

MY NEWS FOR JUNE 14, 1999

A MAN SHOWED UP AT A CERTAIN MYSTIC'S DOOR WITH A PLEA:

"DEAR SIR, I AM IN DESPERATE NEED OF ASSSISTANCE:

FOR MANY YEARS I HAVE TRIED TO PURUSE THAT SPECIAL GOAL,

AND WHILE I HAVE HAD SOME EXTRAORDINARY EXPERIENCES,

I AM STILL UNABLE TO ACHIEVE ANYTHING LIKE PERMANENT SUCCESS.

PLEASE, DEAR SIR, CAN YOU NOT REVEAL TO ME,

THAT WHICH I DO NOT REALIZE

WHICH KEEPS ME FROM THE FULLY FOUND PRIZE?", AND THE MYSTIC REPLIED:

"I CAN, BUT FIRST LET ME ASK YOU A QUESTION:

WHAT WAS IT THAT YOU DECIDED THAT MADE YOU DECIDE TO COME SEE ME??"

THE MAN WAS QUIET FOR A FEW SECONDS AS HE APPEARED TO BE SEARCHING

HIS MEMORY, THEN SAID: "WELL I GUESS I'D DECIDED THAT I'D SOMEHOW

MISSED SOME ESSENTIAL PIECE OF INFORMATION ALONG THE WAY,

AND THAT LEAD TO MY DECIDING TO COME SEE YOU.",

THE MYSTIC NODDED, THEN QUEERIED THE MAN AGAIN:

"ALL RIGHT, BUT WHAT WAS IT THAT YOU'D DECIDED JUST BEFORE THAT

THAT MADE YOU DECIDE THAT YOU'D MISSED SOME VITAL BIT OF INFORMATION?",

AND THE MAN WAS MOMENTARILY SILENT AGAIN AS HE SEEMED TO PONDER

THE QUESTION, THEN FINALLY REPLIED:

"I GUESS I'D DECIDED THAT MY LACK OF LASTING SUCCESS WAS NOT

TEMPORARY, AND THAT THERE MUST BE A SPECIFIC REASON WHY,

AND THAT MADE ME DECIDE THAT I'D PROBABLY MISSED SOME VITAL PIECE

OF INFORMATION, WHICH THEN MADE ME DECIDE TO COME ASK YOU ABOUT IT.",

AND THE MYSTIC NODDED AGAIN, THEN ASKED THE MAN AGAIN:

"AND WHAT DID YOU DECIDE BEFORE THAT THAT MADE YOU DECIDE THAT?",

AND AGAIN IT FELL SILENT BETWEEN THEM, BUT THIS TIME FOR A LONGER

PERIOD, AND THE MAN BEGAN TO SHOW VISIBLE SIGNS OF DISCOMFORT,

AND FINALLY SPOKE OUT:

"WELL, I SEE WHAT YOU'RE DOING, BUT HOW MUCH FURTHER BACK CAN WE

KEEP GOING,

YOU ASKING ME WHAT I DECIDED THAT MADE ME DECIDE TO DO THIS PARTICULAR

THING, AND WHAT I PREVIOUSLY DECIDED THAT MADE ME DECIDE TO DO THAT

THING, AND SO ON.....

...I AM BECOMING GREATLY CONFUSED -- AND I DON'T SEE THE POINT OF IT?!",

AND THE MYSTIC SAID: "IN OUR CONVERSATION I HAVE CAUSED TO BE LAID OUT

BEFORE YOU THE GROUND ONWHICH YOUR 'MISSING-PIECE-OF-REALIZATION'

STARKLY STANDS. ONLY THOSE WHO CANNOT SEE

WILL FAIL TO SEE."

THERE WAS ONCE A MAN WHO HAD A CREATURE THAT LIVED IN THE HOUSE WITH HIM.  
 THE MAN MUCH DESIRED TO BECOME A MEMBER OF:  
 "THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF THOSE WITH WELL TRAINED CREATURES.",  
 BUT DESPITE REPEATED REPRIMANDS, HIS REMAINED OUT OF CONTROL,  
 AND WOULD NOT BEHAVE AS THE MAN WISHED  
 EXCEPT MOMENTARILY AT THE TIMES OF REPRIMANDS

FINALLY, AFTER YEARS OF FRUSTRATION, THE MAN FORMED A CONCLUSION:  
 IN THAT HE HAD NEVER PERSONALLY BEEN IN THE HOUSE OF A SOCIETY MEMBER  
 WHO HAD A WELL TRAINED CREATURE,  
 AND THUS HAD NO OBJECTIVE KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT IT WOULD BE LIKE,  
 HE, BASED ON THE SINCERITY OF HIS DESIRE AND CONSISTANTCY OF EFFORT,  
 DECIDED THAT THE PERSISTING CONDITION IN HIS HOUSE  
 WAS PROBABLY ABOUT HOW IT WAS EVEN WITH SOCIETY MEMBERS.

