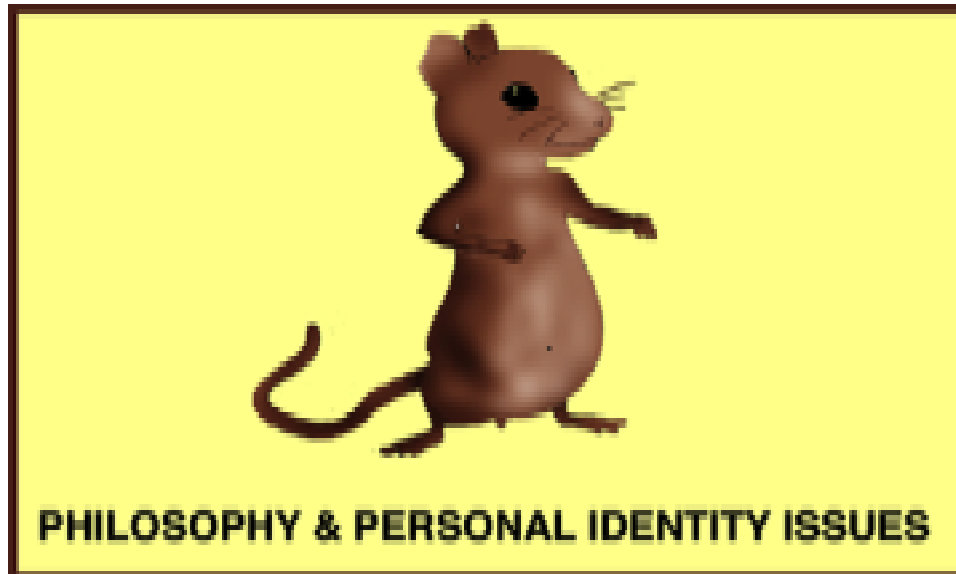


## Round Eleven

# APHORISMS



**Kicking some karmic ass! If you've got any crap you better watch out!**

THE NEWAGE MACHO MAN: So I'm discussing with my sweetie about how I'd like to talk to this guy we know who can't find a groovy girlfriend, about how if he did some therapy to clear out more of his old stuff then he'd be more attractive, like I am. I've done a lot of personal growth stuff and it works. Anyway, then she says cooing: *"You're so macho, MacMouse."* OKAY? So the NewAge macho is: I've worked hard to become more conscious; I've cried my heart out exploring my childhood traumas; I've owned up to my fears and phobias; I've learned to listen to my intuitions; etc. MACHO just ain't like it use to be is it. And from Rolling Stone magazine: Beta males are 'in'. *"It is being a 'tough pushover' like Brett Favre sobbing his way to the Jets. Other famous ones are any of Madonna's boyfriends, Nicolas Sarkozy, Todd Palin, Tim Mc Graw, and we're waiting to see about Barack Obama."*

*"The new integral culture is being drawn forth by an attractor based in the morphogenetic fields of evolution."* Steve McIntosh (free downloads of

informative interviews on the integral worldview at: [www.stevemcintosh.com](http://www.stevemcintosh.com))  
I live to serve selflessly as long as I get what I want.

A friend told me: “Change starts with one person,” and I responded: “Speak for yourself.”

I was pissed off at myself the other day and cussed at myself in the mirror, and then I kept getting more and more angry at that ugly face yelling back at me. I used to meditate, eyes closed, observing my breath, letting any arising thoughts pass by, going deeply inward opening to ecstatic spaciousness, and feeling a bit chagrined when I couldn't get there. Then I had a second birth as my heart opened to infinity and never came back. Now, I don't often meditate, as it is usually enough to just be my ordinary self, eyes open, connected to all that is, accepting whatever comes my way with quiet joyous equanimity, and occasional, sometimes acute, discomfort of no importance.

Willis Harmon: *“The primacy of inner conscious awareness in causal reality.”*

Julia Sweeney (from her wonderfully entertaining and challenging Letting Go of God DVD) *“As they say, the invisible and the non-existent look very much alike.”*

I read a recent Swedish study that found that people who don't get easily upset have a reduced chance of getting dementia. That really pisses me off! I've noticed lately how among my friends and acquaintances it really does seem as though the good die young. I'm glad I don't have to worry!

Have you noticed how teens and seniors are similar: In both cases when it comes to sex and romance nothing is too fast, and it's always time to have as much fun as possible.

I wonder if it was easier for older people to stay sexually turned on by our mates before the culture got so inundated with images of nubile young adults as the only sexually attractive ones? And before we got eye glasses?

Thurman Fleet: *“What the mind doesn't understand it either fears or worships.”*

That is often true isn't it? For me, however, it is commonly the case that what I don't understand, in the big picture phenomena anyway, I hold with a sense of the inevitability of the Mystery of Being.



***Scurrying scurrying through the mindfields finding  
delicious hors d'oeuvres of scintillating wisdom and  
esoteric brilliance to ingest and make mine - AHHH***

*What if you slept? And what if, in your sleep, you dreamed?  
And what if, in your dream, you went to Heaven and there  
plucked a strange and beautiful flower? And what if when you  
awoke you had the flower in your hand? And what then?*

*Samuel Taylor Coleridge*

*"All things are arising as a way to say I love you"* (Anonymous)

Turns out that brain studies show that people who have strong identification to specific brands (Apple Computer comes to mind), so that when they think of their brand the same part of their brain gets activated when they think of their religion as gets activated in devoutly religious people. A new advertising approach called neuromarketing is learning how to create these kinds of effects to overcome consumers current burn-out with advertising. YIKES!

