

THE NEWS FOR MARCH 3, 1999

YOU NEED REMEMBER THIS:

IF YOU ARE STILL EVEN PARTIALLY DELUDED IN YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE MIND
THEN YOU ARE STILL PARTIALLY DELUDED ABOUT EVERYTHING.

DON'T JUST STUDY THE BRANCHES OF THE TREE WHEN THE TRUCK IS RIGHT THERE
TO BE EXAMINED.

THE NATURE OF THE MIND IS THE TRUNK:

EVERYTHING THAT PASSES THRU IT, THE BRANCHES:

OR, PUT IN ANOTHER CONTEXT:

THE PHYSICAL WORLD IS THE TRUNK OF LIFE'S TREE:

THE SECONDARY WORLD OF THOUGHT, THE BRANCHES.

THE TRICKY FACTOR IS THAT THE BRANCHES OF THOUGHT ARE INFINITE IN NUMBER, THUS
YOU CAN UNDERTAKE A STUDY OF THEM AND EXPERIENCE AN APPARENTLY ENDLESS STRING OF
DISCOVERIES AND SUCCESSES THEREIN

YOU CAN BE HUNG UP ON THE BRANCHES FOREVER,

BUT -- KILL THE TRUCK -- (THAT IS, UNCOVER ITS ESSENCE) --

AND YOU HAVE PUT TO DEATH ALL PROBLEMS AND QUESTIONS.

UNTIL YOU SEE CLEARLY FOR YOURSELF JUST WHAT THE MIND AMOUNTS TO,

EVERYTHING THAT YOU BELIEVE YOU KNOW IS CONTORTED

IN THAT YOU TAKE DESCRIPTIONS OF APPARITIONS TO BE PROOF OF THEIR EXISTANCE.

THE MIND'S CAPACITY TO BE OVERWHELMINGLY IMPRESSED & INFLUENCED BY THE
THOUGHTS THAT IT ITSELF PROVIDES

HAD TO BE THE ORIGINAL INSPIRATION FOR THE NOTION OF ONE,

"PULLING ONESELF UP -- INTO APPARENT EXISTANCE -- BY ONE'S OWN BOOTSTRAPS."

THOUGHTS ARE REAL SOLELY BECAUSE THE MIND SAYS THEY ARE REAL,

AND IN THE REALM OF THE MIND THERE IS NAUGHT BUT THE MIND,

AND THUS NO POSSIBILITY OF REFUTATION.

IT IS INDEED A BEAUTIFUL CONSTRUCTION WHEREBY ALL PERTINENT ASPECTS & ASPECTS
ARE ARRANGED TO CLOSELY PROTECT AND SUPPORT THE MIND'S IPSIDIXIT CLAIMS OF
ACTUALITY, AND MATERIAL SIGNIFICANCE

IF YOU ARE STILL EVEN PARTIALLY DELUDED AS TO THE NATURE OF THE MIND
THEN YOU REMAIN PARTIALLY DELUDED IN YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF EVERYTHING.

WHAT A CHALLENGE!...WHAT A DELIGHTFULLY ELUSIVE, YET SIMPLE, "CHALLENGE".

INFO REGARDING ONE'S AVVOCATIONAL CHOICES:

YOU CAN, "SWIM IN THE WATERS OF THE MIND", OR,
"WALK AROUND ON DRY LAND".

ALTHOUGH UNRECOGNIZED BY MEDICINE, SCIENCE, OR BRAKE PAD SPECIALISTS --
ORDINARY, MUNDANE, EVERYDAY MEN ARE HIBITUATED SUBJECTS OF
GRAND FLIGHTS OF EXTRAORDINARY DELUSIONS,
BUT SINCE THIS IS A COLLECTIVE PHENOMENON COMMON TO ALL
WHO IS TO EVER REALIZE THE SITUATION FOR WHAT IT IS?!

...AND AS LONG AS YOU REMAIN CAPTIVE OF THE THOUGHTS WITHIN YOU
HOW WILL YOU EVER SEE THE ARRANGEMENT FROM AN UNBIASED POSITION,
WHICH OF COURSE, IS THE ONLY AVENUE OPEN TO -- MENTAL LIBERATION,
{WHICH WE SHOULD ACTUALLY DESCRIBE AS: LIBERATION FROM THINGS MENTAL,
WHICH IN TRUTH WE SHOULD CALL: LIBERATION FROM NEEDLESS THINGS, MENTAL.

