

00:15:57 <thinc> It is easier to focus on the results, the hard evidence of your life; these things seem easier to understand, and easier to control.

08:16:32 <hakim> This includes both reaction & resistance -- & it most certainly includes the non-separative "re-linking" (religio) of consciousness with "spirit" as unmediated imaginal self-determination & value-creation -- the original goal of all ritual & worship.

08:17:24 <alan> But there is a very close connection between your conceptual understanding of the world and how you actually see the world.

08:17:58 <alan> You see, this is something we completely ignore.

08:19:53 <bob> The purpose of life is to receive, synthesize and transmit energy.

08:21:58 <marshall> Fragmented, literate, and visual individualism is not possible in an electrically patterned and imploded society.

08:22:45 <tery> We are moving toward the most profound event a planetary ecology can encounter.

08:24:42 <thinc> Would you like not to pay at all, never to pay again for land and food and even water?

08:26:33 <marshall> On the other hand, sedentary, specialist man is dynamic, explosive, progressive.

08:27:33 <antero> Corporate mongers, Wall Street kamikazi traders and other useful idiots ...welcome!

08:29:46 <tim> You cannot use butterfly language to communicate with caterpillars.

08:31:05 <morgan> This circuit is typified by ecstatic or blissful feelings, sensory enhancement, sensual pleasure from even ordinary experiences and activities, and a generally blissful, laid-back 'high' of contentment with the state of things in general.

08:33:23 <tim> Finally, the pantacle (disk) is the grounding in earth (magnetic material), the stored algorithms.

08:35:21 <tery> Go for it, and thank you.

08:37:40 <celia> To be aware of one's finiteness is one thing; to be reconciled to it is quite another.

08:39:09 <alan> So, that's the initial standpoint, but, as soon as you really discover this, and you stop clinging to change, then everything is quite different.

08:40:08 <celia> When it is used in theology it is usually associated with "the Word of God".

08:40:54 <hakim> Is Capitalism headed for the last round-up & final crisis to end all crises, or will it find a way to deal with & even profit by any "limits to growth" or chaotic perturbations within its closed atmosphere of suffocation?

08:43:13 <celia> But he is sure that it cannot be done.

08:44:07 <morgan> Gurdjieff referred to this circuit as the True Magnetic Center.

08:46:10 <thinc> It keeps them occupied without making them active, it keeps them feeling involved without giving them control.

08:47:12 <marshall> Slow movement insured that the reactions were delayed for considerable periods of time.

08:47:45 <morgan> These are internal considerations not usually presentable to the public at large.

08:49:01 <bob> How many sports, arts or sciences you never had time for, would you then find the time to enjoy?

08:49:37 <alan> But, actually, the whole problem is that there really is no other problem for human beings, than to go over that waterfall when it comes.

08:50:52 <bob> It is the sense of being herenow, in this vulnerable body, subject to the raw energies and forces of the physical universe.

08:52:11 <marshall> Such is the speed of this process of the meeting of the jet plane, the oral report, and the typewriter that those going forth to the ends of the earth often arrive unable to spell the name of the spot to which they have been sent as experts.

08:53:54 <bula> We have learned that desire demands the other just as it demands the self.

08:55:44 <marshall> But it is strikingly the age of consciousness the age of unconscious, in addition.

08:57:04 <hakim> It turns you into a serf or a slave, into the human sacrifice.

08:57:59 <tery> Well, I don't want to insult the local choice.

09:00:01 <morgan> Should we push back the normal or natural boundaries?

09:02:13 <tim> Larvals submit themselves to learn new symbols only under special motivational circumstances where the new connections build on and confirm established systems or give promise of future emotional rewards of which the teacher is model.

09:03:54 <hakim> Finally virtu is impassable--eating & drinking is eating & drinking--the lazy yokel plows a crooked furrow.

09:05:31 <tery> We humans may be released into a realm of pure self-engineering.

09:07:47 <bula> And of course they're guarded.

09:08:49 <alan> When there's a subway strike, or when the power fails, or when the sewers back up, your life is in danger.

09:10:18 <marshall> Medical researchers like Hans Selye and Adolphe Jonas hold that all extensions of ourselves, in sickness or in health, are attempts to maintain equilibrium.

09:11:24 <alan> They don't fall down and worship.

09:12:18 <tery> When the laws of physics are obviated, the universe disappears, and what is left is the tightly bound plenum, the monad, able to express itself for itself, rather than only able to cast a shadow into physis as its reflection.

09:14:04 <bob> Stalin executed three chiefs of the secret police in a row because of this danger.