Mark Twain: *"I have known a great many troubles. But most of them never happened."*

THE PARTY CONTINUES ON: 2C-B by David Holthouse in Rolling Stone

magazine – Dec. 11, 2008 “The self-proclaimed father of more than 200 psychedelics, 83 y/o chemist Alexander ‘Sasha’ Shulgin is the Thomas Edison of tripping. His favorite creation? 2C-B. “It’s visually very pleasant, with a strong element of the erotic.” Shulgin says. “It’s short-lived, with no hangover.... All in all, one of the most graceful compounds I have ever invented.”

What sets 2C-B apart from heavier hallucinogens like LSD is that it responds well to what seasoned psychonauts call “intentionality.” To laymen, that means 2C-B is usually mellow enough that users can easily control their experiences. “2C-B responds well to self-direction,” says Dr. Neal Goldsmith, New York psychotherapist and psychedelic expert. “It’s easily controllable. The experience is determined by your goal.”

Usurping LSD as the drug of choice at this year’s Burning Man, 2C-B is rapidly proliferating throughout clubs and underground parties, according to reports from DJs and promoters. At \$20 to \$40 a pill, the stuff’s not cheap, especially considering that the peak effects of a one-pill “museum dose” lasts about two hours, just enough time to enjoy 2C-B’s aphrodisiac qualities. As Goldsmith puts it, “Any physical contact results in volcanic uprising of sexual energy. Users report all the feelings of love associated with MDMA [aka Ecstasy, X, E] – and none of the performance problems.”

**SPEAKING OF PARTYING (or not):** The California marijuana eradicators CAMP reports that in 2008 their agents destroyed (or used or resold?) some 2.900,000 (yes that’s almost 3 million) plants with an estimated worth of \$11,600,000,000 (yes billions), and arrested 143 people. That’s close to 20,000 plants per arrestee! It is estimated that this is approximately 10% of the total planted – which means that close to 30,000,000 (30 million) marijuana plants were grown! Quality is up and wholesale prices are down.

From the The Economist magazine (Mar 7-13, 2009): “*The World Health Organization examined drug-taking in 17 countries and found no link between the strictness of prohibition and the amount of drug consumption. (The lenient Netherlands, interestingly, has one of the lowest rates of “problem” drug use in Europe.)*

*Personal possession of any drug is not a criminal offense in Spain, Portugal, Italy, the Czech Republic, the Baltic states, some German states, Swiss cantons, etcetera.*

*In Britain... after cannabis was downgraded in 2004 usage actually fell.*

*Drug-taking was more closely linked to being wealthy, single and male than anything else.”* Thus doesn’t this invalidate the claim often made by American

anti-drug authorities about how reducing the penalties for drug use would lead to increased consumption?



*Ya know, when we said that we were crazy in love?  
Well, I didn't expect us to act it out quite so  
literally.*

Just think about it: If my **zonules of Zinn** hadn't developed correctly I'd never be able to see your beauty. What a shame that would have been. Since the late 60s I have known that there are many layers of intelligence in addition to the human level that are active in this plane. And it seemed to me that they are especially fond of bringing together people who can have a relationship that creates a loving synergy that helps further the Great Work. Then I was single for some years and getting older and really seeking a mate to live with for a longtime with and.... Well now we've found each other. And I am telling you that as I marvel at how well every aspect of our various chemistries and lifestyle issues fit together I am blown away at the Miracle in My Life. Amen

I had a girlfriend once and we had a strong chemistry between us, only it was **endothermic!**

Personally, if I were a woman, I would only want to commit to a man who has the **FOXO3A gene**. [Science News]

There is no **affluence deprivation** in my love life.

I told her that my love for her is most **puissant** and her face turned **aeneous**.

Hmmm?

She fed me that ol djab dile and I'll never be the same man again.

For a more loving relationship, stay warm. Research has shown that volunteers who held warm packs rather than cold packs when given the choice of whether to keep or give away a gift were more likely to give it away. Alright girl – let's get cozy!

It would be nice if more males could find doing something with their family as exciting as watching sports on TV.

Ever try having a relationship with a **Succubus** with an anxiety disorder? I don't recommend it!

My girlfriend, well actually my ex-girlfriend – okay okay – one of my many ex-girlfriends, said that my personality is too **agglutinative**. Damn – and I thought that was one of my best qualities.

I had a girlfriend once who.... (Wow – I just noticed how often I start sentences with "I had a girlfriend" rather than "I have...") Hmmm

I wonder why it is that all of my girlfriends have had the same kind of pleasure anxiety in which they don't like being touched???

Ahh - then I found one who really likes me, and I was so proud that she was having multiple orgasms until I found out that it was just a case of the hiccups.

When she told me that my eyes were unusually **smaragdine** I was uncertain about how to respond. I mean, how would you feel hearing that?

I'm not saying that girl was promiscuous, but she had calluses on the inside of her thighs.

I've had some tough gals in my life, but until that last one I had never felt like I'd been **gralloched** before.

She told me to stay on top of her about things, but I didn't know she meant it literally.

My heart is **caparisoned** by ceaseless memories of her truth, beauty, and goodness.

I told her: "You are so effervescent," and she said: "What's that?" (She wasn't very educated.) And I said: "You know – like bubbly," and she said: "Oh – like when I fart in the bathtub?" (She wasn't too sophisticated either.)

