

IF IT IS TRUE THAT THE ABILITY TO BE PUZZLED IS THE BEGINNING OF WISDOM, THEN THIS TRUTH IS A SAD COMMENTARY ON THE WISDOM OF MODERN MAN.      WHATEVER THE MERITS OF OUR HIGH DEGREE OF LITERARY AND UNIVERSAL EDUCATION, WE HAVE LOST THE GIFT FOR BEING PUZZLED.

EVERYTHING IS SUPPOSED TO BE KNOWN - IF NOT TO OURSELVES, THEN TO SOME SPECIALIST WHOSE BUSINESS IT IS TO KNOW WHAT WE DO NOT KNOW.      IN FACT, TO BE PUZZLED IS EMBARRASSING, A SIGN OF INTELLECTUAL INFERIORITY.

EVEN CHILDREN ARE RARELY SURPRISED, OR AT LEAST TRY NOT TO SHOW THAT THEY ARE; AND AS WE GROW OLDER WE GRADUALLY LOSE THE ABILITY TO BE SURPRISED.

TO HAVE THE RIGHT ANSWERS SEEMS ALL IMPORTANT;      TO ASK THE RIGHT QUESTIONS IS CONSIDERED INSIGNIFICANT BY COMPARISON.

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