09:15:50 <celia> But it is very hard for an adult human to feel any emotion about his limitations vis-a-vis impersonal reality.

09:17:50 <hakim> Like it or not, some sort of pre-emptive strategy is required.

09:18:41 <morgan> Circuit Three has great promise when it manifests itself in mature form.

09:20:09 <bula> I'd read his other work, and realized he must be heading in the right direction.

09:21:13 <bula> That or the Dos Equis was kicking in.

09:22:39 <aleph> Also like lethal texts, it is self-reflexive, in that it is about itself: Sweet coupled airs we sing.

09:24:33 <bob> Gopi Krishna, a Hindu bureaucrat who took up yoga originally only for health reasons, was abruptly catapulted into a negative neurosomatic state for several years.

09:26:42 <tery> Then there are drugs which are mental drugs which I don't consider psychedelic.

09:28:30 <hakim> Both bourgeois & anti-bourgeois thought proposed a single world -- unified in consciousness by science -- but money alone will actually achieve that world.

09:29:10 <bob> On the human level, we often agonize over emotional decisions, becoming acutely conscious of time as we hesitate.

09:31:13 <tery> These entities remind me of the scene in the film version of The Wizard of Oz after the Munchkins come with a death certificate for the Witch of the East.

09:32:01 <hakim> What allowed T. S. Eliot to say that ever since Lascaux, Western art "tumbled from the staircase"?

09:33:28 <alan> But when it plays 'seek,' it enters onto a path of yoga, and through following this path it wakes up, and the scales fall from one's eyes.

09:34:06 <celia> This, after all, is what 'transcendent' means -- that which invalidates, but cannot itself be invalidated.

09:35:06 <aleph> Snow Crash posits that Sumerian nam-shubs are being used to wreak linguistic havoc in the modern world.

09:36:10 <tery> Well, the happy conclusion of applying these rules is that the most terrifyingly powerful of the psychedelics pass all tests with flying colours -- DMT being the perfect example.

09:38:09 <marshall> It is probably the long human history of enslavement, and the collapse into specialism as a counter-irritant, that have put the stigma of servitude and pusillanimity on the figure of the specialist, even in modern times.

09:39:11 <morgan> This circuit allows us to explore the hidden spaces of our aspirations while hinting at intelligent, ethical control of our psychic-selves.

09:41:17 <alan> Like the stars don't leave trails behind them.

09:43:22 <morgan> Now everything is in doubt.

09:45:24 <hakim> We experience "spirit" when we dream or create; we experience "body" when we eat or shit (Or maybe vice versa); we experience both at once when we make love.

09:46:07 <thinc> Forests, jungles, wild plains, majestic canyons?

09:46:57 <morgan> Once realized, this discovery frees you to adopt any metaphors you wish or none at all, to drop them at will, to pick useful elements from each reality-map and to discard non-functional ones immediately.

09:48:33 <tim> No one was permitted to stand still.

09:50:14 <alan> That's their specialty, just as a long thing is the long body of buddha, and a short thing is the short body of buddha.

09:52:29 <tery> You always have people who just aren't playing the game.

09:53:37 <alan> It becomes funny.

09:54:35 <alan> You let the other side be the other side, and it invokes something in your imagination, but you don't attempt to define it to pin it down.

09:56:32 <celia> He is ubiquitous, and so his characteristics are invisible.

09:58:36 <bob> This is known as the "breath of fire" in Tantric yoga.

09:59:13 <tery> The new guy who heads the War on Drugs, Martinez?

10:00:12 <bob> When Robert Burns writes: The wan moon is setting behind the white wave And Time is setting with me, oh it is hard not to feel that the abstraction "time" has become as real as the physical moon and wave--or the little man upon the stair.

10:01:21 <marshall> There is a close parallel of response between the patterns of physical and psychic trauma or shock.

10:02:24 <bob> The same political decisions would be made by four chimpanzees or four dogs, if they have the four imprint quadrants equally divided as in our hypothetical example.

10:03:33 <hakim> What if we went mad?

10:05:13 <alan> The difficulty in describing psychedelic experiences in traditional religious terms suggests one ground of opposition.

10:07:31 <tery> And the way to do that is to go back to the agents that created language in the very first place.

10:09:39 <celia> Of course in the child and adolescent there are still remains of the belief that one will, at some judiciously selected time in the future, attempt altogether more ambitious things.

10:10:26 <bob> Dr. John von Neumann proved that there was no way out.

10:11:12 <alan> It can very easily be an experience in which you have to test your soul against all the devils in hell.