**zonules of Zinn** - a ring of fibrous strands connecting the ciliary body with the crystalline lens of the eye.

**endothermic** - a chemical reaction that produces cold.

**FOXO3A gene** - a variant that affects human longevity. Males with it are 3X more likely to live to 95 than those without it.

**affluence deprivation** - “not poverty but a state of mind in which people feel poorer because they are increasingly unable to afford things and activities they find most pleasurable. “Getting ahead” feeds people’s optimism, and an upbeat society shows more tolerance of diversity, social mobility and a greater commitment to fairness. Economic growth has anchored our national self-esteem; slower growth suggests a grumpier and more contentious America.”  
[Newsweek]

**puissant** - powerful, mighty, having authority.

**aeneous** - brassy or golden green in color.

**Succubus** - a demon who takes the form of a highly attractive woman to seduce men in order to obtain their vital forces. Oh really? Sounds like a man’s fondest dream.

**agglutinative** - glue-like.

**smaragdine** - having the color of emeralds.

**gralloching** - the removal of the offal of an animal during its butchering.

**caparisoned** – draped in finery, as horses or elephants are adorned in a parade.



**Oh Fancy, I'll do anything you want.**

*Ahh carte blanche, my favorite color.*

*It is peculiar how our bodies are created so perfectly suited to our lives in so many ways, the yet then there are things like how your chest and belly hair tickle my long sensitive nose.*

I love how since meeting you my tail now swings all the way up!

When we make love, poetry and philosophy and light pour out of me.

Thank you for your sweet gifts; your bounteous gifts. *And for yours my sweet sir. This is what love is. Oh yes.*



Oh Fancy, you are such an angelic psychedelic nympho vixen queen – it is so sweet to wake up with you. *Of course the opposite would be waking up with a devilish prudish troll.* I tried that - I divorced her years ago!

Once again I have that all-important question... What is that? *Do we have a towel for the bed?* I'll go get one.

*I feel called forth, it is that something that usually lies deep within my body is called forth and expands out through my torso and into my limbs, up into my head and out into my fingers and toes, and fills me with light and vitality, and sensation and pleasure and satisfaction; so exquisitely tingling and alive and juicy and light-filled.*

We're not just epicureans, we're sexicurians.

*MacMouse, I didn't hear you, you mumble, please be patient with me.* OK – I tell you what, I'll mumble, and you can pretend to hear whatever you want to hear, and that way we'll both be happy. *Whap!*

Oh Fancy, you have such a beautiful mouth. And oh so functional. *Ohhh yes yes yes.*

We may not have much money, but we aren't **impecunious** in our loving.

Abiding in the joy of co-creating our lives moment by moment.

I was traveling like Diogenes looking for a truly honest person, a truly honest love, and then I met Fancy. She gently blew out the candle in my lamp and drew me into her, showing me what the light of true and honest love is. (to Fancy) I have so much to learn about receiving pleasure from you. *Yes you do.*

*When we're making love I simply get out of the way of my body and let it do what it wants, and it feels really good.*

*Oh MacMouse, you make me feel so good.* I know, that dance we did was like spaceships chasing each other through wormholes, and turning and soaring like birds just over the canopy of a jungle, and shifting again into graceful rays flowing through turquoise waters, and then back out into space again through wormholes to different galaxies and dimensions – the constant play of morphing into evermore beautiful textures and colors, and then ending up back where we began, and it is all so good. *Yes yes, oh yes.*

**impecunious** – having little or no money.





Phil Donahue's prime-time show was cancelled by NBC management three weeks before the invasion of Iraq. A leaked NBC memo confirmed suspicion that the network had pulled the plug on Donahue's show in order to obstruct views and information that would go against the rush to war. The network memo said that the Donahue program would present a "difficult public face for NBC in a time of war." And: "He seems to delight in presenting guests who are antiwar, anti-Bush and skeptical of the administration's motives." Cancellation of the show averted the danger that it could become "a home for the liberal antiwar agenda at the same time that our competitors are waving the flag at every opportunity." As of mid-2008 there were approximately 1,500,000 homeless children in the U.S., and there has been an upsurge in tent cities with virtually no mention in the mainstream press. Charming!

Recently the Italian finance minister put economists in a category with "bad teachers, exorcists, faith healers, shamans, and witch doctors."

CHINA WATCH: (From the Nov. 24, 2008, Newsweek) – China's population is the most stressed on earth, with twice the suicide rate of the U.S. after 3 decades of reforms has shredded their safety net and traditional values.

"Now money is everything." Unemployment is soaring as for instance, half of all toy manufacturers have recently gone out of business, cabbies have rioted over high gas prices, depression, especially among seniors, has quadrupled, the divorce rate is up 18%, etc. Sounds like a textbook example of the blessings of unrestrained capitalism doesn't it!

Too much of a good thing: Several companies (United Airlines, Apple, and Emulex) have seen their stock lose billions of dollars in value in minutes, after bogus news stories about nonexistent problems have been picked up on the internet and circulated widely. [Wired]

Hmmm – anyone want to speculate on why the Pentagon now calls caskets 'transfer tubes?'

Bucky Fuller: *"When I am working on a problem, I never think about beauty. I think only of how to solve the problem. But when I have finished, if the solution is not beautiful, I know it is wrong."*

A friend Cliff Davis coined the term '**permaesthetics**' for the beauty inherent in all sustainable systems.

The current economic meltdown (Dec 08) brings to mind the quote: "It is difficult to get someone to understand something if their income is based on their not understanding it." Originally re cigarette executives, I believe.

