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MEDICAL CHECK: IF YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS IS TOTALLY TAKEN UP AT ANY MOMENT BY EITHER YOUR THOUGHTS, EMOTIONS OR PHYSICAL SENSATIONS --
 -- YOU'RE A DEAD MAN WALKING.

...AND SOMEONE ASKED A MYSTIC: "BUT WHAT ELSE IS THERE?!",
 TOWHICH THE MYSTIC REPLIED: IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT WE CALL IT,
 IT SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO PROPEL YOU ON,
 THE MERE FACT THAT YOU CAN CONCEIVE OF SOMETHING ELSE BEING POSSIBLE.

TO FIND IT, DO NOT LISTEN TO YOUR THOUGHTS:
 DO NOT HEED YOUR EMOTIONS,
 AND DO NOT LET ANY PHYSICAL SYMPTOM SHORT OF DEATH DISTRACT YOU:
 KEEP RELENTLESSLY SCANNING YOUR INNER LANDSCAPE FOR EVEN THE SMALLEST
 SIGN OF ANY AREA OF POTENTIAL NOT SHOWING ON ROUTINE MORTAL MAPS OF
 REALITY:

LEARN HOW TO INVESTIGATE MATTERS WITHOUT THINKING ABOUT THEM
 SO THAT YOU CAN LOOK PAST THE THOUGHTS ALWAYS PASSING THROUGH YOU
 TO A PLACE NOT NORMALLY VISITED BY YOUR MIND:
 SO THAT YOU CAN FEEL THROUGH THE EMOTIONS COMMON TO MAN,
 AND COME OUT ON THE OTHER SIDE WHERE THE CAUSES OF HUMAN PASSION
 ARE NEITHER THIS NOR THAT,
 AND SO THAT YOU ARE ABLE TO SUFFER THE PHYSICAL AILMENTS THAT STRIKE
 ALL MEN WITHOUT ANY USELESS, ACCOMPANYING COMMENTS THEREABOUT.

WHEN YOU CAN SO "JUGGLE THINGS IN THE HANDS-OF-YOUR-HEAD" ..
 WITHOUT HANDLING THEM
 YOU WILL HAVE THE BASIS FOR DISCOVERING FOR YOURSELF -- WITHIN YOURSELF --
 -- ANOTHER POSSIBILITY THAT IS NEITHER:
 YOUR THOUGHTS, YOUR EMOTIONS OR PHYSICAL SENSATIONS.",

THE MAN WHO HAD ASKED THE QUESTION LOOKED PUZZLED, AND THE MYSTIC ADDED:
 "I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU WANT A NAME FOR THE 'SOMETHING',
 THE 'OTHER POSSIBILITY', AND LET ME NOTE FOR YOU, TWO DISTINCT HINTS
 YOU SHOULD PICK UP FROM THIS DESIRE: ONE IS THAT IT IS THE SAME ASPECT
 OF YOU THAT WANTS A NAME FOR EVERYTHING THAT KEEPS YOU BLIND TO THE
 REALITY OF ANOTHER POSSIBILITY: AND SECONDLY: IF I GAVE YOU A NAME FOR
 THE OTHER 'SOMETHING' (WHICH YOU WOULD PROBABLY ACCEPT), IT WOULD
 RE-ENFORCE YOUR BLINDNESS.

NO, THE PROPER APPROACH IS TO: INVESTIGATE THE MATTER WITHOUT THINKING
 ABOUT IT, OR CALLING IT BY THIS OR THAT NAME. THAT'S THE GAME."

AND AS THE MYSTIC MOVED TO LEAVE, HE LEFT THE MAN WITH THIS FINAL TIP:
"AND YOU WOULD DO BETTER TO STOP CALLING ME A MYSTIC."

EVERY DAY DID ONE EXTREMELY "ANXIOUS-TO-MOVE-ON" MAN
BURN ALL HIS CLOTHES.

(SAD THING WAS THAT HE STILL LIVED IN A PLACE WHERE
THEY WOULD ALL REAPPEAR THE NEXT DAY.)

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DETECTIVE NEWS: PAST A CERTAIN POINT IN THE INVESTIGATION,
A MAN WHO FEELS THAT THERE IS STILL SOMETHING ELSE TO BE "PROVED",
HAS LOST HIS WAY.