10:12:55 <tim> The guide, likely to be in a state of mindless, blissful flow, is then pulled into the subject's hallucinatory field and may have difficulty orienting himself.

10:14:31 <alan> You see what's happening?

10:16:43 <bob> At the time Brooks Adams was writing (c. 1900) he saw the balance teetering between London and New York, and he predicted that the decline of the English Empire would shift the balance to New York within the first half of the 20th Century.

10:18:20 <hakim> Consciousness becomes something which can be "down-loaded", excited from the matrix of animality and immortalized as information.

10:19:18 <john> Uniformity, equivalence, separation are byproducts of time's harsh force.

10:20:51 <tim> Let's go ahead and reformat it.") One speculation is that such viral human forms might ALREADY inhabit our computer systems.

10:21:27 <bob> To activate the second tunnel-reality, take an abundant quantity of alcohol.

10:22:00 <celia> It is particularly useless to give prescriptions for "authentic being" by involvement or commitment in the world.

10:23:56 <morgan> CyberCraft is the art of living smart.

10:24:34 <marshall> It is with the senses as it is with color.

10:26:08 <hakim> Neurospace is a space of embodiment.

10:27:05 <tim> By the year 2000, Aleister Crowley, William Gibson, and Edward Fredkin could well replace Benjamin Spock as a Baby Boom navigator.

10:28:16 <bob> This is absolutely vital; pack status (and "job security") depends on it.

10:29:10 <marshall> The age of mechanical industry that preceded us found vehement assertion of private outlook the natural mode of expression.

10:31:30 <hakim> This is a question of failure or triumph!

10:33:05 <tim> They look for symptoms, interpret each new sensation in terms of sickness/health, and, if anxiety develops, demand tranquilizers.

10:34:07 <hakim> With film, however, this chain is broken.

10:34:56 <marshall> In the same way the excessive tactile effects of the TV image cannot be met by mere program changes.

10:36:37 <alan> And it's fantastic to look at people and see that they really, deep down, are enlightened.

10:37:12 <bob> They shall come to know good.-- James Joyce, Finnegans Wake Mammalian sociobiology, rooted in the antique neural circuits of the old brain, contains many factors opposing the evolution of domesticated primates into true freedom and objective intelligence.

10:39:03 <marshall> But the need to use the senses that are available is as insistent as breathing a fact that makes sense of the urge to keep radio and TV going more or less continuously.

10:41:03 <tim> It is especially important in communicating with larvals to remember that few symbols now exist for post-larval processes.

10:41:49 <morgan> The man saw a luscious strawberry near him.

10:43:14 <tery> We are conditioned to submit to powerful male figures, we are conditioned to value the material world over the inner world, we are conditioned to chase money, all of these things, and these..

10:44:00 <alan> You don't have to make them cooperate, you don't have to tell them to; you don't have to arrange a treaty of some kind, they just do so.

10:45:44 <bob> Brainchange agents.

10:47:41 <tery> It has a will and an understanding that is orders of magnitude more sophisticated than any one of the individuals who compose it as cells compose a body.

10:49:10 <bob> Marx and Hitler, Newton and Socrates, Shakespeare and Jefferson, etc. continue to "rule" parts of humanity in the same way--through the semantic circuit.

10:50:22 <tery> And so what I noticed was that running through reality is the ebb and flow of novelty.

10:52:37 <hakim> The knowledge we want is neither utilitarian nor "pure" but celebratory.

10:53:47 <bob> Concretely, a modern man or woman doesn't look for biosurvival security in the gene-pool, the pack, the extended family.

10:55:33 <tery> I mean, it is a completely disorienting, freaky kind of experience, with loss of memory, confusion of sequence, delusion of reference, amnesia, projective imagining, so forth and so on.

10:57:46 <hakim> The War on Drugs is a war on cognition itself, about thought itself as the human condition.

10:59:39 <thinc> That's a lot of our lives to spend working.

11:01:06 <marshall> Telephone is a cool medium, or one of low definition, because the ear is given a meager amount of information.

11:01:55 <celia> I love him which reserveth no share of spirit for himself, but willeth to be wholly the spirit of his virtue: thus in spirit he crosseth the bridge.

11:03:19 <marshall> It was Macaulay who remarked that it was not pleasant to live in times about which it was exciting to read.

11:03:57 <celia> Roughly speaking, the mature person is characterized by willingness to accept substitutes, compromises, and delays, particularly if these are caused by the structure of society.

11:06:08 <morgan> Pearls are delicate.