...[DO YOU SEE -- RIGHT HERE IS AN EXAMPLE --
EVEN WHEN DISCUSSING AFFAIRS "EXTRAORDINAIRE"
THERE IS STILL NO END TO THE WORDS THAT CAN BE SAID IN REFERENCE THERETO.]
WHERE IS THE RATIONAL BASIS FOR RELIANCE ON A SENTENCE THAT HAS NO END?!,
ON IDEAS, NO MATTER HOW GLAMOROUS OR FASCINATING,
THAT NEVER BRING WITH THEM, THEIR OWN SATISFYING CONCLUSIONS.

THE MIND CAN BE PICTURED AS THE UNIVERSE'S ONLY DOG,
CONTENT TO FOREVER -- CHASE ITS OWN UNTOUCHABLE TAIL.

"OH WHAT FUN.", CRIED HANSEL, "TO LIVE IN AN IMAGINARY WOODS.",
AND -- OH WHAT A RELIEF IT IS, (FOR THE FEW),
TO FINALLY SEE THE TREES FOR WHAT THEY ACTUALLY ARE.

STARING AT THE BRANCHES CAN KEEP YOU MISLEAD FOR A LIFE TIME,
WHILE A SIMPLE, UP-CLOSE EXAMINATION OF THE TRUNK
CAN TAKE YOU OUT OF THE WOODS ONCE AND FOR ALL.

REMEMBER YOUR AVVOCATIONAL CHOICES:
YOU CAN, "SWIM IN THE WATERS OF THE MIND", OR,
"WALK AROUND ON DRY LAND":

EITHER: FLOAT IN A WORLD OF DREAMS, OR ACTUALLY LIVE IN A REAL ONE.

WHILE TANGIBLE "PROBLEM-SOLVING" OFTEN SEEMS BEST ACCOMPLISHED BY BREAKING DOWN COMPLEX SITUATIONS INTO SMALLER, AND SMALLER PARTS THE SAME CANNOT BE SAID REGARDING INTANGIBLE EFFORTS TO UNDERSTAND THE NATURE OF THE MIND'S SECONDARY REALITY.

TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF YOU NOT UNDERSTANDING WHAT'S ACTUALLY GOING ON IN LIFE REQUIRES THAT YOU -- STAND-BACK-AWAY-FROM-IT -- AND -- TAKE-IT-ALL-IN-AT-ONCE JUST KEEP YOUR WINDOW OF CONSCIOUSNESS COMPLETELY OPEN AND QUIET AND EVERYTHING YOU WANT TO KNOW IS RIGHT THERE IN FRONT OF YOU, IN FACT: RIGHT THERE ALL AROUND YOU -- IN ONE BIG, UNIFIED CHUCK: THE UNDIVIDED PHYSICAL REALITY OF OUR UNIVERSE: THE VERY GROUND UPONWHICH WE LITERALLY: LIVE-AND-DIE.

"SWIMMING IN THE WATERS OF THE MIND" CAN CERTAINLY BE AN ENJOYABLE PASTTIME, BUT TO "BE ASLEEP" IS TO NEVER RECOGNIZE THIS ACTIVITY FOR WHAT IT IS.

THE CLAIM THAT: "A LITTLE KNOWLEDGE IS A DANGEROUS THING" IS, (TO THE FEW), A REFLECTION AGAIN OF THE FACT THAT: IF YOU ARE DELUDED IN YOUR "KNOWLEDGE-OF-THE-MIND" THEN YOU ARE DELUDED IN YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF EVERYTHING.

...(AT LEAST IT'S GOOD TO KNOW -- "WHERE YOU STAND", HUH?!)

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ONE MAN ASKED HIMSELF:

"IS THE GENUINE NAME OF THIS ENDEAVOR:

'A LITTLE PROGRESS, NO MATTER HOW GRADUAL -- IS GOOD', OR:

'ALL IDEAS OF GRADUAL PROGRESS ARE AN ILLUSION,

AND THERE IS ONLY THE REALITY OF WHAT CAN BE DONE, THIS VERY INSTANT'."?

AFTER FRAMING THE QUESTION THUS, THE MAN PONDERED IT DEEPLY, EXTENSIVELY, AND THOROUGHLY....WHICH TOOK THE BETTER PART OF A WHOLE SECOND.