Did you know that you can buy a Swiss Army knife covered in 18-karat gold and studded with 72 diamonds for only \$2700. My Christmas list??? [Wired]

You know how advances in technology often create their own problems that require countering strategies. Drivers using iPods, etcetera and not hearing police sirens, has led to the creation of sirens with megabass, i.e. low frequency sound wave generators that can be felt 200 feet away. A little thumping and the driver looks in his rearview mirror at the flashing lights and... (You can finish the scene.)

**STING OPERATION** –Scientists are testing using bees and hornets in cages to smell out various compounds from illicit drugs to explosives to cancers to missing people. They are much cheaper, easier to train, and much more sensitive to scents than dogs or instruments used for the same purpose. Their threshold hasn't been determined but they are almost 100X more sensitive to some agents than mechanical devices which can register down to a few parts per trillion. Scientists observed their proboscis extension reflex to assess their reactions. [Science News]

**Human Animal Conflict (HAC)** – Scientists have been documenting a recent worldwide upsurge in animal attacks on humans and speculate that some kind of tipping point has been reached. As to how shark attacks off Africa can be related to dingo attacks in Australia no one knows. Google it.

**WATER:** Only 3% of the earth's water is fresh and most of it is locked up in ice or is underground. Humans dump approximately 2 million tons, i.e. 4 billion pounds of pollution into it everyday. Polluted water causes 80% of 3<sup>rd</sup> world diseases.

Recently a female bar-tailed godwit (that's a kind of bird you dimwit) flew from Alaska to New Zealand non-stop – 7000+ miles in 8 days without food, water, or rest. Wow!

**CONGRATULATIONS HUMANS**, you have been bumped up beyond just being in the animal kingdom, to a new superkingdom *Opisthokonta* that includes not only animals but fungi which are closer to you genetically than either of us are to plants. Does that make you proud?

Did you hear about Stump's triumph? He is the 10 y/o Sussex spaniel who came out of retirement and won the Westminster dog show's 'best of show' award, the oldest dog to ever win. So isn't that equivalent to a 70y/o woman winning the Miss Universe contest?

A chicken farmer in Britain has asked consumers to buy medium sized eggs rather than large and extra-large because it is less painful for the chickens to lay the smaller eggs. [The Week]

As Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton recently gave her Russian counterpart a

button in Russian that should have said 'reset,' (perezagruzka) to state the U.S.'s intention to improve relationships but actually said 'overcharge' (peregruzka) [The Week] Hmmm?

How come the states where the churches are always posting signs out front like "*The family that prays together stays together*" have the highest divorce and unwed pregnancy rates, etc?



Did you hear about the nature of orgasms in spinal-injured females? A study found that such women could be mechanically stimulated to a deep non-clitoral orgasm accompanied by activation of the limbic system, the brain's emotional center. Their hypothalamus regions increased their output of oxytocin, the love and bonding hormone. Also showing heightened activity were their anterior cingulate cortexes and insulas, two areas thought to be involved in mature love relationships.

Note to insecure women: Is your man cheating on you? Well now you can find out for certain. There is now a home test kit with a pad you can rub on the appropriate part of his underwear, then dip in the included chemical and if it turns purple he's been dipping his wicket somewhere moist. [WIRED]

We made a wonderful discovery: Coconut oil makes a great sexual lube, better than the commercial products, plus, now every time I go to a Thai restaurant I get all turned on.

Have you noticed how in our society "den of iniquity" and "house of pleasure" are synonymous. Whoever made that decision ought to be whipped.



Did you hear that after they finally settled the debate that birds, and not reptiles, are the closest modern descendants of the dinosaurs, that now they think that actually birds came first. Pretty cool little guys eh.

Did you hear the news??? Fermi Labs found the omega-b-minus particle. Yea!



“Tests have shown that, when a baby is lowered face down into warm water with a parental hand under his tummy, he shows no signs of panic but holds his breath automatically and floats happily with his eyes fully open. If, very gently, the supporting hand is removed, the baby starts making swimming movements with his limbs and sets off in the water. So, although a newborn baby cannot move himself from place to place in the air, once he is allowed to float under the water, he or she suddenly becomes remarkably mobile....” [Science News]



Okay gang – what’s up? Not overwhelmed in awe are you?...Look – let’s be real here, okay? I know that placing your writings next to mine – well – ya know, could be embarrassing for you, but be brave, it’s good for you. I mean, I show this stuff to the pubic – right?

## *JUST BECAUSE*

Excerpt from **Dies the Fire** by S. M. Stirling – A post apocalyptic **tale** in which a protagonist, the Wiccan Lady Juniper chants:

*“I am the beauty of the green earth and the white moon among the stars and the mysteries of the waters. I call upon your soul to arise and come unto Me. From Me all things come and unto Me all must return... Let there be beauty and strength, power and compassion, honor and humility, mirth and reverence within you. And you who seek to know Me, know that your seeking and yearning will avail you not, unless you know the Mystery: for if that which you seek, you find not within yourself, you will never find without.”*

Her voice rose triumphantly:

*“For behold, I have been with you from the beginning, and I am that which is attained at the end of desire!”*

The stars seemed to open above her, rushing towards her as if she were falling upward or they into her, through galaxies and the veil of nebulae whose cloak was worlds beyond counting. But that infinity was not cold or black, not empty or indifferent. Instead it was filled from edge to edge with a singing light, from unknown Beginning to unimaginable End radiant with an awareness vast beyond all understanding. So great, yet that greatness looked on her, at her, into her, the atom of being that was her.

As if all that was lifted her in warm strong arms, and smiled down at her with an infinite tenderness.