FROM THEN ON THE MAN ACCEPTED WHATEVER HIS CREATURE DID AS BEING WHAT  
 INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY MEMBERS' WELL TRAINED CREATURES ALSO DID,  
 (AND THAT WAS THAT.)

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AFTER YEARS OF FAILING TO DO IT,  
 ONE DAY A MAN SUDDENLY GRABBED HIS HEAD AND SAID:  
 "MY GOD: IS THE REALIZATION THAT YOU'RE NOT DOING IT,  
 THE WAY TO FINALLY DO IT?!"

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DIALOGUE BETWEEN A MAN & A MYSTIC:

MAN: "WHAT IS ENLIGHTENMENT?"

MYSTIC: "ENLIGHTENMENT."

MAN: "WHAT IS AWAKENING?"

MYSTIC: "AWAKENING."

MAN: "WHAT IS THE GREAT LIBERATION?"

MYSTIC: "THE GREAT LIBERATION."

MAN: "WHAT'S THE POINT OF THIS: YOUR ANSWERS ARE ONLY ECHOES OF MY QUESTIONS?!"

MYSTIC: "DELETE THE WORDS, 'YOUR' & 'MY' FROM YOUR COMMENT AND THERE IS THE POINT."

IT HAS BEEN SAID TO THE RELIGIOUS THAT A MAN SHOULD FOLLOW BUT ONE GOD, AND ESCHEW THE WORSHIP OF MULTIPLE ONES, (WHICH BY THEIR NUMBERS MAKE THEM "FALSE GODS"), AND ON A DIFFERENT LEVEL OF UNDERSTANDING AN ENLIGHTENED MAN TAKES THIS TO BE A NOTING OF THE FACT THAT BY THROUGH SUCH ATTEMPTS AS THAT OF: OBSERVING YOURSELF; BEING MINDFUL, STOPPING OR SUBDUING THOUGHT, A MAN CREATES FALSE GODS WHERE NONE WERE BEFORE PRESENT.

BY THE VERY INTERNAL ACT OF TRYING TO CHANGE YOURSELF YOU PRODUCE IN YOURSELF A HERETOFORE NON-EXISTANT "YOU" THAT YOU THEN ACCEPT AS BEING THE YOU IN YOU THAT NOW NEEDS BE CHANGED.

THE RELIGIOUS HAVE ALSO BEEN TOLD THAT A MAN CANNOT DO "GOD'S WILL" AS LONG AS HE HAS WITHIN HIM ANY OF HIS OWN WILL, WHICH INCLUDES EVEN HIS WILL TO DO GOD'S WILL: I.E.: A MAN MUST BE EMPTY OF ALL PERSONAL WILL, AND WANTS TO EVER GET BEYOND THE ILLUSIONARY LIMITS OF HIS OWN ILLUSIONARY WILL AND WANTS:

TO AWAKEN WITH ANY PERMANCY A MAN MUST BE TRULY "POVERTY STRICKEN", LITERALLY, "POOR IN SPIRIT", (THAT IS): LACKING ANY KNOWLEDGE, AND EMPTY OF ALL ILLUSIONS REGARDING HIS OWN WILL.

THUS, IF YOU CAN UNDERSTAND THE MEANING ON THIS OTHER LEVEL WHAT IS BEING NOTED IS THAT:  
A MAN CANNOT FINALLY AWAKEN AS LONG AS HE STILL WANTS TO AWAKEN.

...OR IT COULD BE PUT THAT:  
AS LONG AS A MAN IS STILL "RICH-IN-THOUGHTS" ABOUT ENLIGHTENMENT HE WILL NOT BE SUFFICIENTLY "POOR-IN-SPIRIT" TO ABIDE THEREIN.

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SUBJECT: "WHEN YOU'VE GOT IT":

WHEN, IN YOUR, "NOT GETTING IT" -- YOU FINALLY "GET IT".

MEMBERSHIP: HE WHO THROUGH HIS OWN REALIZATION, LOSES THE DESIRE TO JOIN THE SOCIETY GAINS THE VERY THING HE DESIRED.

WARNING: IF YOU CAN RECOGNIZE A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN  
 PRETENDING THAT YOU ARE AWAKE, AND BEING AWAKE, BE ADVISED THAT  
 YOU ARE ASLEEP.

