

The Meaning of Meaning - Part 2

(Part 1 shared the title some time ago, but with this post little else.)

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What the hell does that mean? (*See the pun? Yeah, as poor as slavery, I know...*) Use that title for an essay in any writing class; get rewarded with detention.

Am I asking The Committee about interpretation, understanding & significance?

Read on, Comrades.....

Q: *Esteemed Committee, in your estimation, do humans give things proper or improper meaning overall?*

C: Nearly all humans do it properly.

Q: *To read news & commentary in general, usually as enjoyable as carrying boxes of rubbish up five flights of stairs* [Please do not let my dim view dis-illuminate yours...] it is so damned easy to believe we “don’t get it”.

C: This is a manipulation technique, to focus on the ninety-five to ninety-eight percent, which would immediately draw focus away from the two to five. It has worked with even greater effectiveness as the shock waves from the information explosion have reached their targets time and time again.

Q: *MyPace, Fakebook, Twutter, TockTick, Instagrim...*

C: Not as much, the platforms the names of which you are making fun are almost entirely icing on the cakes baked & served with serious, insidious sweetness. BBC, SkyNews, Rede Globo, Al Jazeera, CNN are but a few examples.

Q: *By excluding stories, then repeating and emphasizing others?*

C: Yes. Only a small percentage of the populace will be swayed by the slant, however emotions will cover crookedness and make all appear straight. It is only necessary to sway a single digit percentage of registered voters to fairly win an election.

Q: *The race for ratings, viewership and hits all conducted with a view to making money, is not the prime motivation?*

C: No, but to the hired hands and to nearly all viewers, consumers, readers & listeners of much publicly offered information, what you say seems to be the case.

Q: *The oft repeated phrase, speak truth to power, is this part of it?*

C: Very much so because truth means fact. Showing facts to authority is a good idea however the powerful, authoritarian types who relish control above all else, have suffered under the very process that would and truly is, the speaking of truth to power. To combat this illumination, they have created the false figure of the fact checker, who rises not far above the bullshit artist extraordinaire.

Q: *Gathering then presenting facts, plus time & mental effort others invest in their study,*

are like school & work to many people. Is and was this mostly the case with humans?

C: Certainly not, but this recent and current iteration of human civilizations, popularly believed to be the only one, believes what you have asked. In Atlantis the consumption of information was far more common, but we shall say the process involved development most similar to what is occurring across mankind now.

Q: An information explosion, bring to the forefront and exposing the numbskulls, nincompoops and arrogant among us?

C: Yes, however most of the targets the information manipulation reaches, cannot be objectively or even subjectively labeled as you have suggested. The few who do qualify, grasp your attention. That is the process of the 2-5% drawing most attention from the 95-98% the manipulators prefer ignored or at least de-emphasized.

Q: How do we humans resist this or combat it?

C: Decide in advance, how much time you will invest in knowing what occurs in what is labeled "the news." Once you have selected your quota, fulfill the commitment. If you decide to give thirty minutes to news, give at least that much. If you do not run across what you like or prefer, continue anyway. Other stories and other sources can be switched and changed as often as you like.

If your pre-news time commitment seems too long once finished, shorten it next time but stick to your budget.

This will either soon or in short order, but never eventually because that will not be needed, bring a diverse and conflicting mixture of views. You will naturally formulate a view that nearly no single news source prefers you have.

News company hired hands want you to return. They nearly one & all believe you will, if you encounter a product you like. The problem is, news happens without consideration of your preferences. You do not like FoxNews or you do not like what FoxNews offers? Both?

Pursue the conflicting mixture of views.

Q: Isn't meaning just interpretation?

C: No, however interpretation is the start. Meaning = understanding applied.

Q: After-the-fact?

C: Often yes but we remind you, after-the-fact is a human concept requiring time. You soul gains understanding, as the meaning of events becomes clearly understood, in the absence of time. Your onion grows a new layer across the whole surface.

Q: How does meaning help us in "the afterlife"?

C: No afterlife exists. You live, always, all of you. You mean after the human body is discarded?

Q: Yes, but that word "discard" sounds so harsh, cheap and cold, to suggest a human body is just rubbish to be dropped in the bin.

C: When the juncture or crossroads comes for you to do this, you will understand we use

the word with warmth, compassion and love. To discard your human body is to molt; it means you are home once again, re-opening and re-using all the rooms of your vast personal mansion. Your house ventilates again, as it always does, given the brilliance of your presence. This will illuminate the meaning of your current body, the journey it provides for you and the deep appreciation you will feel for all souls who now remain underway in such a glorious journey as yours, reading these words.

Q: Is another way, method, technique or "hack" available to gain the meaning of human life's meanings, other than an incarnation and journey across Earth?

C: No. You can go to many cities; you can go to a single city many ways, but each city is unique. Go to News, New Delhi, Zealand, Orleans or Amsterdam using the many modes you might. These places all offer uniqueness. All offer new meaning to meaning.

Q: Thank you Esteemed Committee.

C: To you all in return do we give ours. Be well.