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and In Not doing anything else that what already started in the last lew Seconds. The Fact that the word Kappy came out of my mouth you can mark as a monument in the sourney of Markense

That's not my image at all. Himanness doesn't have anything to do with being happy.

But you know, it has to do with pain, agony, and all of those good things # stoic3

loves to go through; something like that. Well, we live in a time of resurgence.

This is a great address. I spend a good bit of my time in the Loop of Chicago, with business men, bank executives, legislative figures of the government of the state as well as of the nation and I was there not a month agg, and I happened to be driving

down Randolph where they just built a new plaza and there were 1500 people gathered

for lunch listening to a group of people sing in the middle of Chicago, at noon, and

it's been going on every day. They just show up every day. They have different groups, Musical, Enstmumental Junepa,

art shows, thousands people show up on their lumb hour and demonstrate the fact

that resurgence is what is at hand. I've been spending a lot of my time theme days

on the west side of Chicago, and this moment there iseither already constructed, or

under construction over 600 units of housing, shopping center, a new city hall, and

Vacant lots that

on and on and on on the Sth-of March theyevere there from years ago. Human creativity

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released into sociality is what resurgence isand the two to sanctification is not as

or Super- an imposition upon the category of resurgence/or symposous with it, at the same

thme and you are not interested in some intellectual concepts, at least I'm not. I

tell some people (in the church lecture, can you imagene) me standing in front of 15

lions in the middle of a collecium based upon a great intellectual concept? Or you

know, some cute philosophy. Now you might do that, but not me. Either Christianity

two that without which man is not human, or well, history is going in the wrong direction and I don't

and I don't believe bistory's going in the worng direction. What I mean is, I bet my

life is not going in the direction it doesn't need to be going in. Sanctification has

to do with the apporpriation of the self-conscious appropriation of the resurgence that the Lord calls for in our time. It has to do with appropriation of that resurgence

standing in the gospel, by living out of the gaspel of Jesus Christ is what sanctification

has to do with. Sanctification presupposes Nyet you can never separate their dynamics,

the Ve part of humanness Itself, and therefore ours be a part of the heritage and the

memory of Jesus Christ and our method for looking at sanctification as for everything

01 else is phenomonological. It is the question of what do you experience? What do you experience? I was so glad when I got to RSWI & didn't know what to do. And the reason After that. I was so glad, and it all happened to me Friday night. MEEXEMEE I was done for. I just had to come to thicago Friday night after I went through the God lecture introduction. Rick Ormsby over there, he was there, he doesn't believe se. And what it was is that I had this image in my head of Godbut it didn't fit with what I was experiencing and the minute somebody connected my/human experience with an image that allowed me to have my Of Harwary human experience, well, what else is there other than that? That's what you have to do in sanctification - simply point to, simply name what's going on in man's lives that the lives they Haveon they might have what's going on in their lives and therefore have what's going on in is timally That is the task of the church; simply to name the goingonness that allows

New to just quickly say a word about the relationship between justification and sanctification - justification has to do with simply you believe I suspect,

accepting the fact that you are accepted. Sanctification is a part of that

men to grape their lives as profoundly human. H

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paper that says "And later you will do much" Justification has to do against with God befriending you, of God saving you in the midst of your rebellion as baving a the Your 9pt

life on bour hands where you might have a chance to say "yes" to life of Ged. Sancti-

fication has to do with you befriending God, with you saving God, with you risking your whole being unto death for the sake of the consciousness in the life of mankind of the

Mystery itself. Senetification has to do with the fact that life loves you inspite of

your hatred of life. Sanctification has to do with you loving life, you loving life.

Senetification has to do with how life cares for you; dentification has

to do with how you care for life. Justification has to do with how it is life sustains

you/as a unique and unrepeatable self. Sanctification has to do with how it is you

stand as a sustained life in being as a unique, unrepeatable self, and yet they are one,

and you know, we'll be talking on and on about how they relate to each other.

went to lay out our basic model. Justification has to do with kamakkam the dynamic of humility, and that's basic experience in discovering that what you're living over against.

