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galathaea wrote :

Angus Rodgers <twir...@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

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I wrote:

For the time being, I'll stick  
to my theory

that fear is a more

fundamental and powerful  
motive than laziness

[...]

i always like reading your posts

:~)

Please excuse my lack of response so far. Domestic

pressures have

not let up, and for the last couple of days I

haven't been able to

do any studying. I managed a couple of hours

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today. (You might be

mildly pleased to know that a copy of Goldblatt's

/Topoi/ I ordered

arrived on Monday, and I had a look at the

undemanding first couple

of chapters today. No trouble there, but I expect

I will need some

hand-holding soon enough!)

i dislike it when i am in an interaction  
that uses or participates in expectations

it makes me anxious and uncomfortable  
because it takes away freedoms and controls i enjoy

burdens and expectations take away time

so i haven't wanted to post a quick response

you don't need a quick response either

spend your time on priorities

typical for a female ...

before quasi told me galathaea was a women , "he" was a ' weird guy ' , now it makes more sense :)

most people want to be unique , which ironically makes them almost identical ...

on the other hand some people think they want to be normal , but that usually just means they want to " fit in  
the group " , afraid of being ' unique ' in a bad asocial way ...

the social aspect and self-viewpoint are the main reasons and factors for such desires and emotions.

religion may claim to be the solution , but it isnt ; at least not to this ...

it just exploits the related fears and why-questions , which arent the right responses either.

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i've had similar fears

a few councilors throughout school  
suggested i had subclinical aspergers  
and i've taken a few online tests  
and i do tend to score just below the clinical

diagnostic level

When I took this test:

<<http://aq.server8.org/>>

<<http://www.wired.com/wired/archive/9.12/aqtest.html>>

the result was:

"Your AQ score:

37

How to interpret your AQ score

0--10 low

11--22 average

(most women score about 15, and most men

score about 17)

23--31 above average

32--50 very high

(most people with Asperger Syndrome or

high functioning

autism score about 35)

50 maximum"

(So at least I'm not Rain Man.)

and i get 31

i could get close to 50 or 0

because i think i understand what they are measuring

enough for some control

(i got 10 and 44 when trying)

my thoughts  
were my land

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that i controlled

that others existed  
would sometimes make me anxious  
fearful and pained  
because it disturbed my controlled space

My space became invaded round about 1972, and I've  
never regained

it, but I get glimpses of that "land" – which  
perhaps is what you

mean about drives talking with me?

i didn't mean to hint about specific drives  
i meant something more obvious

we have 2 major symbological working sets  
and a number of minor ones

one major one is the "inner voice"

we have subvocal innervations  
that let us send vocalisation patterns  
down the start of the common speech pathways  
and divert them to an inner interpretive path  
much like an inner ear

it's an internal loop that allows symbol storage  
a working set or short-term memory

the other major one is the "inner projector"

innervations into the optic nerve  
allow the input of visual patterns  
into the interpretive system of our sight

we have similar innervations in most senses  
including hunger  
thermoception  
nociception

...

but the skill of symbology of those systems  
are usually of less computational capability

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these systems interact with recall systems  
to provide a fundamental symbol manipulating system

the entire system is controlled by drives

drives typically come from the limbic system

drives are the motives of action  
they are fears and hungers and angers and attractions

the interactions with these working sets  
is very intricate and with much substructure  
and there is communication both directions

the inner voice affects drives  
and the drives move the inner voice

making pretty little models of behaviors  
is a great solitary game  
that can help keep the fear at bay

Nothing keeps it at bay, for me, except: (a)

studying mathematics

(something I have only begun to find out how to do

properly since

about 2004), and (b) not being ashamed of my

sexuality (something

I have scarcely begun to learn about). Mostly I'm

scared witless.

everyone has some burden of control upon them

i like how the buddhists acknowledge this so

honestly

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I haven't found my religion yet, but I've found

that I need one.