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THERE WAS ONCE A MYSTIC WHO TOLD A STORY ABOUT A GURU WHO ONE DAY  
 CONFESSED TO HIS FOLLOWERS THAT HE WAS A SHAM, AND THAT HIS TEACHINGS  
 WERE USELESS AND THAT EVERYONE SHOULD ABANDON THEM IMMEDIATELY,  
 AND ONE OF HIS STUDENTS SAID: "BE THAT AS IT MAY,  
 I'M MADE TOO MUCH PROGRESS TO STOP NOW.", AND THE MYSTIC THEN ASKED  
 HIS AUDIENCE: "DOES THE STORY INTENDED TO SHOW THE STUPIDITY OF THE  
 FOLLOWER, OR DOES IT SAY TO A MAN WHO CAN HEAR ANOTHER INTERPRETATION  
 THAT THE PURSUIT OF ANY TEACHING CAN RESULT IN "PROGRESS"?!"

THE MYSTIC CONCLUDED BY SAYING: "WHAT SHOULD YOU GET FROM THIS  
 REGARDING THE WHOLE AFFAIR OF, 'TRYING TO CHANGE YOURSELF',  
 AND THE JUDGING OF PROGRESS THEREIN?!"

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QUESTION: HOW CAN SOMETHING SO COMMONLY BELIEVED,  
 AND SO QUOTED AND RE-QUOTED  
 BE SO BLATANTLY INCORRECT?!

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ONE WAY TO STAY ALERT AND ALWAYS PREPARED FOR THE "BIG MOMENT"  
 IS TO KEEP STRICK TRACK OF THE TIME.

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A MAN WHO'D HEARD A CERTAIN MYSTIC SPEAK SAID TO HIM:  
 "WHERE DO YOU GET ALL OF THAT EXTRAORDINARY STUFF YOU TALK ABOUT?",  
 AND THE MYSTIC REPLIED: "IT JUST COMES TO ME.",  
 AND THE MAN WENT, "HUMMMMM.", THEN ASKED:  
 "WELL IF IT ALL JUST COMES TO YOU AS YOU'RE TALKING  
 THEN HOW ARE YOU ABLE TO COMMENT IN SUCH DEPTH ON WHAT YOU'VE JUST SAID  
 WHEN YOU'VE JUST HEARD IT FOR THE FIRST TIME YOURSELF?", AND THE MYSTIC REPLIED:  
 "IT JUST COMES TO ME.",  
 AND AGAIN THE MAN WENT, "HUMMMMM.", THEN SAID: "WELL, NOW THAT YOU'VE  
 MENTIONED IT, THAT'S ABOUT HOW IT IS WITH ME TOO -- SO THEN,  
 HOW ARE YOU ANY DIFFERENT THAN ME?", AND THE MYSTIC REPLIED:  
 "I NEVER SAID THAT I WAS."

...(AND I REMIND YOU: TO MAXIMIZE THE POTENTIAL BENEFIT OF SUCH STORIES  
 DO NOT ACTUALLY TAKE THEM AS OCCURRING BETWEEN A MAN & A MYSTIC, BUT RATHER  
 AS GOING ON IN YOUR HEAD BETWEEN WHAT YOU THINK OF AS YOUR ORDINARY MIND  
 AND YOUR MORE AWAKENED ONE.) ONLY SHADOWS EVER BELIEVE THAT THEY MAY DIFFER  
 FROM THE OBJECT THAT CASTS THEM; NEVER SO DOES THE OBJECT ITSELF.

SOME, EVEN AFTER ENLIGHTENMENT, CONTINUE TO FEEL AS THOUGH THERE IS  
 STILL SOMETHING ELSE TO "FIGURE OUT".

ONE MAN-OF-UNDERSTANDING REFERS TO PEOPLE SUCH AS US NOT AS "MYSTICS",  
 OR "SEEKERS" BUT AS -- "TROUBLED YOUTH".

THE GREATER IS YOUR ADHERENCE TO THINKING, THE MORE EMBEDDED IS YOUR  
 STATE OF SLEEP AND CONFUSION.

WHEN YOU'VE REALLY GOT IT -- YOU'VE "REALLY GOT IT",  
 AND THE WAY YOU CAN TELL IS THAT --  
 YOU CAN'T TELL.

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WHEN HE WAS ASKED TO EXPLAIN THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE SEVERAL COMMONLY  
 USED MYSTICAL TERMS, ONE WHO KNEW REPLIED: "'ENLIGHTENMENT' IS IN REALIZING  
 WHAT LIFE IS ALL ABOUT: AND 'BEING AWAKE' IS A CONDITION THAT PERFECTLY  
 REFLECTS THE REALIZATION: 'THE GREAT LIBERATION' IS IN BEING FREE OF  
 THINKING ABOUT SUCH THINGS, AND, 'KNOWING THE BIG SECRET' IS IN  
 NO LONGER KNOWING ANYTHING."