

MEANINGFUL MEANINGS III

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Comparative Philosophy is the joyful and delightful
demonstration of the oneness and wholeness of it all.

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AN EPIPHANY

True intelligence is ending ignorance

True wealth is ending poverty

True strength is ending violence

And true humanity is ending inhumanity.

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Every bird that rises, lands down.

Athens, Greece

I am insignificant!

How could such a great love be within me?

Mill Valley, CA

*That cage might have cost you a great deal

It is costing the bird its being.

Jeddah, Arabia

HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL

Intellect only takes me places

Intuition transcends its planes

where everything is music.

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SELFLESSNESS

Rain is a spiritual melody

It comes back to earth after it transcends to the heavens!

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*A bird's cage and a fish tank do not show beauty and taste

They only show arrogance.

Jeddah, Arabia

*AUTHORITIES

I appreciate what they offer
I do not appreciate that they exist.
Jeddah, Arabia

You think you have ten fingers and ten toes
I see twenty fingers.
ELS Language Center, Santa Monica, CA

Why is god grasped in a human form?
Can't god be God!
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HERMENEUTICS

Existential meaning is an infatuation between the historicity of the
interpreter and the historicity of that which is interpreted.
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MBA

I learned a great deal from studying in the library
while my professors were lecturing!
Gleeson Library, San Francisco, CA

GOOD TEACHING METHOD

Dialogue: each teaches; two learn.
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A GOOD TEACHER

Gives you something to vigorously think about
other than mere tests.
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*THE PROMISED ISLAMIC LEADERSHIP

It can be assigned
It can be elected
Both will take place simultaneously only after we pay dearly
And we already have.
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*I do not care to win. I just don't know how to submit.
Jeddah, Arabia

*What do you expect from a nation
that killed its prophet's offspring?
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***AT LEAST DO IT FOR YOURSELF!**

When you over-power your enemy
Forgiveness shows understanding of the situation and appreciation of power
If you do not understand something
You won't appreciate it
If you do not appreciate it
You won't have it for long.
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***ON GENEROSITY**

Do not be ashamed by giving the least
Not giving anything is lesser.
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WERE YOU GONE?!

I looked everywhere
Until I found you within.
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***IT IS A MATTER OF TIME!**

Makkah will be free when it goes back to
Those who made it holy (Makkah Al-Mukarramah).
Jeddah, Arabia

***EGYPT**

Egypt is a rose sustained in my artery.
Al-Ismailiah, Egypt

TRUE GENEROSITY

Is giving away what you like the most.
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LOVE

I'm empty *inbetween* my togetherness
 For you to melt in.
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THE TAO OF DRIVING

Not disturbing or disrupting the flow of traffic
 Especially when merging and exiting.
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I do not want to be involved in a profession
 where I make living out of human suffering and misery.
 Orlando, FL

I'M PATRIOTIC

I do not kill for love!
 Santa Rosa, CA

An intelligent person in a valley sees
 more than a fool on the highest summit.
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Jimmy is all about water regardless of linguistic syntax
 He lives by the beach on La Playa Street!
 San Francisco, CA

*Hussam Khuzai

Authentic, intelligent, loyal and peacefully rebellious.
 Jeddah, Arabia

I thought there was no such thing as a stupid question
 until I served in a restaurant.
 FL Mall, Orlando, FL

ON DRIVING

When you see an accident
 Do not stop unless absolutely necessary:
 The second accident
 Will not help the first one!
 Santa Rosa, CA

I remember my schooling
 I vigorously wonder
 I'm extremely shocked
 That I can think at all!
 Los Angeles, CA

*HOME

California is like an intelligent stunning woman
 It does not matter if I'm far or near
 Both ways I'm in trouble
 Jeddah, Arabia

DON'T PUSH IT!

One can only understand what one is open to understand.
 Orlando, FL

BEING AND HERMENEUTICS

Mystery fuels being-in-the-world.
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HEARING THE SILENCE

Mind emptiness is heart illumination.
 US 101, CA

THE HONORABLE SYSTEM AND ITS SLAVES

The honor of the judicial system and that of the law lies in deciding
 which attorney is better
 The defendant's or the plaintiff's!
 As if the client-attorney relationship is not
 Our customer is innocent until proven bankrupt.
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OUR LAWN

It is not aesthetic
 It is absurd
 We go out of our way to plant what the soil rejects
 and destroy what grows naturally.
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*Translated from Arabic.