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Letter of Commendation; Lizardmen; Heroes; The Fall of Gbekpo

0.1 Letter of Commendation

I've been thinking about how much better Friend 412's and my lives got when you and Friend 5529 came to stay with us. Thanks for introducing your curiosity and your thoughtful questions. These are things I've been picking up, and I think a lot of that can be traced to you two. It's a much more beautiful world.

0.2 Notes on *that* relationship

Remember that one time I talked with Friend 393 at EA Global 2015 about how to setup good relationships or something?

Per that, I wanna record notes from how Friend 412 and Friend 7956 and Friend 5529 and I interact so others can learn from it. I should note the good and bad parts, and do all the other sciencey protocol-y things so we find out if we have a generalizable way to behave for other people.

Here are some things we do that I like:

1. No one is obliged to respond to any e-mails. That way, we don't lose contact because we're still trying to reply that one e-mail from 3 years ago.
2. Friend 412 apologizes well and completely, so I can let me let my guard down.
3. We all are (non-sexually) physical with each other. It is satisfying for me, and Friend 7956 has physically soothed me a couple of times when I was distressed.
4. Friend 412 and Friend 7956 pay attention to the small details of my communication that most other people seem to miss.

Here are some things we do that I don't like:

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1.1 Every model is wrong...

Had a talk with Friend 5641 today and realized he sees the world in an intentionally simplified way. When making decisions, he doesn't worry too much about unknown-unknowns; he just resigns himself to taking responsibility for whatever outcome results.

He also assumes that everyone else is making decisions in the same way, despite their claims otherwise.

1.2 Make Up



1.3 What I'm gonna write about tomorrow

1. What would I do if I knew that aliens were plotting the extermination of humans?
2. How would I align the values of all humans?

2.1 Lizardmen

[N.B. I was NOT high while writing this]

If Lizardmen existed what would I do about it?

I'd figure out if our goals were aligned. If so, I'd do nothing. If not, I'd try to get them to change their mind.

2.2 Human alignment

How can I get humans to even want to seek alignment with me?

2.3 Fi'ty

I got through my 50 times table today. I'm slowly getting better at repeated addition.

2.4 Soulection #330

54:14: "Say you'll never let me go, let me go, let me go"

2.5 Mastering the Core Teachings of the Buddha

Stay present-oriented whenever possible, and *always avoid purely future-oriented or results-oriented goals!*

Ch. 16: A Clear Goal

Try this little exercise the next time some kind of strong and seemingly useless or unskillful emotion arises. First, stabilize precisely on the sensations that make it up and perhaps even allow these to become

stronger if this helps you to examine them more clearly.

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Now, find the compassion in it. Take a minute or two (no more) to reflect on why this particular pattern of sensations seems to be of some use even though it may not seem completely useful in its current form.

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Notice that fear has in it the desire to protect us or those about whom we care.

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Examine realistically if [the mental sensations] will fundamentally help yourself and others and if these changes are within your power to bring about. If so, then plan and act with as much compassion and kindness as possible.

Remember then that all the rest of the suffering of that emotional pattern is created by your mind and its confusion, and vow to channel its force into developing morality, concentration, and wisdom.

3.1 Gradient Descent

2-player game. Players X and Y control variables $0 \leq x, y \leq 1$. $0 \leq f(x, y), g(x, y) \leq 1$ are individual reward functions. Goal is to get $f(x, y)g(x, y) > 0.9$. Moves are simultaneous.

3.2 Projects

1. Buddhism
2. Leaving Loneliness
3. Hausa
4. Multiply 4-digit numbers

5. Cooking
6. Cleaning and grooming of self and house
7. P.E.
8. Writing
9. Making Money
10. Building Software that doesn't exist
 - a) A calendar with lots of pre-existing calendars, auto conversion to different calendar systems, and arbitrary groupings of days
 - b) 2-player gradient descent game
 - c) Wikipedia cacher and cache viewer
 - d) Backup program
 - e) Series of articles on how to use a computer to better your life
 - f) Porn browser
 - g) IME suite for Igbo
 - h) A decent omniseach tool for Ubuntu
 - i) A diary search tool
 - j) A music player that can show the entire history of tracks played since the beginning of time.

3.3 Thanks, Friend 5 597

Maybe I'm not lonely any more...

3.4 Brain Dump

- Probably won't need an abacus now that I've gotten a mental math book
- Why am I bored right now?
- I might need dedicated office space if I'm to take Friend 4165 and Friend 9960 and Friend 2231's advice to start work again
- Should I watch Rick and Morty S03E08 for a second time?

4.1 Google Docs

Thank you, Google Docs, for enabling remote collaboration on complex documents.

5.1 Too Much of a Good Thing

Been feeling a lot of ennui the past couple days. Perhaps it is time for the holiday to end. But I still don't know what I'll do after the holiday is over.

5.2 Be Stoic, even in Paradise

Knowing that life is worth living—even at a subsistence level (yay!)—is not me, doesn't satisfy, and will pass eventually.

