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MYTH WORKSHOP INTRODUCTION (JWM)

Ⓢ It will ever remain an eternal mystery why for perhaps 40 years I have been hyperly self-conscious, so that I can now say this.

Ⓢ In the beginning was the mystery, at the end of all is the mystery it solely is the alpha, it ^{alone} ~~separately~~ is the omega. Out of the deeps of this mystery there emerged consciousness which confronted the mystery and introduced the awe. ()

that is mystery and herein is the indicative and herein is the imperative that not only defines me that is me. Ⓢ Now what did I just do? I just spelled out the fruit of my being for 40 years. I couldn't put it any better or more precisely. That's it! In order to do that in that length of time I had no choice but to do that. I mean up to the limit of my being that's the way it was, that's the way it is, that's the way it will be, just period. If you know that about me you need never ever meet me again, that's all I am, that's all I ever was, that's all I ever will be. Ⓢ Now in a myth, when you are dealing with radical myths, you can now bring you intellect together and analysis. It always has to do avoidably with origin and it always has to do with destiny, and it always has to do with finality and finally all those three terms are the same. But there a myth has to account for what is. And that necessarily is your anthropology or a myth ~~is~~ is for the sake of anthropology or you don't have any anthropology if don't have any myth. Every man has ~~an~~ anthropology therefore every man has a myth. Roughly that's what a grant a myth to be, ~~is~~ in order to stop playing this myth game, it seems like ever since I've been teaching I've been playing, I've just decided to try and state mine just as precisely as I could.

I could give you the component parts, there is only mystery before all and after all, there is only mystery, in the midst of all only mystery. Then if you let your mind go places along the way ,

where, and ~~I~~ God I pay tribute to all my colleagues here and elsewhere living in where the se things came from I know not up through the smurky swamps of unconsciousness. Consciousness popped into being, therefore confronted by the mystery. Oh wouldn't you like to stop and spell out the details. The mystery didn't know it was mystery until the consciousness emerged and experienced the awe of mystery, ~~z~~ that is a dog doesn't know it is barking until it hears a dog barks but bark at his bark that's the crucial part of it. And the experience of it the fascination and dread before the mystery is what produces consciousness of consciousness which is the creativity and here Ortega, there is no world without man there is no world without man. And then the concept of continuing creation that most of us in this room operate with means that you have to say there are an unlimited number of universes will be created minus one. Which means in the end shall be the mystery. ~~I~~ I also would like to make this kind of a statement, it sounds pretentious I don't care about that but for the sake of getting this grounded in not getting my myth grounded but getting the concept of myth grounded I would like to say that what I articulated there represents every aspect of the crucial wisdom that our time has produced. That you, and I don't care if this sounds pretentious, you can not bring a hunk of wisdom that was produced in our time that was not in my myth is what I'm trying to say. Now whether that is true or not is beside the point but that what myth is, myth deals with the times and the time when you use that kind of a word you mean the coming into being of the moement in which you find yourself. ~~I~~ Alright let's pull back from that but get the structure of a myth. The crucial thing is what I put down there below, man is indicative and imperative and those are two flips the flip side of a single coin. My indicative alone is

my imperative, now you are not talking about some imperative you are talking about the imperative. Your indicative is your imperative and to reverse that although it always comes to me the other way. Except I don't a double take on it, my imperative is my indicative. I must be what I am I must become my be and by God that's the only imperative on my life. Every other imperative is a relativeized manifestation of that imperative which alones defines me, I am my indicative my imperative. When I say that's my myth that's not true, that is the myth of our time, or it cannot be my myth. Now what I'm trying to say out of that myth alone every man in our world today lives. That's what you are saying when you talk about a myth. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ If we lived say 100 years ago you would not have put it quite that way you ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ would have put that every man in western civilization or in the United States of America wouldn't have been quite that narrow a 100 years ago. Or if you would go back a 1000 years ago it could be a valley in the Swiss Alps I suppose and that I wouldn't even be sure of but you can see he would be saying the same thing, everybody in the world happens to be that Swiss valley is what he would be balking about.

Now back up to a workshop when I say that everyman lives out of it forget I said that for what I'm after now that's an ~~and~~ untrue statement. What is the myth that the man on the street or to limit it a little bit these business professional men, and women lives out of? Now I don't want, and sometimes we get a little cute here think of some little thing here and there, and mark you he is not conscious of this myth. That's not quite right he has twilight consciousness about the myth of if you use the pseudo-freudian universe this is not is unconscious this is ~~is~~ his sub-conscious dimension. What is the myth he really lives out of? The origin, final origin, final

overagainstness, final destiny? What is it that he trades on in the lower dimension of the twilight zone of his existence? Let's rule out there is no God who created the world (that just savedd us thirty minutes) You see I am no more religious than he is, he has it. Just due to a quirk in history I spent 30 or 40 years in intense self-consciousnesss.