11:07:13 <hakim> It is as if the mushroom elves were there; it is as if there were plant consciousness that responds to the machinic consciousness.

11:09:16 <celia> The weakness of the existentialists' case is that they do not distinguish sufficiently between a philosophical attitude and a psychological one.

11:11:31 <bob> In general, this scientific habit of avoiding "is" can be profitably extended to all areas of thought.

11:12:30 <john> Elephants were still somewhat common in some coastal Mediterranean zones in 500 B.C., wrote Herodotus.

11:13:26 <alan> You see, the point is that an enormous number of things are going on inside us of which we are not conscious.

11:13:56 <tery> It is the quality of being complex visual information that makes the Logos a vision of a truth that cannot be told.

11:15:03 <bob> The Princess of Wands is fire/fire: sexuality at its most powerful.

11:15:43 <hakim> Radio is old-fashioned; therein lies its seductiveness.

11:16:29 <marshall> The patient puts on headphones and turns a dial raising the noise level to the point that he feels no pain from the drill.

11:18:29 <celia> So he is not likely to exhibit the personality-structure of the not-sane.

11:19:49 <alan> All of you I see with your various shapes and colors, when I look out here, I am actually having an experience of how it feels inside my head.

11:20:40 <marshall> The new magnetic or world city will be static and iconic or inclusive.

11:22:41 <thinc> But products are the excrement of actions.

11:24:48 <tery> It is because there is a modular hierarchy of waves of temporal conditioning, or temporal density.

11:25:50 <celia> As Master of the Mint, he showed great initiative, intelligence and determination in hounding a forger to his death.

11:27:00 <hakim> But Benjamin has already shown that Capital's concern is precisely not to satisfy desire (i.e. to provide pleasure) but to exacerbate longing through the device of the "utopian trace" (the metaphysical shenanigans of the commodity, to paraphrase Marx).

11:29:13 <hakim> If that were the case, it would be true that our entire experience of cognition--which historically belongs in the category of what is known as "religion"--would have begun with psychedelics.

11:31:34 <celia> This shows itself; it is the mystical.[14] My propositions are elucidatory in this way: he who understands me finally recognizes them as senseless, when he has climbed out through them, on this, over them.

11:32:56 <hakim> Towel-heads in the Middle East suffer and die for our sins.

11:34:58 <marshall> Militarism is a kind of visual organization of social energies that is both specialist and explosive, so that it is merely repetitive to say, as Toynbee does, that it both creates large empires and causes social break down.

11:36:44 <morgan> As life extension and personal research enable new personal and common vistas this circuit becomes more important.

11:37:45 <marshall> It is a question that arises in connection with capital punishment.

11:39:45 <alan> Now, what you have to realize in the further continuance of Za-zen, that as you-- Well, let me say first in a preliminary way, the easiest way to stop thinking is first of all to think about something that doesn't have any meaning.

11:41:59 <john> While virtually every society that adopted a domesticated relationship to nature, all over the globe, became subject to violent practices, the non-agricultural knew no organized violence.

11:43:52 <bula> By attaining a thorough intuitive and technical grasp of the actual shapes of the attractors (although they are ultimately indeterminate) one can ride the chaos like a lucid dreamer learns to contain and direct the process of REM sleep.

11:45:47 <tery> Acceleration is visible in all the processes around us: the fact that fire was discovered several million years ago; language came perhaps thirty-five thousand years ago; measurement, five thousand; Galileo, four hundred; then Watson-Crick and DNA.

11:47:17 <tery> Here's the curve of human speed.

11:48:40 <celia> I met a man in a place that was something like a subterranean tube tunnel and something like a

deserted railway waiting-room in the middle of the night.

11:50:37 <alan> Because then when you saw people die, and everybody around you started weeping and making a fuss, and then you learned from that that dying was terrible.

11:52:57 <morgan> We hope you will enjoy and benefit from this little exploration into the majikal mind-body complex.

11:54:26 <marshall> The message of the electric light is like the message of electric power in industry, totally radical, pervasive, and decentralized.

11:55:14 <tery> What does 'strong' mean?

11:56:44 <tery> This is a real thing.

11:58:51 <bob> This is metaphorically as well as literally true.

00:00:33 <tery> You can feel it.

00:02:26 <tim> Does some sort of mythic mystery operate here?

00:03:44 <bob> Briefly, Cabala exhausts the third, semantic circuit by setting it to solve intractable numerological and verbal problems.

00:05:02 <marshall> The medium of money or wheel or writing, or any other form of specialist speed up of exchange and information, will serve to fragment a tribal structure.

