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AN OBSERVATION

It is still very fresh; the memory of the illusion that was. Many, in fact, have yet to loose themselves from its grasp. Change has never occurred easily to us, especially when it is imposed as fiercely as it is now. We rarely invite change voluntarily, even though we all know that it is both inevitable and necessary, but *this*; this verges on insanity.

Here is where we are now, today. We are a planet of *addicts*; prisoners of the mind, not the body. We do the unthinkable and the illogical in order to obtain a dose of that which ails us; *wealth*. Wealth: the accumulation, in excess far beyond any need, of *valuables*, *particularly money*. So addictive is this condition that we included *money*, which is nothing more than a social mechanism used to measure and transfer the common value given to those things considered *valuable*, as the King of all things valuable. Why obtain wealth by possessing something *worth X* amount of money when one can simply possess *money* without anything in particular in hand, the value of which is measured with money. It is the ultimate self-indulgence. Even though the false nature of all of this is firmly established, those words still hold some meaning for all of us. It is the first time that we wake en masse from the illusion that so many of us still think real. The way that was has simply always been, making its unmasking a tedious task, even though after waking from its psychotic embrace, the illusion can be seen as it is; fragile and whimsical. It is hard to believe such a nonsensical concept dominated every human life and lifetime as far back as our collective memory remembers.

The simplest of all the realizations is also the most difficult to overcome; *value*, that which is the essence of all things valuable, does not actually exist. It is an opinion, albeit a collective opinion. Nothing in the physical universe has any intrinsic value of any kind; value is a perceptive opinion exclusive to humans. We are the ones who decide what has value and how valuable something is. We do so not by consensus or by any process even remotely resembling one of reason. We assign the value of all things with our emotions, whimsically and capriciously and we desire the excess of wealth to gain the *admiration* and *respect* of our brethren, but also lustfully desire their *envy* of how much money we have and relish the suffering and genuflections of those weaker in spirit, who consider those with money to be *better*.

We covet and whore over what is naught but an opinion in order to achieve an illusion and we demean ourselves by doing so. So profane is this that we have done, that the sheer atrocity and invalidity is exudes is what began to wake us from the illusion. Know this; during the process of waking, there will be a time fraught with danger for humans. A time when the sheer numbers of us waking from the illusion will form a process of the waking and it is a function of that process that will be a dangerous time for us all. This function will result in that the reconciliation process between the lie and the reality will become a "valid" excuse for many to take possession of *valuables* in order to accumulate "wealth" by any means necessary. The particular function which creates this situation is that the illusion's ability to mimic reality diminishes exponentially as more and more of us wake up from the illusion. The weakened nature of the illusion which is wealth will be interpreted as scarcity of wealth by those still addicted. Statements such as "there's no money to be made" or "nobody has any money" are common right now. The perception that wealth and money is in scarcity (which is an absurd concept mathematically) results in anxiety, depression and desperation; symptoms common to all addicts of all kinds. In the world of substance or drug addiction this is known by various names, depending on the particular substance, among them: *jonesing, the jones, spun, sketching, coming down or needing a fix*. It is incumbent upon all of us to remember that addiction is addiction, regardless of what one is addicted to. All addictions are destructive, as their only purpose is to serve the function of their own perpetuation and as a result the human qualities known as reason and rationality are nullified by the power of the addiction. In the case of people addicted to the narcotic known as *crack*, this all-consuming and desperate need for *more crack* contributed to those acts of desperation committed by addicts in order to procure more of what they are addicted. Crack addicts, regardless of age, gender or sexual orientation have been routinely observed approaching men and offering to "suck their dick" for a dollar, or two. From a social perspective, this act has earned the unofficial title of the ultimate "low point" to which a person can sink. The relevance to the topic at hand is, once again, that addiction is addiction. As such, the fact that *the overwhelming majority* of humans are addicted to the accumulation or possession of wealth and money results in that their behavior impacts everyone. This is why we are witnessing an alarming increase in acts of fraud, deception, robbery and theft, everywhere in the world. This is no different from the crack addict offering oral sex for a dollar; however we will not make this relationship immediately due to the globe-encompassing spread of the addiction to wealth. Actions which have always been considered reprehensible will suddenly be justifiable and unacceptable actions will be viewed as the only means to the end of *equity*. This is, of course, a null calculation.

Take heed and let none of these things encumber what can be. Being a member of "society" at any level *is* a forced addictive state; one which requires a daily discipline to overcome. The best way to exemplify this is to describe how alcoholics view their day to day lives. They conclude that once a person becomes an alcoholic, they will always be an alcoholic, regardless of whether or not they drink. They are aware that alcohol will always be there to tempt them and it is the exercising of human free will which perseveres by allowing the person to CHOOSE NOT TO DRINK instead of

contemplating other options such as the elimination of all alcohol or any prohibition against its consumption. We've been there and done that. Is that the best we got?

We can do better.

Choose, don't excuse.

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