING
 TO GET ASKEW OR OUT-OF-PLACE.

....(AHHHHH, THE MANY BENEFITS.)

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TO PUT THE MATTER IN STRAIGHT FORWARD TERMS:

AMIDST THE CLAMOR & DISTRACTION OF THE EVERYDAY THOUGHTS RUNNING THRU YOU,
 YOU MUST SOMEHOW, "RAISE-UP" A NEW, NON-IDIGENOUS "I" IN YOUR MIND,
 ONE THAT IS EQUIPED TO PURSUE THIS MOST SUBTLE & CAPTIVATING OF UNDERTAKINGS

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A MONK ASKED ONE OF THE ELDERS:

"IS IT POSSIBLE TO THINK THAT YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING, BUT NOT?",
TOWHICH THE ANCIENT ONE REPLIED:

"AS REGARDS MATTERS NON-PHYSICAL, THE SITUATION CANNOT BE OTHERWISE."

...(A COMFORTING IF NOT A, NARROWING-DOWN-OF-THE-FOCUS THOUGHT, EH WHAT?!"
JUST ONE MORE BENEFIT I MIGHT NOTE, OF BEING BEYOND SLEEPING CONSCIOUSNESS:
YOU ARE NO LONGER BURDENED WITH CONCERNS ABOUT WHETHER YOU KNOW ANYTHING OR NOT.
...ONE OF THE SPECIAL THINGS ABOUT BEING IN THE HUMAN RACE IS THAT
WE'RE-ALL-IN-A-SIMILAR-BOAT....IT'S JUST THAT THE ORDINARY NEVER REALIZE IT.

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QUESTION:

FROM AN ENLIGHTENED VIEW: HOW CAN YOU TELL THAT "THINGS ARE GOING WELL"?

ANSWER: WHEN YOU NO LONGER HAVE ANY CARE ABOUT HOW THINGS GO,
...I'M TELLIN' YOU: LEAVE IT TO LIFE TO WORRY ABOUT IT.

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QUESTION:

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A MADMAN AND ONE AWAKENED?

ANSWER: THERE ARE TWO POSSIBLE DIFFERENCES:

ONE IS THAT THERE IS NO DISTINCTION,

AND TWO IS THAT A MADMAN IS A MADMAN AND THE AWAKENED ARE AWAKE.

...(I SUSPECT AT TIMES THAT YOU CONTINUE TO PUT TOO MUCH FAITH IN WORDS.)

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CONSCIOUSNESS THAT IS AWARE OF ITS OWN NATURE IS NOT EASILY DISTURBED.
(JUST A LITTLE WARNING FOR THOSE OF YOU HAPPILY ADDICTED TO BEING UPSET.)

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AS STRANGE AS IT SOUNDS LITERALLY, WHEN CONSCIOUSNESS IS INVOLVED IN THOUGHT,
IT HAS BECOME INCAPACITATED, FROM A LIBERTAED VIEW;

ITS ABILITY TO SEE, HEAR, SMELL AND PERCEIVE LIFE AS IT IS, IS DESTROYED.

WHAT MORE REASON NEED YE TO CLEAR OUT YOUR HEAD, AND SIMPLY,
GET ON WITH THE RIDICULOUS JOB OF BEING A HUMAN?!