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Apr Aven is nothingness. I don't mean partial nothingness, periodic nothingness, I mean absolute

complete total unconditional nothingness, which is quite contrary to all the pretences

that are attached to our beings as creatures. We are living overagainst all arbitrary

Whenever yout I have THAT EXPENSE

impartial nothingness. That's want we've got on our hands. It is the indicative experi-

ence of humility. I'm not talking, you know, about how I'm a man of humility. I'm

talking about life shows you to the bottom of the earth, or bulls the rug out from under

you and my God, you see you're a baing of humility before the Lord. I'm not talking

homan

about self-depreciation before your neighbor, but before God is the humility that is in

Bustification.

And then lucidity. And that lucidity has to do with the Word in Jesus Christ. That is

the lucidity of knowing you'll always be living your whole life over hothing.

never have any support and yet in the midst of that you graps the fact that you can life; that Nothingness

that you can live over against nothing. Kasantzakie says you dance over the abyas.

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You see problem the cycle in the road-runner has is that he doesn't know how to dence.

He doesn't Know How to Dance

He goes EXEXERRY every time! Alis lucidity isn't a lucidity that allows him to dence in

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the air that is your life. That is the life of every man.

The third one is freedom. Freedom. It has to do with as you grasp yourself as a

Checkwise and not the creator, whenever it is you are going along in the midst of life

end/you thought you were the creator, and that discovery/that you are not it, you have

just had the enxerience of God. Whenever you thought you were god. When you come

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upon yourself thinking you're god and wou eren't, you've just met God, and in the midst

of that, the lucidity that life is significant in the midst of being a creature. That

you do not have to be the creator for life to be significant. That your life is a unrepeatable gift. I like Job in the Old Testament. One of the questions that Job

asks the Lord under the rubric of humility is "Why and the bulls-eye for all your

target practice, that's what I want to know? (If you haven't read that in there you a See Holes'in every bullyouther

should). That's the lord's answer was

silence, which is generally the way he enswers and I get indignant, and Job's response

was, after a periodic moment of silence, "Well, you're going to miss me when I'm gone."

Now, that's lucidity. That is understanding that when you are no longer in life then

is, in the midst of that you grasp and are thrown overagainst making the decision about how it is you are going to live your whole life. Now it is you are going to present

Ontology on this planet is obligation yourself as a present, whenex forever and forever, which is utterly indicative, not

that's not even an issue. The issue, what is the obligation before which you stand that gives you the capacity you already have to be totally free? And it's the response of you're deciding your calling, deciding your election in history that life belongs to

life and therefore you don't belong to whatever edge you think you belong to; you belong

to life and it's out of that obligation that you decide what is your destiny.

Well, in sanctification, and here, you know is the God pole (there is but one God, universal benevolence). I'm boing to come back and talk about this in a few minutes.

In humility, the rug comes out from under you and everything you thought you had in your

whole life goes. That's why people scream on Friday night. Oh my , and won't chart.

They're too humiliated. My God, there's this rum coming out from under me. You know,

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back to that.

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I will not encounter the other. I will have nothing to do with Mar. Well, that's fine except that the Other doesn't operate out of your criteria. God doesn't care. He Bes what He is. Well, in universal benevolence, it's not that everything goes, my image is that kamidakay here's Henry, and he's standing on nothing. You know, he'd like to have something to stand on, and there isn't analyses there. In Universal Benevolence, everything heary thought he did have lands on his head. And I thought everyhedy'd say "Poor Henry,

he's going to be crushed." Well, now, as long as he keeps standing on nothing. . . .