YOU START OUT WITH THE EXAMINATION OF LIVE BODIES
ONLY TO SOON BE IN PATHOLOGY AND NEVER ANY THE WISER.

IN OUR KIND OF, (SHALL WE SAY): "MYSTICAL MED SCHOOL"
YOU ACTUALLY HAVE ONLY THE FIRST FEW MINUTES OF THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS
DEVOTED TO THE STUDY OF THAT WHICH IS ALIVE AND CONTEMPORANEOUS:
AFTER THAT, (THOUGH NEVER REALIZED BY MOST STUDENTS),
ALL YOU'RE SEEING ARE DEAD, OUT-DATED SPECIMEN,
IRRELEVANT TO ANY INTEREST IN MATTERS QUICK AND INSTANT.

THE PROFESSOR IN ROOM 1203 SAID TO THE CLASS:
"ANY ONE STILL TRYING TO ACHIEVE ENLIGHTENMENT THROUGH THEIR OLD METHOD
HAVE UNKNOWINGLY GONE FROM THE STUDY OF 'CURRENT EVENTS'
TO THAT OF, 'ANCIENT HISTORY',
A THROUGHLY DISORIENTING SHIFT THAT CAN OCCUR IN THE SPAN OF SECONDS,
OR OF DECADES,
BUT OCCUR IT WILL,
IF YOU ARE STILL:
HAVING YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS TOTALLY TAKEN UP BY EITHER:
YOUR THOUGHTS, EMOTIONS, OR PHYSICAL SENSATIONS."

...AND A STUDENT RAISED HIS HAND AND THE QUESTION: "BUT WHAT ELSE IS THERE?",
A QUEERY THE PROFESSOR DISMISSED BY SAYING: "THAT IS -- OLD HISTORY."

GRAFFITI ON A THIRD FLOOR BATHROOM WALL:

"IF YOU CAN TALK ABOUT IT -- IT AIN'T WORTH TALKIN' ABOUT."

... A REFLECTION, (I MIGHT NOTE), OF TRUE, POST-GRADUATE UNDERSTANDING,
(ALTHOUGH OF NOT THE TYPE ACCEPTABLE FOR COMMON MATRICULATION.)

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NEWS REGARDING HUMAN DEVELOPEMENT: BEFORE HE HAD REACHED HIS SECOND BIRTHDAY, A STRANGER CAME BY, OFFERING A TEMPTING GIFT WHICH THE CHILD WAS UNABLE TO RESIST.

THUS BEGAN HIS DOWNFALL.

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MORE NEWS ON THE SAME SUBJECT: HUMANS DO NOT, AS COMMONLY CLAIMED, GET WISER WITH AGE:

WHAT OCCURS IS A CHANGE IN THEIR HORMONAL CONDITION.

YOUNG WARRIORS HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR FROM THE OLDER ONES IN REST HOMES: AND IGNORANCE-FROM-DISTRACTION WILL FLEE ONLY FROM A MAN PURSUING AN INVESTIGATION WITHOUT ANY THOUGHT TO THE INVESTIGATION.

STRONGLY PROMOTED SUGGESTION: DON'T LAY DOWN UNTIL YOU'RE CLEARLY DEAD, AND YOU ARE NOT CLEARLY DEAD AS LONG AS YOU REMAIN PROPERLY DISSATISFIED WITH BEING ONE OF THE AMBULATORY, OUT-OF-DATE.

AND FROM A NORMALLY UNUSED CLASSROOM, A VOICE CRIED OUT:

"PHYSICIAN, FORGET ABOUT, 'HEALING THY SELF' --

JUST GET OFF THINE OWN FOOT BY REALIZING THAT THY ARE NOT ILL

BY ANY DIAGNOSIS OR ON ANY WORLD OTHER THAN WHERE SUCH VIEWS PREVAIL."

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THERE'S THIS ONE MAN WHO SAYS THAT HE CONSIDERS THE DAY A SUCCESS IF HE HAS TALKED TO NO ONE.

SOME SPECIAL PSYCHIATRIC NEWS: ALL THE AFFLICTIONS OF THE FEW
ARE CAUSED BY THE INTERNAL FRACTURE THAT PRODUCES THE APPEARANCE OF
BOTH A PATIENT TO BE CURED,
AND A SELF-PROCLAIMED PHYSICIAN TO DO THE CURING.