Sight and sound returned; she was conscious of tears streaming down her cheeks, and the High Priest’s tenor singing:

*“We all come from the Dark Lord  
And to Him we shall return  
Like a leaf unfolding  
Opening to new life...”*

And the Maiden’s alto weaving through it, the words mingling without clashing:

*“We all come from the Goddess  
And to Her we shall return  
Like a drop of rain  
Flowing into the ocean...”*

Higher and higher until the song became one note and broke on the last great

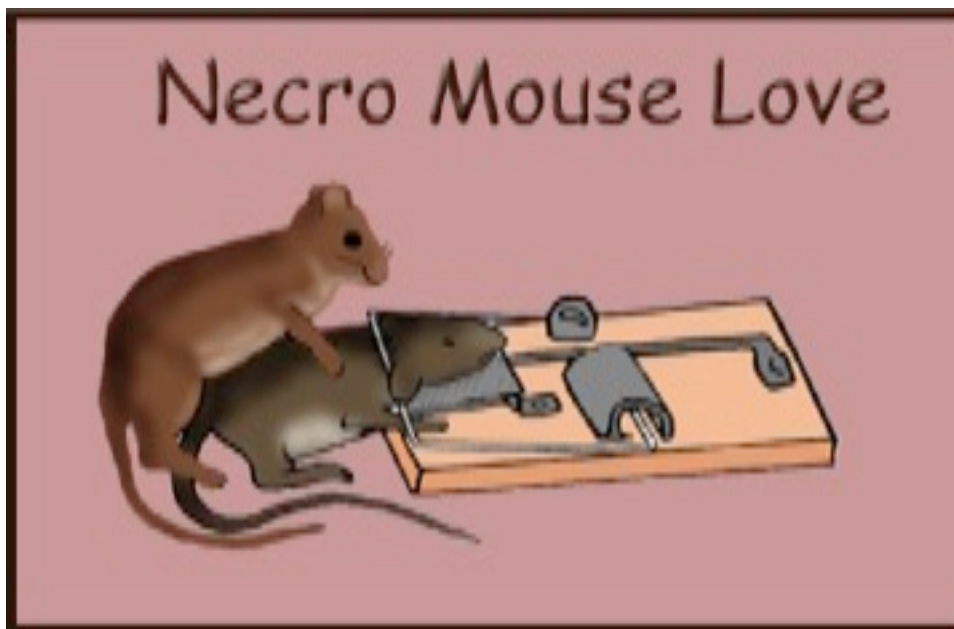


shout of power like a wave thundering on a beach...

With that she was herself once more....

# MISANTHROPODIES

**Note:** (*miss-an-THROP-oh-dees*) is a word I coined from the contraction of *misanthropic* (being distainful of humanity) and *parodies* (treating a serious subject in a nonsensical manner in an attempt at humor or ridicule). The goal is to make fun of some of the absurdities so commonly found in human behavior by taking them to extremes. *Reductio ad absurdum* and all that.



Of course there's scriptural justification for this. You just gotta get a little more creative with your **exegesis**.

Let's pretend that I am a Wall Street financial wizard and you are a U.S. taxpayer. That sounds like a lot of fun doesn't it!

Oh I know - I'm a Republican legislator who won't vote for the Obama Administration's package because we would rather see it fail and the American people suffer even more, for what is in large part our financial creation, than have it work and the Democrats get the credit. [Feb 09]

You know I'm really not into necrophilia, but in today's world a guys gotta do what a guy's gotta do in order to survive - right?

I used to think that having a girlfriend with **entasis** would be a bad thing - no more.

I heard some guy say something about "rigor more of this." Funny syntax but the idea seems sound.

When we're done will you hold this position for a minute while I go get my camera for a photo - I want to remember this precious time in our lives.

I am glad that you have finally gotten over that little postmodern feminist victim phase, and can enjoy how a real man treats a girl.

**exegesis** - a critical explanation or interpretation of a text, especially a religious text. Traditionally the term was used primarily for exegesis of the Bible.

**entasis** - a rigid spasticity.





## Okay Bill, mister big ex-president, who's wearing the pants in the family now?

Now I understand why men say that power is an aphrodisiac.  
Let's pretend that I am an American taxpayer and you are a Wall Street financial wizard. I'm doing this for so very many people!  
Oh you are just one of those men that sees the black lining in every cloud.  
Hey - how would you feel about me putting a little cayenne pepper in the Lubricant, ya know, to warm things up a bit?  
Ah yes - I'll be a voter and you can be the Republican candidate of your choice.  
Why you never used to worry about me having a **lutarious** belly.  
Hemorrhoids eh? I don't know if I believe you - let's go see, shall we?  
When we're done at this end let's see what happens at the other. I remember how you always used to say you wanted me to do that 'deep throat' thing.  
Ahh - it is a beautiful spring day outside and my whole being wants to celebrate the fecundity of nature. Thank you so much for joining me in my fertility ritual - although I guess, in this case it's mostly symbolic isn't it.  
What do you say - let's put Beethoven's 5<sup>th</sup> on the stereo and crank it up - kinda get us in the mood for some real pounding.  
So Mr. Madoff - why were you sent here?

**lutarious** - pertaining to living in mud



***Look at it this way: If there are more terrorist bombings, jails are likely to be low priority targets.***

Let's see: Insider trading, hiding assets, misrepresenting debt, secret Swiss bank accounts, lying to shareholders and regulators (such as there are), and on and on. Oh well, boys will be boys, so just promise not to do it again and you can take your private jet and chauffer-driven limousine back to any of your mansions now. After all - our social class does stick together.

