

MY NEWS FOR MAY 7, 1999AN ALTERNATIVE VIEW:

THE CEASELESS CHATTER & FIGITING OF YOUR THOUGHTS COULD BE SEEN AS NOTHING MORE THAN THEIR REACTION TO CONFINEMENT:

A MANIFESTATION OF THEIR FRUSTRATION AT BEING ABLE TO CONCEIVE-OF ABSOLUTE FREEDOM, BUT UNABLE TO PRACTICE IT:

THE DISQUIETUDE RESULTING FROM THEM BEING INCAPABLE OF GOING BEYOND THEMSELVES, WHILE QUITE CAPABLE OF DESCRIBING SUCH.

SEEN FROM THIS PERSPECTIVE, YOUR ORDINARY STATE OF CONSCIOUSNESS DOES NOT HAVE THE AROMA OF AN INEXPLICABLE ANOMOLY, FOR WHAT IS MORE NATURAL THAN FOR A CAGED ANIMAL TO ENDLESS PACE THE LENGTH OF ITS ENCLOSURE WHILE GROWLING IMPOTENTLY TO ITSELF?|

MOST MEN ADJUST -- BUT A FEW BECOME TRULY DISTURBED BY THEIR THOUGHTS' IMPATIENCE WITH THE SITUATION, AND THEIR VAIN ATTEMPTS TO CHANGE IT, AND SET THEMSELVES FREE FROM THEIR RESTRICTIONS.

THOSE SPECIAL EXPERIENCES SO BELOVED BY MYSTICS, AND OFTEN REFERED TO AS, "AN EXPANSION OF CONSCIOUSNESS" WOULD BE BETTER DESCRIBED AS CONSCIOUSNESS HAVING CEASED ITS FUTILE STRUGGLE TO TRANSCEND ITSELF.

THUS "AWAKENING", (AS IT IS ALSO SOME TIMES CALLED) IS NOT ACTUALLY AN AWAKENING TO A NEW MIND, BUT RATHER AN AWAKENING TO THE FACT THAT THERE IS NO MIND BUT THE ONE YOU ALREADY HAVE --

-- THE ONE THAT IS FOREVER RESTLESS, AND FOREVER AGGITATES TO GO BEYOND ITS OWN LIMITATIONS:

AND THUS "ENLIGHTENMENT" (ANOTHER NAME FOR THE EXPERIENCE), IS IN FACT LIKE MAKING A PACING, IRRITATED, CAGED ANIMAL AWARE OF ITS PERMANENT CONFINEMENT, AN AWARENESS THAT FINALLY BRINGS CALM & QUIET TO THE BEAST.

CONSIDER: TO WHAT POSSIBLE, PROFITABLE END DOES A MAN TALK ABOUT HIMSELF?

CAN YOU REALIZE HOW DEVOID OF UNDERSTANDING,
AND HOW CONFUSED A MAN MUST BE TO WANT TO TALK ABOUT HIS LIFE?!

WELL THEN,

WHY DO YOU KEEP LISTENING TO THE
THE TALES ABOUT YOU
THAT THE THOUGHTS IN YOU
KEEP REPEATING TO YOU?

....THEY ONLY ADD TO THE DISTRACTION THAT ALREADY KEEPS YOU FROM
SEEING YOUR LIFE, PLAINLY AS IT IS.

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SOME POSE THE QUESTION: "WHERE DOES MY MIND WANDER TO?",
DIG IT: IT FOR SURE DOESN'T WANDER BEYOND ITSELF.....IT CAN'T.
.....(RUMINATE ON THAT ONE, ALL YOU SPECIOUS VAGABONDS.)

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THOSE WHO WANT TO TELL OF THEIR EXPERIENCES IN THIS PURSUIT
HAVE NOT YET HAD THE ONE THEY'RE AFTER.....
....WHICH WOULD SHUT THEM UP.

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NO NEED TO BUY A JOKE BOOK: WHAT COULD BE FUNNIER THAN THE FACT THAT
AS SOON AS YOU THINK ABOUT BEING AWAKE -- YOU GO TO SLEEP.

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AND ONE MAN SAYS: "I HAVE THOUGHT ABOUT ALL OF THIS AT GREAT LENGTH,
AND I'VE DECIDED NOT TO THINK ABOUT IT ANY MORE.

I HAVE CONCLUDED THAT TO BE THE ONLY PROMISING COURSE OF ACTION."
...(AND, HEY! -- DON'T "RUMINATE" ON THAT ONE.)