AND FROM A NORMALLY UNUSED SOPHOMORE'S BROOM CLOSET A VOICE CRIED OUT:
"I WAS NEVER SICK UNTIL I CAME HERE TO STUDY MEDICINE."
(NOTE: SIMILAR COMPLAINTS CAN ALSO BE HEARD IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF:
PHILOSOPHY, RELIGION, PSYCHOLOGY, AND OTHERS.)

AND AFTER TAKING YET ANOTHER BITE, EVE LOOKED CURIOUSLY AT THE APPLE
IN HER HAND AND MUSED: "I STILL DON'T SEE WHAT'S THE PROBLEM HERE?!",
A COMMENT THAT CAUSED A NEAR BY SNAKE TO SNICKER TO HIMSELF: "IN WHAT WAY
CAN AN EARTH-BOUND, CLOSED ROOM EVER FORESEE THE CONSEQUENCES OF
LISTENING TO TALES OF INTERPLANETARY TRAVEL?!"

AND ONE MAN WAS FINALLY STRUCK:
"HAVING DREAMS IS NOT THE ACTUAL PROBLEM,
(TO BEGIN WITH IT CAN'T BE, SINCE NOTHING NATURAL IS A 'PROBLEM',
BUT EVEN BEYOND THAT FACT, [WHICH I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY IT TOOK ME
FORTY SIX YEARS TO REALIZE - BUT ANY WAY: EVEN BEYOND THAT OBVIOUS-ALITY):
HAVING DREAMS IS NOT THE PROBLEM AS LONG AS YOU CAN REMEMBER --
-- REMEMBER, DAMMIT, ALL THE TIME --
AS LONG AS YOU REMEMBER THAT: DREAMS ARE A NORMAL & EXPECTED PART OF
SLEEP."

AND FROM AN ADJOINING YARD A LAD WAS HEARD TO SING:
"OH I --
LEARNED TO QUIT KICKIN' MY HEAD AROUND.
WHEN I DISCOVERED MY FOOT WAS MY HEAD."

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AN ENLIGHTENED MAN DOES NOT KNOW THINGS THAT ORDINARY PEOPLE DO NOT:
HE KNOWS EVEN LESS....AS IN, "NOTHING":
THAT'S WHAT MAKES HIM ENLIGHTENED.

....AND DON'T YOU FORGET IT!....AND ALSO, DON'T YOU REMEMBER IT,
IT'LL JUST BE ONE MORE THING THAT YOU'LL EVENTUALLY HAVE TO UN-KNOW.

SOME: "HELP ME TO DETERMINE EXACTLY WHERE I AM" NEWS:
 IN THE LAND OF "FULL-TIME ENLIGHTENMENT"
 ANYONE WHO SPEAKS OR WRITES ON THE SUBJECT OF "ENLIGHTENMENT"
 IS CONSIDERED AN -- ENEMY OF THE STATE.
 (AND DAMN-SURE, RIGHTLY SO!!)

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"CONSCIOUSNESS-TALKING" IS BUT A SPLINTER OF FULL CONSCIOUSNESS.
 REMAINING IN A LAND-OF-WORDS LIMITS YOU TO LIVING IN A PLACE WHERE
 THE SUN ONLY SHINES A FEW MINUTES A DAY.

AND FROM A USUALLY DESERTED MAP ROOM A VOICE CRIED OUT:
 "WHAT D'YA MEAN: 'A FEW MINUTES A DAY'?! --
 HOW 'BOUT A'COUPLE A'SECONDS A MONTH?!"

SOME PROVERB NEWS: FORGET ABOUT: "A HOUSE DIVIDED AGAINST ITSELF
 NOT BEING ABLE TO STAND",
 IN THE AREAS OF INTEREST TO PEOPLE LIKE US
 SUITABLE DWELLINGS NEVER EVEN GET BUILT UNDER SUCH CONDITIONS.

CONSIDER IT LIKE THIS:
 IF YOU CAN "SEE YOURSELF COMING" -- GET THE HELL OUT OF WHEREVER YOU ARE.
 -- THERE'RE FAR TOO MANY OF "YOU" THERE.

