

THE NEWS FOR FEBRUARY 19, 1999

THE IMPORTANCE THE FEW PLACE ON THE MATTER OF "ATTENTION"  
IS BASED ON THEIR OBSERVATION THAT ATTENTION IS INVOLVED WITH:  
THE MIND'S ATTRACTION TO ITSELF.

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ONE MAN ASKS:  
"MIGHT THE FINAL AWAKENING BE IN:  
GETTING OVER BEING DISSATISFIED WITH --  
BEING DISSATISFIED?!"

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TALKING ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCE OF A PROFESSED, "EXTRAORDINARY EVENT" IS IN LARGE PART  
WHAT MAKES IT SEEM REAL TO ORDINARY PEOPLE,  
WHEREAS NOT TALKING ABOUT THE REALLY EXTRAORDINARY ONE, (PERIODS OF AWAKENING)  
IS WHAT KEEPS IT REAL FOR THE FEW.

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EACH MAN WHO DESIRES ENLIGHTENMENT HAS STEPPED INTO UN-MAPPED SHIT,  
AND EACH MAN CAN LOOK NO FURTHER THAN TO HIMSELF FOR THE SOURCE OF THE DUNG,  
ALTHOUGH HE IS NOT IN THE END, RESPONSIBLE THEREFOR....  
....SO WHO IS?...  
YOU'LL FIND OUT WHO AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SHIT INWHICH YOU HAVE STEPPED....  
....JUST KEEP DIGGING.

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A FUNNY WAY OF LOOKING AT IT: THE STRUGGLE TO AWAKEN IS ACTUALLY ENCOURAGEMENT OF  
BEING DISSATISFIED WITH THE STATE THAT THOSE ENCOURAGING AWAKENING HAVE LABELED,  
SLEEP.

QUESTION: WHAT IS REQUIRED FOR A GURU/DISCIPLE RELATIONSHIP?

...THAT THE FORMER CAN SAY THE OPPOSITE OF WHATEVER THE LATTER OFFERS.

...CAN YOU SEE THIS APPLIED TO YOUR OWN EFFORTS TO DIRECT YOURSELF TO AWAKENING?

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THE HEAD OF A CERTAIN MONESTARY GAVE DAILY LECTURES,

AND ON DAYS WHEN HE FELT GOOD, THE LECTURES WOULD SEEM UP-BEAT & WEIGHTLESS,

AND ON DAYS WHEN HE DIDN'T FEEL SO GOOD, HIS COMMENTS WOULD SEEM DARK AND HEAVY..

...THE NEOPHYTES WERE SHOCKED WHEN THEY REALIZED THIS.

(GUESS THAT'S WHY WE HAVE A SPECIAL WORD FOR BEGINNERS.)

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ONE MAN LET HIS DOG CAHSE AFTER ANY CAR IT WANTED TO,

AND ALL HE'D DO WAS SILENTLY WATCH WHTAVER THE DOG GOT INTO.

THIS MAN DISCOVERED ULTIMATE EFFICIENCY

REGARDING A CERTAIN MATTER INWHICH HE WAS INVOLVED.....AND GOT HOME SOONER.

THERE IS A SPECIAL FORM OF HIPNESS THAT IS FAR BEYOND ANY ROUTINE HIP:

A WAY OF -- NAIVETE

THAT WILL EAT ORDINARY SOPHISTICATION FOR LUNCH.

IF YOU CAN BE TOTALLY NONCHALANT, UNCONCERNED, UNINVOLVED ABOUT YOUR THINKING,  
YOUR MIND WILL TAKE CARE OF ALL THAT NEEDS TO BE TAKEN CARE OF.

LET THE DOG RUN --

-- JUST WATCH, AND STAY QUIET ABOUT WHAT YOU SEE.

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ANYONE WHO TELLS YOU THAT SOME MENTAL MATTER IS ONE OF LIFE & DEATH

IS THEMSELF; INTELLECTUALLY: DEAD, DECEASED, DEFUNCT, DEPARTED,

GONE AWAY, SHIPPED OUT, OFF THE CHART, AND NO LONGER, "PRODUCTIVELY EMPLOYED".

JUST, LET-THE-DOG-RUN,

AND IF YOU STAY MUM ABOUT WHERE HE GOES

YOU'LL SOON REALIZE THAT NONE OF HIS ESCAPADES ARE EVER -- SERIOUS.

A SAD, SAD TALE:

THERE WAS ONCE A MAN WHO FINALLY DISCOVERED THE QUICKEST WAY TO ISTANBUL,  
BUT EVERY TIME HE'D THINK ABOUT WHERE HE WAS AT THE MOMENT -- HE'D FORGET IT.

...SO I GUESS IT IS AFTER ALL, A MATTER OF, "ATTENTION"....

....OR ELSE ULTIMATELY, THE REALIZATION OF A BRAND NEW WAY TO APPROACH  
THE MATTER OF "ATTENTION".

CONSIDER: IS IT A QUESTION OF, "GIVNING ATTENTION TO ATTENTION"?! -- OR,  
IN SOME HOW LEARNING TO LET ATTENTION RUN ITS OWN COURSE  
WITH YOU JUST ALONG FOR THE RIDE AS A PLEASURABLY CONTENT, OBSERVER THEREOF?!  
IS ANYONE GETTING PAST YOUR ORDINARY ATTENTION TO THE WORDS I'M SPEAKING,  
AND ACTUALLY HEARING THE REALITY OF THEIR INTENTION?!

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AN EVEN SADDER INITIAL TALE, WHICH TURNS HAPPY:

ONE MAN ATTEMPTED TO BRING PERFECT, PERMANENT "ORDER" TO HIS HOUSE,  
AND AFTER MANY YEARS OF FAILURE, UNCOVERED AN UNKNOWN, SUPERIOR UNDERSTANDING OF  
WHAT CAN CONSTITUTE "ORDER".

LOOK AT IT THIS WAY:

THAT WHICH DOESN'T WORK IS -- CHAOTIC & FRUSTRATING, BUT,  
WHATEVER DOES -- BRINGS PEACE AND INSOUCIANCE

THE DOG IS HAPPIEST WHEN RUNNING FREE,  
AND WHAT YOU DOSCOVER IS -- SO BE YE.

HINT: TO STAY ASLEEP -- YOU MUST KEEP TALKING.

YOU MUST MAKE COMMENT ON WHERE THE DOG GOES.

DESCRIBING THEIR EXPERIENCE WITH PROCLAIMED, "EXTRAORDINARY OCCURANCES"  
IS IN LARGE PART WHAT MAKES SUCH SEEM REAL TO ROUTINE PEOPLE,  
WHEREAS, NOT REFERING TO THE ONE, REAL, "EXTRAORDINARY HAPPENING",  
(THAT OF SUDDENLY BECOMING CLEAR HEADED),  
IS HOW THE ALERT KEEP THE EXPERIENCE REAL AND ALIVE FOR THEM.

MAJOR, MAJOR SUGGESTION: DON'T SAY ANYTHING AT ALL,  
AROUND THE DOG.

...JUST TURN YOURSELF OVER TO HIM -- TOTALLY.