That's really true. To be crushed you have to be standing on something. That's why there is no way to be sanctificed with a justified life. Univ. Benev. I want to come

Page 9. Ward #1. Radical or profound integrity, and that has to do with selfjood, and maybe another way to may that. Universal Benevolence has to do with care, for the whole of creation. Redical Integrity has to do with the invention of the self that can act out 4% the care that's there. Integrity has to do with requiring of yourself you bewhat you need to be in order to care forwhat you already know in your bottom you care for. is integrity. The laskt one is Endless Fort Fulfillment, endless happiness or ariemon. endless felicity. And a way to tie all this togetherwhen you are willing to acknowledge that you are a caring human being for the whole universe and require of WANTE yourself you be weat's necessary to get that care into the concretions of hisospy. VOU TO NAMEY. You'll will discover you grasp your life as worth having had one. In no other event and at no other time will you ever discover that. Only when you are willing to- have the universe, to have the creation God has given you, and that CHR creation is coming to you afresh and anew, being willing to event the the new self to respond to respond to that creation will you ever be fulfilled, will you ever be able to say what the line in the Impossible Dream says you know, when I'm laid

to my rest

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you know? That'll be fine. Only Then that's possible.

Now we're going to at lectures that woln't be given at this time of day, normally., but three lectures in each, dynamics of Sanctification,

Sanctification in relation to the Other World and Sanctification in relationSWO

to the post-roders world. and the four lectures beginning with the one I am doing

now will be on the fundamental dynamics off Sanctification, the next set will be

that Cres

on Sanctification in relationship to permetual consciousness/beyond the mundanities

that you and I experience yet only experienced in that mundenity. Thirdly, what

does it ream to grasp what does it mean to be Sametified in the 20th Century.

What does 11/1/4/4 that look like? Mow long has it been since you've been able to

point to a suman being of authenticity and know that that's wher you were pointing to?

That hind of a question is what's there, and let me read you. I know you've heard this

line before, but I've had a hard time with poetry, you know. I'm not going to go

through all the other short courses. I'm just going to read this. This is about

Universal Benevolence. There had to be one man sho said yes. Somebody had to agree

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No? Was that a time for a men to be weighing the ros and cons . Londering if he wasa't going to bay too dearly later on? If he wasa't going to loss his life or his family or his family for his touch with other men? You grab the wheelf you right the ship in

the face of a mountain of vater. You shout an order, and if one man refuses, to obey, you shoot straight into the mos, into the mos, I may, The beast, as nameless as the wave that craches down upon your head, as nameless as the whipping wind,

COM. the thing that drops when you shoot may be one who poured you a drink the night before.

Freder Jan has no name, and you, braced at the wheel, you have no name either. Nothing has a name, except the ship and the storm. It is easy to say No; to say Yes, you have to sweat and roll up your sleeves and plunge into life up to the elbows. It is easy to say No; even if saying No means death, all you have be do is sit still and wait. wait to go on living, wait to be killed. That's the Father's problem. Universal Peacvolence as chicken little talked about it, the sky is falling and there is one little part of that he didn't- add in, that is on me. The sky is falling, but it's falling one me. Another way to talk about that is Fateful Cledwage and that is what I'm going to talk about the next few minutes. Well, it's something like this. In the midst of encountering the sociological phenomena of life, you experience an wrenching in the bottom of your being from which you try to excape and run headlong into the demands that will never go away -- something like that or, 20th C ludidity, whenever you talk about Sanctification you are pre-supposing lucidity, this ludidity, and that's 20th C lucidity, everymen lucidity. There is a young boy in Peorla, and there was a school crisis in Peorla and had taken

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and a guv had taken over a school and had a few people gathered in their and said well I'll take one of you all as hostage, otherwise I'll kill all of you. Now who will stay, and a nine year oldsaid, OK I will, and he stayed and the guy let everybody also go, and after the cur was caught and ever thing you know and the young boy was rescued news reporters got him over and said, Son, how did you ever decide that? and he waid, well, somegody had to do git, and that was his only comment. Nine years old. Lucidity is simply a part of the folding of our lives. that everymen knows or can know and its a lucidity that knows that life is tragic finality. I like James Baldwin's line, Life is tragic/because the sun raises and thesum sets, and for one day for each of us it will so down for the last, last time. That's the luc'dity of our time. It is the lucidity that in the midst of that finelity life can be lived; every single moment of it can be lived. Every single situation can be affirmed can be participated in, can be embraced by every man. ; That is also a Fort of the health of our time
the monthstate of the Almeren of life is free responsibility

that's what it means to be human is to freely respond to that which is the ultimate

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obligation. Not to the but the ultimate relatedness, wherever for every man.

and that life is about deciding your vocation and giving yourself to it unto death.