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A MAN WHO HAD BUT SKETCHY KNOWLEDGE OF A CERTAIN MYSTIC'S IDEAS
 ONE DAY MET HIM AND SAID: "I'VE ONLY HEARD YOUR COMMENTS IN BITS & PIECES
 AND AM THUS VAGUE AS TO WHAT IT IS EXACTLY THAT YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT?!?",
 AND THE MYSTIC SAID: "IN TIMES PAST I WOULD HAVE GIVEN YOU ANY NUMBER
 OF POSSIBLE REPLIES TO YOUR INQUIRY, BUT NOW I MUST SAY TO YOU THAT I
 NO LONGER KNOW WHAT IT IS THAT I AM TALKING ABOUT."
 ...THE MAN WENT AWAY CONFUSED AND CERTAINLY NOT SATISFIED WITH THIS RESPONSE,
 NOT REALIZING THE UNUSUAL OPPORTUNITY THAT IT ACTUALLY PRESENTED.

ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS: ONE WAY TO STAY ALERT AND PREPARED FOR,
 "THE BIG MOMENT"
 IS TO PAY STRICT ATTENTION TO YOUR SURROUNDINGS.

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COMBINATION: RELIGIOUS AND MYSTICAL NEWS,
 (TO GET 'EM BOTH OUTTA THAT WAY AT ONCE):
 WHAT THE RELIGIOUS CALL, "GOD", AND THE MYSTICS, "ENLIGHTENMENT"
 IS ALL THE SAME THING:
 IT IS THAT OTHER POSSIBILITY BEYOND:
 YOUR THOUGHTS, YOUR EMOTIONS AND YOUR PHYSICAL SENSATIONS.
YEP! -- THAT AGAIN.

.....(AND OH, YEAH, LET ME REMIND YOU ONE MO TIME:
 IF YOU'RE STILL INVOLVED WITH WANTING TO NAME IT -- YOU'LL NEVER FIND IT.)

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ONE MAN HAD A PET HE LOVED TO PLAY WITH:
 ONE OF THE REASONS FOR HIS ENJOYMENT WAS THAT THE PET WOULD COME
 WHENEVER HE CALLED ITS NAME.

THE MAN WAS UNAWARE THAT EVEN GREATER FUN WAS AVAILABLE WITH
 A CREATURE WHICH WOULD DISAPPEAR IF ITS NAME WAS CALLED.

COMBINATION: GOOD ADVICE AND EVEN BETTER ADVICE:
 NEVER PLAY HIDE & SEEK WITH ANYONE WHO'LL COME OUT WHEN YOU HOLLER:
 "COME OUT, COME OUT, WHERE EVER YOU ARE."

...(IN FACT, ADVICE SUPERIOR TO EVEN THAT IS TO NOT EVEN PLAY WITH
 ANYONE WHO'LL PLAY WITH YOU.)

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QUESTION: HOW IS AN AWAKENED MAN DIFFERENT FROM AN ORDINARY MAN?
IF YOU CAN ANSWER THIS -- YOU'RE ASLEEP.

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ONE MAN'S HOUSE MADE CREAKS AND MOANS WHICH ANNOYED HIM MUCHO
SO HE BOUGHT A GRANDFATHER'S CLOCK WHOSE NOISE HE THOUGHT WOULD
TAKE HIS MIND OFF THOSE OF THE HOUSE;
BUT SOON THE TICKING OF THE CLOCK BEGAN TO IRRITATE HIM GREATLY,
SO HE PURCHASED A DEHUMIDIFIER WHOSE RACKET HE FIGURED WOULD
STOP HIM FROM NOTICING THE CLOCK'S NOISE:
BUT BEFORE LONG THE HUM OF THE DEHUMIDIFIER WAS DRIVING HIM
TO DISTRACTION -- SO,
HE GOT A RADIO, WHICH HE KEPT ON ALL DAY LONG, IN THE ASSUMPTION THAT
ITS DIN WOULD TAKE HIS ATTENTION AWAY FROM THE NOISE OF THE DEHUMIDIFIER,
(UNBEKNOWNST TO THE MAN, HIS HOUSE FOUND THE WHOLE AFFAIR HIGHLY AMUSING
INTHAT IT THOUGHT THAT BY NOW EVERYONE REALIZED THAT ALL HOUSES "MAKE NOISE".