Now, I'm Senator Snow, and you're Senator McConnell, acting like you have a conscience. [Feb 09]

In 2008 CAMP eradicated 2,900,000 marijuana plants with a street value of over 11 billion dollars and arrested 143 people. Let's see, that's close to 20,000 plants per grower caught. So for your share I sentence you to a year per plant. Society will be so much safer now! Oh wait a minute that was only 10% of the crop!



**Sorry Big Guy, but no \$700,000,000,000 bailout for you.**

Well at least Bernie Madoff stepped on Big Mice! [Feb 09]

No - I never heard of a dance called "the Stomp." Good try though.

What do you think - that you're piloting a predator drone rather than putting your ass on the line? *(No offense to any of our service men and women - although some of your civilian bosses should be tried for crimes against humanity)*

You're about to tap dance like you've never danced before - and that's a promise.

You know the old philosophic question: If a tree falls in the forest and there is no one there to hear it, does it make a sound? Does that work for a big prick in his kitchen? Oh right - I'm here.

I could have just used a **caltrop** on you but that would have been slow and painful, so I decided on atomic disassembly instead.

**caltrop** - an antipersonnel weapon made up of two (or more) sharp nails or spines arranged in such a manner that one of them always points upward from a stable base (for example, a tetrahedron).



## **Looks like Wall Street has done it again.**

Geez don't those financial guys ever learn that just because some scheme can make money for a while it isn't necessarily a sound investment strategy.

I wonder how many times the Wall Street financiers, are going to create some major crisis like the current one, or 2001's internet stock crash, before the public gets the idea that it isn't just a few 'bad apples' that cause the problems, but that the entire greed-based capitalistic system is inherently flawed and self-destructive.

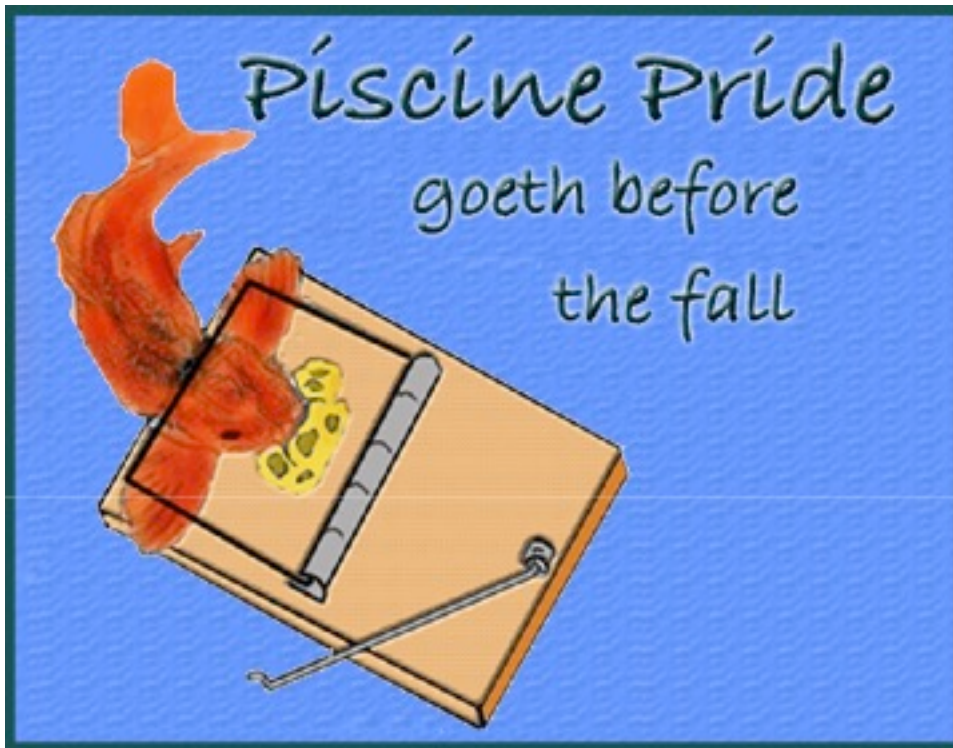
I'm surprised that I'd never heard of Madoff cheese before but it sure pulls them in like none I've ever seen - and such nice plump ones too. [Feb 09]

Looks like the Republicans in 2010, the way the country feels about their attempt to obstruct the Democrats' stimulus package no matter what happens to the people they are supposed to represent. [Feb 09]

Whoa - if they're like this over the last cheese -what's gonna happen next???

I knew there'd be a scene if I shouted: "Who wants to put some earmarks in the new stimulus package?" on the Senate floor, but I had no idea it'd be this good. And that great guy Senator Mitch McConnell - ya just gotta love his style - he led the Republican attack on Obama and the Dems for their earmarks while sponsoring \$76,000,000 of his own. Guess he never

got 'hypocrite' or 'shame' on his spelling tests in school. [Mar 09]



