

Letter to the Editor

Dear People,

A lateral letter from the Scottish Highlands. (Are there any subscribers round here? It's a bit lonely.) I have only met the words Humanistic Psychology for about 6 months - I read Ordinary Ecstasy. Great - somebody valuing the situation I find myself in for all my forty years of life - somebody is spitting on the nonsenses I have repeatedly found myself up to the neck in (how's that for mixed metaphors).

Reading wider, I feel that incredible amounts of willpower, learning and straining are being put into the efforts to be spontaneous (saying comes to mind "your thoughts and notions come out of you, therefore whatever you think/feel/be, it is impossible **not** to be spontaneous").

Note that no "authority" is given for the statement. It has come from somewhere, I have liked it, probably changed it a little to suit myself, show it to you as part of myself. If you like it, take it from me and I will be enhanced, not diminished.

However you can also take it from me that a unified consciousness does not solve all prob-

lems. It doesn't seem to pay well for instance or I wouldn't be sitting here in bed to keep warm and writing by paraffin lamp in a caravan.

Though really it's not bad. The van is waterproof, there is some basic food on the shelf, a calor-gas stove and warm bed. It's just the paraffin is a bit low, and I'm saving it for light (a very pleasant mellow light) rather than the heater. Come to that matter we are a wee bit hungry too, but still working more or less.

Ideas

1) Any people who think they are slightly too far the other side of the being/doing balance want to come up to the incomparable countryside round here. Wander gently through it, by land of water and perhaps we can gain something.

2) Any people who find themselves this side of the balance and who are fed up with being called lazy, unreliable etc. and who feel like banding together for sympathetic company.

When I have the motivation my organisational abilities can cope with the above - so - is anyone out there interested?

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