5.3 Heroes

Positive

1. Major Amanda Bates - Killed her comrades to stop a war
2. Rurouni Kenshin - Took a vow never to kill again
3. Nelson Mandela - served only one term even though he'd have won a second time

5.4 Nafisa

New crush: Nafisa Abdullahi from that movie where she kills her step-brother in revenge.

6.1 Calibre

FYI in order to crack a Kindle ebook, you've gotta install the DeDRM plugin for Calibre and read the entire FAQ. Mistakes I made this time:

- Didn't enter the Kindle serial number case-sensitively
- Used the kindle file from the device rather than the downloaded one for transferring via USB

6.2 Beee Yourself

American movies are telling Americans to not conform: to be their "authentic" selves.

7.1 Free Writing

Idea: one of the major bosses in my learn-to-use-the-computer game is to set kernel

parameters to increase the battery life of the computer



Your shoulders should sit farther back on your body.



N.B. no matter how good I get at manipulating my body, I must always heed the advice of professional doctors.

The Fall of Gbekpɔ

There once was a man walking along an empty street. Let's say his name was Gbékpɔ̀. At one end of the street Gbekpɔ̀ saw an old woman wearing a black scarf. "My son! my son!!" she called out just as Gbekpɔ̀ was passing her. Gbekpɔ̀ turned to look at her. "Please help me put these bags in the vehicle." Gbekpɔ̀ ran to the woman to help her.

As he put in the last bag, she thanked him and asked, "my son, you look like you are worried about something."

"Yes," Gbekpɔ̀ replied, "I was just fired from my job today."

The woman lamented then said, "I can help you become as rich as any man in the world, but you must promise to give 9.999% percent of all you earn to someone who is not affiliated with you."

He asked her for a night to sleep over the idea. The next day, around the same time, he called her and said, "Madam, please help me become one of the top ten percent richest people in the world."

She answered "No problem my son, you shall receive that wealth. But know one

thing: if within one hundred days of receiving it you have not given at least 9.999% of your income to people not affiliated with you, then I will curse you and everyone affiliated with you."

He asked her for a night to sleep over this new information. The next day, he called her again and said, "Madam, please help me become one of the richest people in the world. I promise to give 9% of my income to people not affiliated with me, otherwise you will curse me and everyone affiliated with me."

She paused then said some words to him and he realized what he had to do. He thanked her.

Gbekpɔ̀ worked very hard on executing his plan. And it was successful.

One day, Gbekpɔ̀ overheard a conversation in which it was mentioned that he was now one of the richest people in the world. This made him glad and he enjoyed the feeling.

One hundred days later, Gbekpɔ̀ received a call from the old woman. He recalled her fondly. But she sounded annoyed.

"I told you!" she shouted, "You must give 9.999% of your income to people not affiliated with you."

"What?" He replied "But I did! Check my accounts."

"She said, your accounts only have an accuracy of 1 significant figure."

"Alright," he answered angrily, "I'll call you back with a more accurate accounting."

The next day he called the old woman and said, "See! My accounts show that I gave 9.9 percent of my income to people not affiliated with me."

"What's wrong with you?" she fired back "I said you must give 9.999% of your income

to people not affiliated with you. But your accounts only have an accuracy of 2 significant figures.”

“Do you think I stole your money?” He angrily replied, “Don’t worry. I’ll call you back with a more accurate accounting.”

The next day he called and said, “Madam, here! I have shown that I gave 9.99 percent of my income to people not affiliated with me.”

“Gbekpo, you must be a liar,” she replied coldly “I asked you to give 9.999% of your income to people unaffiliated with you. Yet your accounts only have an accuracy of 3 significant figures.”

“I am not a liar!” Gbepko answered “Tomorrow I will show you.”

Gbepko never called the woman again in his life, and till today, no one knows where he is.

Everyone affiliated with Gbepko fell under a curse that wasn’t lifted for the next few years.

THE END

What are the morals of this story?



Things I need to live indefinitely: a house I own, a generator, a car, a computer, minimum wage for 3 years.

8.1 Bro Hug

Friend 5641’s travelling to NYC today so he came over from his place early. I just bought him a big bottle of Orijin and two small “travel packs.” When he saw me at the door, he gave me a full, non-bro, hug. Tee-hee...

8.2 Ethics Consultancy Website

- What we give you
- What you give us
- Why you should come to us
- Why you should not come to us
- Contact details

8.3 Children of the Fall

Remember the movie, *Children of the Fall*? “I ’ate you. I ’ate all of you.”

8.4 Soulection Show #331 ft. Brent Falyaz

29:00: Rude Boy with a weirdly syncopated beat

8.5 *smirk*

Here’s another incident that happened only the other day. A lit-

tle blonde Norman girl of twenty—a buxom, unsophisticated beauty that would make your mouth water—comes to an old priest. She bends down and whispers her sin into the grating. ‘Why, my daughter, have you fallen again already?’ cries the priest. ‘O Sancta Maria, what do I hear! Not the same man this time, how long is this going on? Aren’t you ashamed!’ ‘*Ah, mon père,*’ answers the sinner with tears of penitence, ‘*ça lui fait tant de plaisir, et à moi si peu de peine!*’

The Brothers Karamazov