Everybody just sort of know that, you know, and in the midst of that lucidity what you and I do as 20th C. man, we create images, you know, to hold our lugit; before us in order that we might participate in the radicality in the deeps of life.

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and you know sometimes you think that because you and I know the way life is, that protects us. from the way life is. ; You ever had that experience? I'm being the neonle of God, so God couldn't possibly do to be what he does to everybody else. now could be. ; That's the illusion on the other side of faith. The person who is not a person of faith cannot even grasp that illusion, you see that? Only ddd/ a lucid man can favout the illusion that God is on his side, in terms of, you know, some kind of bittypat you know, God for do this for me and I'll do that for you. No, it's in those noments of surety that you and I have you know and momentary fulfillment you know verything is going like a numny day? you know, you drive down the

highway and everything is coinc fine

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Boing to a entire place you've never been before we experience that and in the midst

of ourlives. We invent in Cad our perfect naivete. I don't know about you, but when

I saw themselve the Cabaret, now mind you, I'm a lucid creature, and it's horrible sometimes, but I am. and I saw the movie Cavaret and I saw people sitting, doing absolutely noghing while the Naziis moved step by step, body by body across Germany, and I was rocked to the center of the earth.

and it came to his Sort of Cike, now, Larry, why didn't you know that?

The capacity of man to destroy himself is more than you and I ever want to admit.

I've been different ever since I saw that movie. It is in the moments that you and unquarted, We've dropped our quark.

I are the most sure that you and I are the most unseedly, We have lost our fort

God is on our side. We are living out of the Gospel in Jesus Christ and therefore that protects us from the dreadful, 100% arbitrariness of God. Arbitrary beyond arbitrary...that's what makes him God! If God were to fit Larry Ward's criteria, he wouldn't be God. m you know or anybody elses. You see, in the

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midst of those moments of surety a particular event takes place. You've heard something tike this before, the difference is grace happening occurs in the midst of your like

数Justification when you are in the radicality ;of despair. when you have given existence,, when meaninglessness is the only thing you can grasp. Well, the Sanctiff cation happening takes place where you think everything is fine. When you are confident about the way it is. When you are sure about the direction you are going what it is that you've decided to give yourself to. It is in the midst that, a marticular happening takes placethat throws you before reality and confronts you with the innocent suffering that's in this world and lays the indicative on your life that you and you alone if nobody else is responsible to irradicate that suffering. it's something like that, and when you see that, the image that we've used before is that a 100 ton Grane hits you on your head. It's like that, you know. it's like the whole universe, you know. It's like there you are going through your living room and you just got in a new rug and you just got all the furniture back in place

(somebody must've just gotten a new rug) and you know you sort of glad you're in the

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perfectly fine. But sometimes in the midst of being glad there you spot a little crack in the window or in the wall, and you say well I'll go ; over and sip that up and so you go get some butty and you go over to fix it up and the whole window is Just Hongang than on Nothing that everything's cracked .you know, if you don't but the putty in , the whole universe will come down. Well, it already has come down.

Hell, I/ll tell you, we went through the 60's and you know Civil Rights and Social Action and Youth Revolution and Female Revolution and you know everything was going to be different. Everything was going to be changed. We were giving ourselves

and then you know, the assaudinations. I was sitting in a lunch room, having one of the most humorous conversations I have ever had in my whole life when the announcement came over the radio about JFK.; I was with a group of people singing one night

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having a great time when I heard about the assassination of Martin Luther King, and the whole universe came down on my head. You know, My Moment of Swifty Had Passal

I experienced unbearable have you know weight eyond my capacity/to-passibler

be under and yet I was strekender that weight.

