

## LaBerge Comment

Resonating with the concerns Bob Ogilvie expressed in an earlier Lucidity Letter, I found Goethe description of the three types of characteristic responses to “every new significant phenomenon” relevant. “The mass asks . . . what use is it and it is not wrong to do so; for it can become aware of the value of a thing only through its utility.

“The truly wise ask how the thing is related to itself and to other things, regardless of its usefulness—that is, of its application to what is known and what is necessary for life, which very different minds, perceptive avid of life. Technically trained and apt will surely find out.

“The pseudo—wise seek to derive some advantage for themselves from every new discovery as quickly as possible by scheming to acquire hollow fame, either through propagation or by increase or by improving or by taking swift possession, perhaps even through preoccupa-tion, and by such immature behavior they make insecure and confused true knowledge, indeed they obviously impoverish its fairest result, its practical fruition.”

I hope these words from the wise will help those working on the new and significant phenomenon of lucid dreaming to take a look in the mirror.

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