***But but but good ol' Bernie Madoff  
said it was a sure thing.  
And he's a genius - right?***

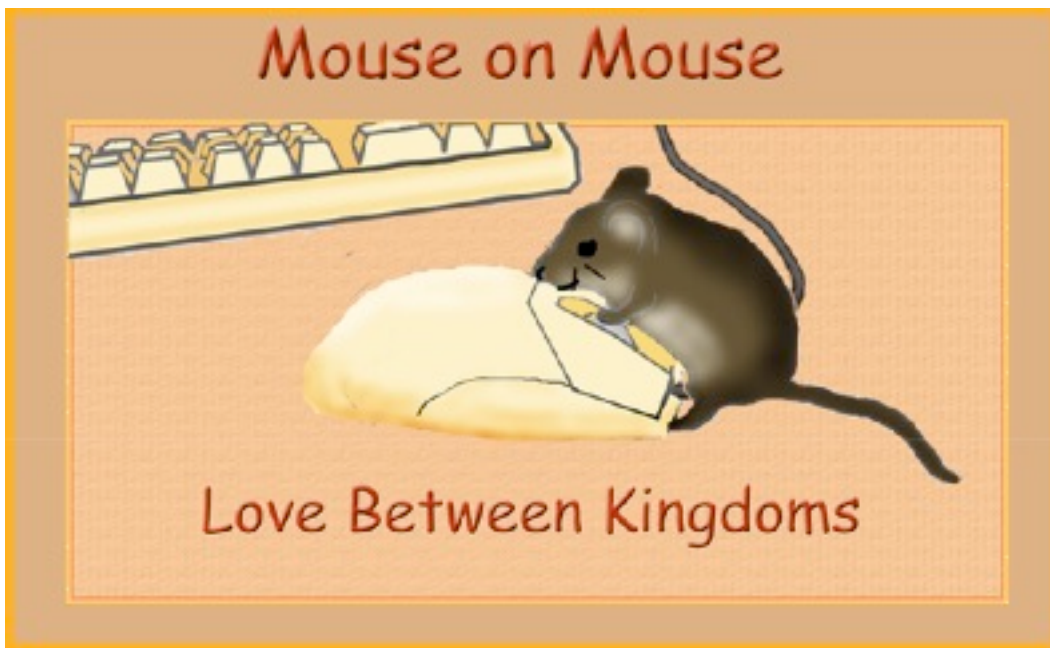
*And that sub-prime mortgage portfolio looked good too!*

*Let's see: Derivatives are to cheese, as greed is to \_\_\_\_\_ .*

*The geneticists were trying to breed mammals that can live off of seaweed  
but they got this - Yikes!*

*My mom kept telling me that there are worse things than swimming round  
and round and round in a little bowl all day long, day after frigging day -  
but hey I'm a teenager and I figured: "Oh right - what's some old person  
like her know."*





**I'll bet I am the only mouse who's ever gotten carpal tunnel syndrome mousing.**

Golly girl - you've got all the compassion and empathy of a Wall Street financial wizard.

No anal sex with you! I hear that the last guy that tried that got electrocuted. Talk about a hot piece of tail - whew!

I hear that if the company can't pay their bills, the heat will get turned off, and next freeze we'll be ice skating across the desk. [Feb 09]

Just think of it - if there is reincarnation I can come back here again and again and you will still be here waiting for me.

Is it okay if I use a photo of you to help market my anti-wrinkle cream? Your skin is so naturally smooth and flawless. I'll make a fortune - sorry you won't be able to get away for that Caribbean vacation I'm planning.

I've got an in with your boss, so if you try that sexual harassment crap on me you'll lose your job. I just love the good ol' boy network!



***And I thought that you geeks never took  
the time to have a little old-fashioned fun.***

*Oh screw me again – I’m a U.S. taxpayer and I’m so used to getting it from  
you Wall Street financial wizards that I don’t know what I’d do without  
you.*

*Let’s see, I live on \$40,000 a year as your secretary, and you live on your  
\$25 million and the business is failing. No wonder you are not too  
depressed to have fun doing to me what you’ve done to all of your  
stockholders.*

*Whoa – if my sisters catch on to how great this is, corporate electric bills  
are going to soar. I wonder if their accountants will be able to figure it  
out! Ha ha ha – they’ll probably try putting in energy saving light bulbs.  
A combination of vegetable and light machine oils works best for us.*

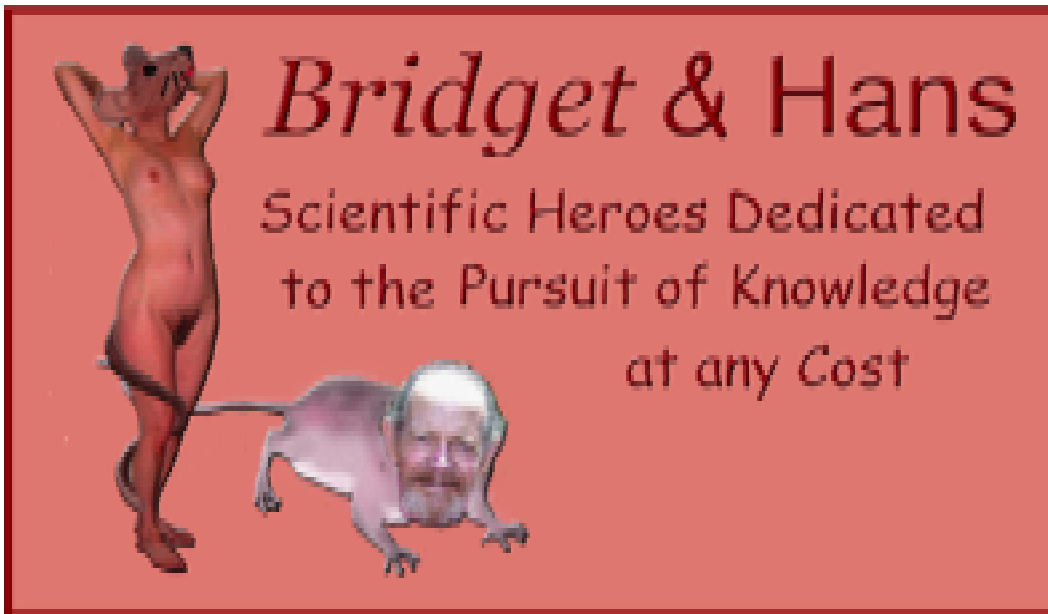
*I hear that computers have bugs. I hope they’re not contagious. I doubt  
that you’ll ever catch a flea from me.*