The weight of creation. The reight of the

innocent suffering. You remember the first time you decided you were going to do something to help out the community? /%dffd// For the school or whatever or some other family? You know, it's sort of like Wiss Miller, you know. You sime on in the ituation by a course of learn, you move, get Henry a job you knowled can't do and there's a marticular ha pening, you know, in a moment of surety aow, I finall made it. I'm a social worker you know and the ensuer comes back, oh No, vou're not, and you get angry and you run down the stairs and you meet this little chubby character. There are some fine lines on that stairwar, aren't there? and on know the whole there about "you don't give a domn about tim" what would you do? You're old friends, all the way back to last Tuesda .vou know and it over on. It doesn't stop there She Standing there and Saying

"It seems as though this time it should have been different." Life should have been fair. You know. A poor ; guy like that. He deserves for life to be fair ou know + No World The line I reall love is "Well, that's the way to goes, Honey. The rich get richer and the poor set drunk. The whole universe collarse On our Head naivete gone forever abilit to pretend that there is one solution to Million's of Problem gone forever and forever and forever. ; That's that 100 ton crane, and the terror of that enterience is that it all some. There isn't any odyAto talk to. There isn't anybody to blaze, you know? When you hear about, when I hear about Viet War, it comes to me as my fault. Or whatever, I was sitting one morning in the room that 5th City meets in and I had just this great scripture conversation and was all set to get into some tactios. one of our collegues Rushed up to mo ond said

ahead, you know, but I figured it couldn't bother me. I had done so great.

and I said. Co

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Breakfast was pretty good. We had eggs. and little things like this make life

perfact, and so I'd been on time for Daily Offce. Everything was

working out pretty good. Anyway

You won't believe this. I said oh, now come ond

anyway, he said there was this guy on the Indiana Turnpike this was in the winter

his car stopped stopped, and they found him by his car with his brains on the highway and his gun next to his body, with a note that read. "I have been waiting here trying to get somebody to stop and help me for 11 hours and I can't stand it snymore. Well, my whole day was wracked. I don't mean wracked in the negative sense of the word. I mean my life was redone. I had to redo m life. I had to regraso what it means to live in this world in which you and I are gonstantly overagainst the innocent sufferenings behind which is thedreadful impartiality -of the Lord. You know, part of that has to do with the youth phase that is still going in all of us that God really wouldn't kill me. you know, that's really isn't going on over there in India now is it? Page 21. Ward #1.

That couldn't really be happening. There couldn't really be neople starving, could there? That's not really true, you know, and then Watergate. The cleavage, the solitting of all the past images that you and I have of what it means to be human and literally Lorted pushed to grass ourselves as new creatures on this planet. When that happens to you, which is always external, you know, hen there was a benetration trip where I met a Whole lot of you, lived y in your houses, and grubbed your food, and stuff like that, across the continent, was travelled around the country in a station wagon, you know, visiting the churches and teaching RS-I's and generally ; disturbing things, for ; the Lord, and the first one, you know, there's excitement in the air, you know, built this fantastic model, you know, I have never been ;outside Cleveland and Chicago, and Chatanooga, Tennesee, An hadn't seen anything else in the whole universe, and we were going to travel around, you know, eighteen cities across North America. We would take off from Chicago, head out to St. Louis, down through Texas, you know, go right on through ; the South, and up through New York, up to Boston, back to Chicago, and I was all set, and my wife was in the hospital, having my son, and

she happened to be having him at the same time I was packing the car. And so my model was, you know, on the way out, I'd go batk and see him, and see what he looked like. And, presupposing he was a he. And it was. But, that doesn't have anything to do with me. That's just the Lord's gift. In that situation. But anyway, I was all set, you know, we had the car packed, we had all of our appointments lined up, across the whole continent, we had enough money to make the trip, which was a huge victory. And everything. And we took out and I went by the hospital, and he had a hole in his heart. you know, he had a heart murmur. So, we took our drive, and I stayed at the hospital a couple of hours, and then we just left for the trip. But the whole trip, you know, it finally wasn't him that got me, it was going into the hospital, and seeing all the other families that were there, all the other people that were sitting there in Cook County. Seeing a little boy eight years old who had cut his leg eight hours ago still sitting there bleeding. God I hate going in that place. There have been literally people who have died, You know, an intern was on his way to work not too long ago at Cook County, and hit a dog on the Eisenhaur, and stopped his car,