i didn't mean to imply i'm a buddhist

i just think the gautama was pretty smart guy  
one of those obsessive modellers  
that "went far enough"  
to state some very accurate "truths"

particularly about the human psychology of suffering  
and the dynamics of burden

but he was still a batty old human

[http://groups.google.com/group/talk.religion.buddhism/  
msg/e0b28d97e1ea65ab?hl=en](http://groups.google.com/group/talk.religion.buddhism/msg/e0b28d97e1ea65ab?hl=en)

i have never known any gods  
i have never witnessed their deeds  
so i am certainly no god expert

but  
i do know that often when you need a god  
even when you really need a helping hand  
sometimes when you pray and pray and pray  
there is no answer

it has been my experience that there is never an  
answer  
especially when it is most needed

so if there is a god  
i see him as sam-a-el  
blind and insane

without reason or purpose

^..^

there are many goddesses  
though

they are easy to see  
like gaia

superorganisms aren't the type of thing you worship  
though

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they aren't infallible protectors

they are you  
with all your flaws  
and me and all mine  
and everyone else  
with all the limping along the way

looking earnestly at gaia these days  
it is clear she is more like a teenage girl  
bratty  
rebellious  
depressed  
with a serious smoking problem

gaia is very self destructive of late

drives are controllable  
through integrations with the verbal working set

There's a lot you write that I don't understand

(not only the

advanced maths!), but I'd particularly like to know

what this

means. What is "the verbal working set"? And does

this still

have something to do with drives talking?

i hope the description above helps some

but still  
even in the greatest exhaustions  
at the very limits of physical effort  
even then  
there are still drives that talk with you

That's quite poetic, even if I don't know what it

means, and

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even if I doubt, whatever it means, that it's true

for me.

even when one feels without direction  
when every task seems forced upon one  
and the reasons are blurred  
almost forgotten  
even then  
if one is making it day-to-day  
there are drives talking with them

if one hasn't given everything up  
in those last minute shutdowns of no return  
and can still will themselves any body movements  
there are drives talking with them

even the smallest of motile creatures  
when their movements are not all predetermined  
but can change  
based on some threshold decision  
have this symbol-drive-action engine  
but with many fewer symbols or computational  
al control

these controls  
this communication and decision  
the computational control of action  
is the i  
or at least what speaks the word i  
inside

my point is that the i in humanity is huge

it could shrink a thousandfold  
and still would be immense

that was always an important thing for me to hold on  
to  
because it reassured me even immense losses  
had not yet taken me away

and that fear i had felt  
reassured me i still had good drive to live  
even if i couldn't feel it all the time

and the fact that my "i" still "was"  
made it easier to build myself back up  
making simple decisions at first  
and slowly  
eventually

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building on that

it wasn't perfect  
there was a lot of self-pity and self-destruction  
but it was an important understanding to me

and i think it is important  
life's response to trauma in general

that's just what life is

a labyrinth of decisions

if there is a voice inside  
whatever voice  
there are drives feeding the process

understanding those drives  
helps in figuring out where to go next

it is clear to me that you study things  
as deeply as you can  
and then start again  
do it again

Sisyphus.

that was camus' point

if there is something core that existentialists share  
it is probably inside this one myth

progress through ltp

I looked that up. Found it. None the wiser!

next time ;)

when i call james lazy  
i do not ignore the signs that he does seem to

have

dopaminergic auto-obsessionary symptoms

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narcissistic personality disorder or subclinical

autism

or persecution complex or i-i-i  
whatever the dynamic is called in his

presentation of the form

and i do not disagree  
some trauma has produced serotonergic signs  
that have aggravated his auto-obsessions  
to the point of flights to messianic visions  
conspiratorial adversaries  
"bad things happen to me because i'm so special"  
universal power

i see those in his writing  
and i see the behaviors  
that tell a lot of this dynamic

and when i say lazy  
it is meant also to compliment his ability  
as i think that not everyone who doesn't pursue

greater mathematics

is actually lazy

some are certainly just uninterested

some people have much lower symbological

obsessions

(though still much greater than most animals)

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i call him lazy because i do see capability

but i see very little progress

and from the volume of output  
i do not see someone who is so shutdown from

fears

that he cannot do anymore

his drives still talk with him  
and he still does much  
but look at what he accomplishes  
(don't stare too long without eye protection)

when i try to interpret what drives might cause

this output

where he doesn't better himself or feel so much

self-shame

that he would hide from the attacks

That seems crucial: he seems (most of the time) to  
have no shame.