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A REPORTER WENT TO INTERVIEW A MAN WHO HE CONSIDERED EXTREMELY WISE,
IF NOT ENLIGHTENED, AND ASKED HIM: "WHAT ADVICE DO YOU HAVE FOR EVERYONE?",
"NONE." THE MAN REPLIED, AND THE REPORTER CHEWED HIS LIP A MOMENT,
THEN ASKED THE MAN: "WELL, WHAT ADVICE DO YOU HAVE SPECIFICALLY FOR THOSE
WHO WISH TO ACHIEVE ENLIGHTENMENT?",
"NONE", THE MAN REPLIED, AND THE REPORTER CHEWED ON HIS PENCIL FOR A BIT,
THEN ASKED: "OKAY, THEN WHAT ADVICE DO YOU HAVE FOR EVERYONE ELSE?",
"NONE.", THE MAN AGAIN REPLIED, AND THE REPORTER SAID: "WAIT,
YOU MEAN TO SAY THAT YOU HAVE NO ADVICE FOR ANYBODY?!", AND THE MAN REPLIED:
"THAT'S WHAT I SAID TO BEGIN WITH."

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ONE MAN LOOKED OUT THE SAME WINDOW EVERYDAY AT THE SAME OLD SIGHTS.
 HE EVENTUALLY WEARIED THEREOF, AND WENT TO THE WINDOW ONE DAY,
 AND POINTED HIS FINGER IN A DIRECTION INWHICH HE NORMALLY NEVER LOOKED.
 SOON HOWEVER, HE BEGAN TO LOOK AT HIS FINGER --
 DAY AFTER DAY AFTER DAY,
 THE SAME OLD THING,
 LOOKING AT HIS SAME OLD FINGER.

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IN TODAYS PAPER, AMIDST THE "HEMI-OBITUARY" LISTING WAS THIS NOTICE:
 "ONE MAN'S LIFE TOOK ON GREATER EXCITEMENT WHEN HE WAS DIAGNOSED WITH
 A TERMINAL ILLNESS:
 BUT AS TIME WENT BY,
 AND HE DIDN'T DIE,
 THE EXCITEMENT BEGAN TO LAG,
 AND THE WHOLE AFFAIR TO DRAG,
 ...NOT UNLIKE", (THE NOTICE ADDED),
 "HOW IT IS WITH A MAN WHO THINKS THAT HE MAY NEVER AWAKEN
 DESPITE ALL HIS BEST EFFORTS."
 ...THE NOTICE CONCLUDED WITH A TIP:
 "DON'T LET YOUR BEST EFFORTS BE -- LIFE SUSTAINING --
 THEREIN LIES THE MOST COMMON MISTAKE OF THE DISAPPOINTED.
 IF YOU REALLY WANT TO AWAKEN,
 MAKE ONLY MOVES THAT INSURE YOUR DEMISE:
 ...THEN THE EXCITEMENT WILL NEVER LAG,
 AND YOU WON'T BE LEFT -- HOLDING THE BAG."

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A CERTAIN MAN WHO WAS BORN IN PARIS AND MUCH EXPERIENCED IN ITS
CACOPHONY OF NOISES, AND ENDLESS CONFUSION,
HAD AS HIS GOAL, TO MOVE TO ISTANBUL,
A CITY HE BELIEVED TO BE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT:
A PLACE OF TOTAL PEACE AND QUIET.

BUT NO MATTER WHAT HE TRIED,
HE COULD NOT GET AWAY FROM PARIS PERMANENTLY:

SO AFTER YEARS OF FRUSTRATION HE FORMED A CONCLUSION:
"I AM AS ENLIGHTENED ABOUT PARIS AS ANY MAN CAN BE,
THUS THE MIND I NOW HAVE IS EQUAL TO THE MIND OF ANY MAN IN ISTANBUL:
ERGO, WHATEVER HAPPENS IN MY MIND FROM NOW ON I WILL CONSIDER TO BE
THE SAME AS WOULD OCCUR EVEN WERE I IN THAT FABLED PORT."

THUS HE CONCLUDED -- AND: THAT WAS THAT.