and went back and got the dog, operated on the dog, and the patient didn't get an operation because he was operating on the dog. It is in the midst of some little particular incadent, some little occurance, that the whole universe falls on your pead. One more, there, I have a colleague, who was on the global odyssey, who was an Indian from Bombay, and they had gotten invited to this celbbration, you know, and having it at this motel, and so they were walking there where it was, and it was dark, you know, and the streets were muddy, you know, and it had been raining and everything, and so, you know, they were sloshing through the mud, and so she was saying that she got to a corner, you know, bust into something, so she looked down, and it was a seven year old kid, whose response was, I;m sorry about being in your way. The whole universe on your head. The whole destiny of man, wham, on your shoulders, is that happening, some particular incident, some utter mundanity takes place, you know, and it could be the first time you went to New York, and you were so ; excited about going to New York, cause you had never been there, and all of a sudden you discovered that you were in the Bowrey, and hobos were at your car. And the whole future of the city, and how

does that become human? Wham. On you. The whole universe comes down on you. Now when that happens inside you, it's sort of like inside of all of us we have established images of what it means to be human. I don't know what some of yours are, but some of of mine are just my precious insights, you know, that I've gained over the years, or whatever, and my spiritual experience that I've gained over the years. And flore then of course there are my great gifts, that I possess, and the personal relationships that I think are divine, and then there are preferred affections, that is, there are affections I'd rather parSticipate in than others, that just make up who I am, make up who every man is. Those are given by society, those are given by history, as a part of our life, and without them, you ;and I cannot move, they ;mctivate us, they stimulate us, they order our lives and allow us to operate. Vélél/ Well, when this cleavage happens that I've been describing, what happens is an image, outside of you, moves in and imposes itself on all your images, dumps itself on all your images of what it is to be human, moves in and anhilates every grasp after what it meant to be human You ever Hod

in your whole life till you grasp nothing except darkness, that's what St. John of the

Cross is talking about. All the insights you ever had aren't so incitefull anymore. WAZZ/ /WAZZ All of, you know, it used to be, well God, if I could just be a first teacher. Now I is one. O Boy, you know. Would I love to teach in the Academy. So I have. So what, you know. Well If I could just get a chance to work with the galaxy. So I have. So what. Everything that is the defining Beaning, God destroys, except him. You know, I had one of my colleagues came up to me a couple ;of months ago and ######/##/##/##/## said, I want to talk to you. And I said O. K., now what problem have you invented for yourself? And, she said, I aint invented any problem for myself, I just have an arena of struggle. I said, O. K. What arena of ;struggle have you invented for yourself? And, anyway, I sat per down, and she said, my family's collapsed. To which my immediate response was sheer laughter, Which made her angry. But the reason my response was sheer laughter, and I told her, is why I thought you came to terms with the fact that your family wasn't nothing, isn't now // and nothing now, and never's going to be anything. I thought you had come to terms with that already. I thought you had come to germs with the fact that your family wasn't the final meaning of your life, but only your relationship to the final mystery is the

meaning of your life. It's that experience, you know, it's like Mesh trying to get out of that arena. And every round he takes, wham, the door comes down, you know, and he goes and tries this out, here, Greeny giant standing, you know, he tries every escape hatch, every,; escape route, every exit you and I have ever had, and holding ourselves as some possible way to get out of living a total absolute life committed to living before the mystery, and nothing less than that is being cut off. It's like you got know, you got warts on you, and God is just burning them off one by one. And that hurts, speaking personally. That hurts. It's experienced as humiliation. God Almighty. When people ask me how am I doing, my basic response is I am having the greatest time of my life. And it's killing me. And that's all true. I have never done what I am doing, I have never imagined what/I/sh/dolng/ that I'd be doing what I'm doing. And I mean in utter concretion, you know, just getting things done that need to be done. I'd never thought I'd be able to go into a kitchen, you know, for a weekend with a goup of human beings who equate being in the kitchen with

(tape turn over) the recorded (?) of human existence.

