

Medicine

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Don't you see we have something here?
Which I will call not philosophy,
except in the most ancient sense
of basic curiosity.

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The following of them does not depend on believing in anything, in obeying a
nything, or on doing any specific rituals
(although rituals are included for certain purposes because it is a purely e
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This is something like a person who has defective eyesight and is seeing
spots and all sorts of illusions, and goes to an ophthalmologist to correct
his vision.

Buddhism is, therefore, a corrective of psychic vision.

It is to be dis-enthralled by the game of Maya.
It is not, incidentally, to regard the Maya as something evil,
but to regard it as a good thing of which one can have too much, and therefo
re one gets
psychic and spiritual indigestion-from which we all suffer.

When I was a small boy I used to haunt that section of London
around the British Museum, and one day I came across a shop
that had a notice over the window which said: "Philosophical Instruments."
Now even as a boy I knew something about philosophy

but I could not imagine what philosophical instruments might be.
So I went up to the window and there displayed
Were chronometers, slide rules, scales,
and all kinds of what we would now call scientific instruments.
Because science used to be called natural philosophy.
Because, as Aristotle says,
the beginning of philosophy is wonder.
Philosophy is man's expression of curiosity about everything,
his attempt to make sense of the world,
primarily through his intellect;
That is to say his faculty for thinking.