TO BE DELUDED AS TO THE NATURE OF THE MIND IS TO BE DELUDED AS TO THE REALITY OF TIME.

SINCE THOUGHTS ARE LOCATED NO PLACE TANGIBLY,

THEY CAN BE PERCEIVED AS EXISTING -- ANY WHERE YOU WANT THEM TO.

IF YOU STARE, AND THUS ALLOW THEM: "THE WATERS-OF-THE-MIND," AND THE, "BRANCHES-OF-THE-TREE" CAN FOREVER KEEP YOUR ATTENTION MEANINGLESSLY OCCUPIED AND BAR YOU FROM THE SIMPLE REALIZATION THAT YOU "LIVE-DOWN-HERE-ON-THE-GROUND" AND THAT "KNOWLEDGE-OF-THE-TRUNK-OF-THE-TREE"-- IS ALL YOU REALLY NEED

FREQUENTLY WAS ONE MAN'S CONTEMPLATION DRAWN BACK TO THE ALLEGORICAL PICTURIZATION OF THOUGHTS BEING A VIRUS THAT AFFLICTS MAN'S MIND: BUT THE MORE HE PONDERED THIS PICTURE DID HE BEGIN TO SEE THE SCENE AS BEING ONE OF A BACTERIA BESETTING MAN'S MIND RATHER THAN A VIRUS, IN THAT THE SCIENTIFIC DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE TWO BEING BASED ON THE ABILITY OF VIRUSES TO INTRUDE IN AREAS WHEREIN EXIST FILTERS THAT BAR THE ENTRY OF BACTERIA, WHICH HE TRANSLATED INTO, CONTROLLED ATTENTION'S ABILITY TO "TURN AWAY" THE INFECTION OF INVOLUTARY THOUGHTS.

THUS HIS GRANDER VIEW OF THE SITUATION WAS ONE OF THOUGHTS BEING NOT AN UNMANAGEABLE VIRUS, CAPABLE OF GOING WHEREVERE IT PLEASES, AND CREATING WHATEVER MISCHIEF IT DESIRES, BUT ONE OF THOUGHTS BEING NO MORE THAN A BACTERIA WITH NO PARTICULAR TALENTS TO HARM, AND WHICH IS AT ALL TIMES SUBJECT TO FILTRATION & ELIMINATION.

ON THE BASIS OF THIS PERSONAL PERCEPTION THE MAN WAS FORCED TO FACE A MENTAL-SITUATION WHEREIN THE POSSIBILITY OF HIM BEING, "ILL IN CONSCIOUSNESS" WAS BASED ENTIRELY ON WHETHER OR NOT HE WAS MAKING THE NEEDED INSTANT EFFORT TO KEEP HIS ATTENTION, OPEN-&-CLEAR, AND THUS "FILTER OUT" THE DISTURBING, "BACTERIA-OF-THOUGHT".

THE SUPREME DISTINCTION BETWEEN THOSE STILL IN DREAMS ABOUT WHAT THIS IS, AND THOSE WHO KNOW WHAT IT IS -- IS THAT WHILE THE LATTER ARE FINALLY DELIGHTED TO REALIZE THAT ALL RESPONSIBILITY IS ENTIRELY THEIR OWN, THE FORMER REMAIN DEEPLY ANNOYED BY THE PROSPECT.

OR PUT TO YOU FROM ANOTHER ANGLE:

DREAMERS OF AWAKENING PREFER TO THINK OF THAT WHICH SEEMS TO OPPOSE THEIR GOAL AS BEING A TOTALLY, BEYOND-THEIR-CONTROL -- "VIRUS", WHILE THOSE WITH AN UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT AWAKENING IS TRULY ALL ABOUT ARE MOST PLEASED TO SEE AND ACCEPT WHAT SEEMS TO STAND BETWEEN THEM AND A FULLER AWAKENING AS BEING NO MORE THAN A RELATIVELY INNOCUOUS, "BACTERIA", OVERWHICH THEY CAN, AT EVERY PASSING MOMENT, EXERCISE MEANINGFUL CONTROL, SIMPLY BY BEING, ATTENTIVE-TO-ATTENTION, AND KEEPING IT, "WIDE-EYED-OPEN", AND THUS QUIET - AND THUS FREE OF THE BACTERIAL INFECTION OF: COMMENT & THOUGHT.

WHAT A SIMPLE CURE FOR SUCH A SIMPLE TROUBLE