You know, and turn their whole weekend into a happening which everybody wished they Hopkens were in the kitchen. I never thought I'd be able to do that. And in fact, before it it's I can do it whenever I decide. If its that important. (?) Well, in the midst of that comes the great humiliation. You know, you're just about all set to bring it off in the kitchen, and some idiot comes in and calls me into question. You've got to start all over. Or Henry just has to do it. You know. Or it doesn't come on time. Or you ;get eighteen phone calls at once, with eighteen different decisions, none of which you are prepared to make. Or you're planning an event and it doesn't come off. You spend a month planning something to happen and it doesn't come off. You spend two hours planning something and it's incredible. well its true. It's true. It's that humiliation, well you experience, you know, my God, I wish, I wish, I wish I'd never even heard of myself. Some fool _____ I know what to do. a Plandid I am getting tired of myself. Being #ff####//B####/ a feilure. Because that is being more clearly ; revealed to me than it ever has before. I'm getting tired of bumping into my weakness. Without even really bumping into it anymore, I just sort of

standing here acknowledging it. You know, is there any way, you know, wretched, imcomplete, you know, it's terrible. Just humiliation, is the way I experience my life. Vanquished. Old Jesus, on the Cross, buh? My God, My God, why, why hast thou forsake me? Why have I been left alone? to suffer the suffering of all men? Why? Why isn't there anybody coming to my aid? in the midst of this experience that I am it's experiencing. Is/INAI//Is It's that, It's that kind of experience. And in the midst that, what's you begin to see is, that you have only one relationship in life. You don't have eighteen. You know how you/ ff and I like to parcel out our relationships. Well, now wait a minute. I don't know if I can do that because I'm obligated ## here here here here and here. We spend most of our lives trying to MA//AMA ballance out the obligations we'll never fulfill. Where you grasp that you got one obligation, you got one relationship, all of your relationships is one relationship. All of your obligations is one obligation. That is to the final mystery. That is God. And in everything single thing you encounter however you relate to that mundanity is the same way at that moment you are relating to that which defines what it means to be human.

If you, once you se that, that's just terrible. Because there, then, you know, there isn't anything you can't, you don't have to grapple with whether it's a question about of your whole life that got raised. There are some things you are responsible for and some things you aren't. You're responsible for every situation you walk into. You know I hate seeing paper on the floor.

(noise begins here for several minutes, making it impossible to hear the voice)

Page (29) Ward #1 (commences at the end of the noise--page numbers left off so that we can find another tape from a participant and complete the transcription) (Rather, page numbers put in () so we can tll what order these are in) And I said, well, how long you been doing this. And she said, I've been off and on two years. I said, really ,you going to do this the rest of your life? And, she turned around and ran away from the table. Physically, just split. Didn't even take my order. And so, she went over and was standing by the bar, and half an hour later I walked over there to her. I said, well there ain't anywhere to go. I'm not what you're up against. You know. And, it's real interesting. Anytime I go down there now, she immediately comes and serves me and runs like hell. But, you know, she's sort of nice, ffi sort of friendly, but she's just all hollow inside. You know. That's no different than the other. Ør

Or, it's deathly solitude. Oh boy. It's radical introversion, where you are preoccupied with your own struggle. Where you're preoccupied with your own weakness, you know. And so you sort of just like wellow in your own despair. Rolled over in it. And, sort of like, well idiot, what are you doing in ;despair over what's you're in despair over? That's not worth being in despair over. And because we're so stupid as to have gone into despair over what you're in despair over, you ought to be in

despair. You know, and then you beat yourself ofer the head. No objectivity about your

life. And you ;sit in your room, you know, and just stare out into oblivion. Or you

read books/down into subjectivity you need to confront. A Save any relationship to your neighbor. That's another form of zombeism. You know, or

The last one is spiritual death. The malignant is becoming a zombie and now knowing that that's what you're becoming. The benigh shade is having gotten two or three previews of the fact that you could be headed to the point where you can never grasp what it meant to be human again. You still have a chance xill/it/#/#/##/, but when it's over you've had it. It starts with self deception. It starts about pretending to yourself about how you are actually living your life, and who you actually ;are. And who you've decided to be. And it starts with a game, you know. So I used to play with marbles, is the same way Satan functions. I'd get my marbles and I'd get the best ones I had and I'd go out into the streets and I'd find somebody and I'd say, "Hey, you want to play some marbles?" They'd say yes. Well o.k. let's play for fun, cause I want to keep mine, you know. So we'd sit down, you Page (31) Ward #1

know, we'd make our circle, and we'd shoot, and I'd beet the hell out of them, and then I'd yank their marbles, you know, into my ;hand, and they'd say now wait a minute, I though we were playing for fun. And I said, O no. You thought we were playing for fun. I was playing for keeps. That's the way fate operates. She always plays for keeps. No matter how much fun and games there are before, it's an out.