*Oh honey I’m so scared that if we keep doing this so much that your thingie  
will get sticky and they’ll take you away from me. (Thinking: Hmmm,  
maybe I am ready for a change – he’s not the most imaginative lover.)*

*Oh my God – you gotta be kidding – there’s more where you came from? My  
sisters are going to be the happiest generation in history.*

*Oh baby, oh baby – you give me the best **jimjams** ever.*





**I guess this was one time when we'd have been better off obeying the FDA's regulatory guidelines.**

Hey Bridget if we can do this I bet we can figure out some really cool off the book financial instruments for Wall Street.

*Sorry I screamed when I first saw you - and if it is any help - that was nothing compared to the scream when I looked in the mirror.*

*Hey - how about we tail wrestle to see who washes the dishes.*

Hmmm - let's see - without our old jobs, and with the new economy, what are we going to do? Bridget, we can have you whore for rich guys who really need something unusual to take their minds off their problems. *Sure - and Hans, you'll make the perfect sneak thief to steal what jewelry they haven't hocked - when they can't find it they'll just think they've already sold it. Ha Ha Ha*

Look, Bridget - in this economy we gotta do what we gotta do, and if it isn't legal here, I bet I can pimp for you in Amsterdam - although they might really feel a kinship with you in D.C. too. *Oh yeah - I hear that those big rats are really hung!* [Feb 09]

*No honeybuns, I absolutely cannot purr for you like I used to. Sorry.*

*You want to do what with that tail, Hans!!! Not unless you shave it first!*  
Hey - for added spice tonight how about a little parmesan in the lube? *Sure - sounds yummy to me.*

We wanted to be many things but **lusus naturae** were never on the list.  
Oh Bridget, I am so sorry I said that to you. I'm a fuckin' idiot! *No - you're a non-fuckin' idiot now!*

**lusus naturae** - a freak of nature; a monstrosity.



## TRUST THE EXPERTS – THEY KNOW BEST?

If we have this right and it has been a little difficult to sort out the facts. The U.S. government borrowed some 700 billion dollars to give to the banks for a bailout that the current and future taxpayers will have to end up paying for, and the bankers refuse to tell anyone what they did with the money. And other than a few editorials there doesn't seem to be much of a public outcry. Maybe we should test to see if the government is putting tranquilizers in the water supply for them.



THE WORD OF GAD

**Dear Ones** I would like to brag here a bit. And, no, “pride goeth before the fall” does not apply to me – infinite beings have nowhere to fall, now do they - ha

ha ha. So where was I? Getting a little absent-minded in my old age – it all starts getting a little fuzzier after the first 10,000,000,000 years or so. Anyway, please listen to what one of my wiser devotees has been learning:

GAD HAS SPOKEN



Oh precious Great Lord Gad I am so blessed by your gifts of wisdom, and honored by your trust in me. A little nervous too – but I suppose it's better than going to be crucified, so here goes:

1) *Not only do individuals develop spiritually but spirituality, itself evolves (in the realm of form, though not in the formless), and this has been accelerating, so there are states and processes available to spiritual seekers today that weren't in the past, even the recent past. Thus, traditional spiritual teachings and views may benefit from being updated. In particular, I think that the traditional view of something like "only a few in each generation can attain the highest states of liberation" is definitely no longer true, and thank goodness.*

2) *Traditional spiritual teachings have often claimed that various siddhis, and subjective states of bliss, etcetera are inherently part of true spiritual awakening. I find more congruence with teachers like Adyashanti who say things something like 'if you expect enlightenment to improve your life in any way you are in for a rude surprise.'*

3) *Traditional schools of liberation have tended to teach that either a) you have an ego and that is a problem, but if you do this and this and this then you may overcome your ego and awaken; or b) there is only consciousness so there is no ego, and if you realize this you'll awaken. In neither case do many people ever awaken. Right? There is another path that teaches that while it is true that in one way you can say that only consciousness exists, it is also true that the ego exists and is real, but that having an ego doesn't stop one from awakening. That is, one can awaken with their ego intact and then live in a paradox of being aware of simultaneously existing as both an infinite and free spirit, and yet also as a very finite and limited person. Sanial Bonder's Healing the Spirit-Matter Split is a nice simple exposition of this.*

4) *Realizers of liberation will fall somewhere on a yin-yang continuum and there is often much misunderstanding between individuals and schools at the poles. Yin realizers tend to identify solely with consciousness, so much so that any impulse in another person other than the simple abiding in consciousness, is seen as evidence that the other is not truly awakened. In contrast, more yang realizers tend to have a fundamental impulse to interact with the world of form, and tend to see the yin types as somewhat disassociated.*

5) *All individuals including the most spiritually realized have 'lines of development.' Being spiritually awakened does not mean that the individual is especially developed physically, mentally, or even psychologically. The lack of this insight created a lot of grief in the boomers' early exposure to eastern teachers. Understanding this allows the creation of much healthier relationships between students and teachers. This is especially true given that virtually all traditional schools of spirituality arose in societies and epochs with feudal worldviews which have rigid hierarchical authority structures.*