00:06:39 <hakim> The art of the unseen escapes absorption into the image-based "discourse of the totality" -- and thus, alone of all possible forms, still holds out the millennial promise of art, the changing of the world.

00:07:33 <celia> They terrify you with their authority....

00:09:28 <marshall> They are not expected to fit into some uniform and repeatable niche that is not their size anyway.

00:11:47 <alan> There's nothing to get hold of, because you don't NEED to get hold of anything.

00:12:36 <hakim> Simply to meet together face-to-face is already an action against the forces which oppress us by isolation, by loneliness, by the trance of media.

00:14:25 <tery> These beings are like fractal reflections of some previously hidden and suddenly autonomous part of one's own psyche.

00:15:50 <antero> Our special forces are now circulating amidst your surface tension, seeking fusion with the human conduits currently preparing for mutual acceleration.

00:18:06 <alan> Where I live in Sausalito, California, they live up on the hill, and down on the waterfront, there live all kinds of beatniks and bums, and we live in boats and shacks of all kinds.

00:18:46 <hakim> It is meant only for the artist & the artist's "immediate entourage" (friends, family, neighbors, tribe); & it participates only in a "gift" economy of positive reciprocity.

00:19:23 <hakim> I guess we'll just have to "evolve" beyond the body.

00:19:57 <thinc> Repeat it picturing the moment of your death next month.

00:22:14 <hakim> We create values.

00:24:06 <antero> Through cultivating profound states of receptivity, men and women learn to detect genetic/generic patterns of being, those which are innate to the bio-psychic structures maintaining our lives.

00:26:10 <tim> Awe and gratitude - rather than pride - are the rewards of this new profession.

00:28:00 <alan> Now those weren't stated, they were tacit.

00:30:22 <celia> The observers listen to what it is saying (but of course, since they are of higher dimensionality than its own, the point being cannot observe them in any way).

00:32:20 <hakim> Power, after all, is for us--not some fucking vanguard party.

00:34:08 <antero> The mountain is absorbing the interstellar beam of galactic information now arriving direct from the galaxy's core at twenty-seven degrees Sagittarius.

00:35:37 <alan> And everything is kept in order.

00:36:54 <marshall> The Medium Is the Message /9 It could be argued that these activities are in some way the "content" of the electric light, since they could not exist without the electric light.

00:39:08 <hakim> Why, the natives are not only sullen, they're taciturn--downright incommunicative.

00:41:30 <celia> I say unto you: ye have chaos yet within you.

00:43:33 <tery> Dread is one of the emotions that I feel as I approach the experience.

00:45:09 <alan> Whereas people with nondescript, mass-produced personalities tend to be unaware of this.

00:46:25 <bob> The reader of this book can probably remember, somewhat dimly, the imprinting and conditioning of each of these circuits.

00:47:21 <tery> What happens is this, the world is completely replace, instantly, 100 percent, it's all gone.

00:49:02 <alan> Ball one, and ball two.

00:49:41 <bob> EXCRETIONS.

00:50:56 <alan> So long as you think, and feel, that you are a someone contained in your bag of skin, and that's all, there is no way whatsoever of your behaving unselfishly.

00:52:51 <celia> That is to say, the impact of reality has been rendered entirely negative.

00:54:29 <tery> And they say, you know, 'Don't spiral off into amazement, and start raving about God and all that.

00:55:45 <bob> The strain was new to me but it was so old that it filled my heart brimful like a friend come back from a long absence.

00:57:27 <bob> This simply transmutes the fourth circuit by ceremonial, physiological arid "magick" (self-hypnotic) explosion of the (prolonged) sexual act into fifth-circuit neurosomatic capture.

00:59:22 <bob> The neurosomatic feedback loop, in these unfortunate cases, reverses the above description.

01:01:27 <celia> But this is a problem in psychology; it must be asked what forces are at work to prevent this awareness, whether it is possible to defeat them, and how.

01:03:23 <celia> We do not know what everything is existing for, but neither do we care.

01:04:42 <alan> Second, not to take what is not given.

01:06:47 <hakim> The ordinary & the extraordinary are no longer opposed here, & are perhaps even in collusion, or in a dance of fused delineations.

01:08:35 <bob> None of the reality-models discussed in this chapter, however bizarre they may seem to some readers, are any more arbitrary than the official reality-model known as consensus-reality, which is a statistical average and not nearly consensual as it seems.

01:10:43 <tery> So they just started bringing it in wholesale.

01:12:09 <hakim> We drift.