You ;and I have to always be aware of that. You can not play with women because it's a gift. And you can never know when you'll get that gift again. You may never. You may never.

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Or, it's intentional psychosis. You're ententional that, I'm sure. It's blades
in your eyes. It's flipping out. Behind which is sheer intentionality. You want to
know why I know that, because I've considered it myself. That's how I know it's true.

I've considered it myself. Well, Larry, you have what with ;all the burden that is on
you, and the God=aweful situation you keep showing up in, if you went out of it you'd
be nobly justified. You know, if I collapsed, you know, under given the situation

Only problem
I've got on my hands, I'd be easily justified. But you know, the amove is just my

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life. It's the only one I've got. That God still loves it. (?) Or, it'sbeing a vacant pleasure, or its having the absence of pleasure. Nobody knows you're there.

And I'm not talking about you being somebody. I mean that your existence is now aware of the fact it exists. Because you've said no to it so long, you can't even grasp a yes. You can't even see a yes. You remember of story of Journey to the East about that young guy who ran away from the league. And you know that he just had to level with H. H. That was the preview for him. He was a benign shade at that point. Well, he may never find us again, because he can't even recognize us, anymore.

Well, finally, it's irretreivable suicide. Either internally or externally. You know fourty percent of all automobile accidents have now been calculated as suidide.

Suicide is now the number one killer of people in the United States, of America.

You say yes or you say no. And you want to just cry, you know. How could somebody say no to having the actuall possibility of literally doing something about what's happening in India today? How could somebody say no to that? How could somebody say no to altering the course of history? Relative to Latin America. How could somebody

say no to that? Well you see why it kills you if you do. You see why you're all gone inside, if you say no. That's the potion. That's the decision. That's the radical You are a marked being. And God has marked you. question. Yes to You answer living a marked life, or no. But that doesn't get rid of the mark. That doesn't get rid of the mark. That whatever you decide if final, at this point. vou're It's final. Whatever you decide is the way it is going to be forever. That's what's so radical, about what's happening here. And it's radically profound that you understand that you ;have a sign on you, you know, everyman has a sign on him that says, this is what it means to be human, follow me. Blank. And whatever the response is is what you've plastered across that sign, not only for this period of history, but for all the future to come, this is what it means to be human. This response is a human response to the activity of God, in ; the midst of encountering the innocent suffering of this world. And so there's no option, you know, about whether you change paople's lives, the only question is how. You don't have any option about whether you

operate on behalf of all men, that's the way life is constituted, the question is how is

it you're going to operate on behalf of what you're already operating on behalf of, which is all men. And that's a concrete response. That's response in pure mundanity. It is an affirmation of the universe falling on your head. It's what it's about. It's grasping the other world in ; the midst of thes world. Life is about aweful mystery. Life is about radical freedom. Life is about against agape, it's about service, it's about love, and it's about happiness. And its about fulfillment. And you say ;yes to the marked being first you already are. You carry upon first your Well shoulders the total destiny of this planet. ** it's a solitary response. Every man makes it for himself. History depends on what we decide. It's constant humiliation. And it's in the midst of that constant humiliation, that you discover that you care beyond your capacity; to care, or you have power beyond your own. When you are totally crushed and discover you're still standing, then you grasp the power of the Holy Spirit. And it's that power that's the power of Universal Benevolence. And it's that decision each one of us has. And so, you know, what I say to you is

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if, you know, you want to say crap on everything that I've said, and not do that,

room right after that's fine, as Mesh told Mountain, in the locker roomleafter he discovered he

couldn*t fight anymore, if you don't want to do this, be a cut up man, do something

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