(Whereas I seem (most of the time) to have little  
else.)

where his counterattacks are so shallow  
and at times just playful and trolling  
i have come to suspect he actually doesn't have

much of a drive to

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math

possibly he does  
possibly he really is making an effort  
and just isn't very good at making progress

possibly all those fears come back in and stifle

him

and yet his admissions and his approach don't  
make sense to me

I hesitate to embark on any kind of JSH-analysis at  
the moment

(and it'll cost me, at least 50p), but in a vague  
way at least

he reminds me of others I've known ...

i've known a lot of fucked up people

... (ditto) ...

people who aren't even struggling, who've  
identified with the

aggressor, who've thought "If you can't beat 'em,  
join 'em",

who've gone over to the dark side, and (this seems  
to be the

key) seem to derive some real satisfaction from  
doing so (his

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"act"?) – whereas although I've also given up the  
struggle

(identified with the aggressor, gone over to the  
dark side,

etc.), I never stopped hurting, never really  
enjoyed my "act"

(such as it was), and mostly avoided people, rather  
than going

out of my way to engage (and enrage) them.

If there's anything to this at all (and I know it's  
pathetically

vague), he's going to have to start hurting (or  
hurting more, or

hurting more often) to make any progress.

Whether it's fear (implying some awareness of the  
threat of pain,

if not the pain itself) or laziness (somehow  
converting the pain,

or its threat, into pleasure?), he's avoiding pain.

And if he's

getting enough pleasure from doing so, it's hard to  
see him

giving up the pleasure for what might seem  
(consciously or not)

to be only a world of pain. And, speaking as one  
who has lived

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mostly in a world of pain (that kind of pain – I've  
had an easy  
ride through life, in many other ways), I'm not  
sure I'd advise  
him to make the trade, if he's only going to be  
left alone with  
his pain.

(My mind's not really working clearly enough to  
pursue this.

I'll pay my 50p, in a moment, and shut up.)

i agree the solution involves some pain  
no matter the solution

there are errors and imperfections everywhere

inside and outside  
noises and initial conditions  
that cause  
at times  
pain

pretending doesn't stop the pain  
it just alters the pain into schisms and phobias  
which have dissonance with the perceived

i think i understand your point  
that if he acts in this way  
it comes from some drive he fulfills  
but i think he often also expresses other drives  
and frustrations that express other desires

the technological problem becomes  
how to satisfy these frustrations  
through some kind of learning process

learning processes in general are painful

they tear apart past conceptions  
wrong understandings  
in the onslaught of new information

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this destruction of past information by new  
information  
through the rewriting of models  
is  
i suspect  
a dual expression of the noise paradox

i've always felt the noise paradox  
was intimately related to pain

<http://groups.google.com/group/alt.anarchism/msg/d8f73e64d50abf1b?hl=en>

when i read nietzsche on the ubermensch  
i see all teachers that guide through the void

the overman goes under  
by bringing that which is under  
over

it is a movement  
a painful movement  
through ignorance  
by one who has the will

i think james puts a lot of effort into updating

his blog

posting his long posts  
interacting in the act

and i think james spends very little time studying

mathematics

i don't think he is serious about it

I'll still disagree with you about that, but it's

all a matter

of semantics. (Words can communicate very well, but

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usually only

in carefully negotiated contexts.) "It all depends

what you mean

by ..."

i'm glad you disagree here

it shows you are honest about the facts (recorded  
experiences)

and kind

i know i can't prove anything  
and most of my attacks are for "dark side"  
machinations

but i still think it's the right position for me to  
take

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galathaea: prankster, fablist, magician, liar

regards

tommy1729

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