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Memorandum

From the beginning, we were made aware, and touched upon the ideas and ideologies that were provoking our nation and kept those who mentioned silent from examining. More specifically the ways we control and think, as well as sway the populous who agree alongside us, provoke and misbehave into violence on those whose up brining told them so. An emphasis on reasoning is our greatest catalyst for countering it and halting discovery for ourselves. Knowledge and virtue coincide, and re-evaluation of human flourishing must be applauded as a great, creative accomplishment. There's an idea that creative people require struggle, and that democracy takes that away. If an artist's attitude toward the world is rejection, he will shout loud enough for others to know that instead of the world but he was rejected from it. We examine a path of philosophy that requires us to venture within, and to uncover the truth that many people can't face, when the mirror is your own image, your biases are your survival instinct. As I explore our time together, in brief, I will reveal an all-powerful breathing truth to base my observations upon. Is the best thing you can do in a day in age such as ours. Is to be un-binary, to dismantle your identity, and flow with the current of what is brought forth. May you lose yourself in the enchantment of the ever-stretching accelerated future some predicted we might be heading. To go into the world with the knowledge of getting by and refraining from sharing your insecurities. If philosophy has taught me one thing, venturing into the woods alone and being in

complete isolation doesn't seem so bad after all. But perhaps we must refrain from that mindset and set forth in what would an "Optimal Human" would look like, flowing in the society that surges division, yet you flail between them both.

"Cons are valuable to human excellence, even a great achievement. Great suffering creates enhancements, in "Zarathustra" and "The Will to Power," Nietzsche presents a critique of traditional morality and the dangers of conformity and mass consumption. He argues that the will to power is the fundamental drive behind all human behavior, and that creativity and individuality are essential components of a fulfilling life. With the birth of an individual's identity stemming from the imprinting of their masters and surroundings, the already inevitable danger of being conformed and forced consumption. The years that follow puberty define an individuals mark on what to make of the world and where they see themselves. Depending on your given circumstances, that may come sooner than later. Those within power develop later, but have enough time to indoctrinate their own. While those who's generation is only that of to survive the next one. With the control of entertainment, supplies, speech, religion/death, ownership, creating life, freedom/ability to dream etc. We are set for a couple of lifetimes in a cycle if not this knowledge passed down by generation to generation. The generational cog will spin for those who are in it. In "Being and Time", Heidegger critiques the notion that language can provide us with a complete understanding of reality. Cicero writes, "De Officiis" he reflects on his own life, and the values he upheld, and the essence of morality through a stunted roman empire after the assassination of Julius Caesar. Nietzsche also delves into the concept of "master morality" where a culture creates a set of rules for the "masters" that are not applied to the "slaves". This type of morality is problematic as it perpetuates inequality. As for Aristotle's

ethics, he focuses on the concept of human flourishing and the achievement of eudaimonia, or a sense of overall well-being. Heidegger also argues that technology does not lie withing the devices the themselves, but in its continuous ordering and reordering of everything for efficiency and manipulability's sake. Through text, he believes this to be a threat to our understanding of Being, and preventing ourselves from becoming mere resources to be optimized, like that what we set out to achieve through technology. With these great truths that managed to extend into our very time line. We delve into in Soren Kierkegaard's "Knight of Faith," he suggests that we must accept what we have done and let time do what is consequential. However, these perspectives are challenged by nihilism, the death of God, and the idea that meaning is chosen as to where we put it. One true way of doing something of value, to which, what is a product of our doing. To have the ability to commit or dismantle meaning at a given moment. To be "grabbed by something of authority" is a way either an external or internal force can "pause/ un-pause" beings. Touching upon language as we did with the last discussion, is also a significant factor in this discussion, as it is the clearing and meaningfulness of existence.

We at one point never questioned and even abided by the priests whom congregated inside a tent for they were the only ones who can speak and be in the presence of a divine being, to give instructions to the people and be at the right hand of the chief or leader of a community. Now we have a transference or a cautionary idea of that authority, being given and used for the scholars. In this day in age, we question credibility, we use our bias, and promote fallacy. Societies problem, is that we project our identified-stricken insecurities and take less action into understanding that we accelerated too fast, and had not enough time to really conceive a historical version of ourselves. Generations before us struggled with lack of technology and shared intelligence of its time, resulting into violent turmoil. With the abundance of populus and

technological social dynamics. It is safe to say that depending on where you came into existence, others did too, and made a choice to move as one hive mind mentality. With hope casting a light onto what has been paved for some, a quote from our professor is, “As strangers who don’t know one another fully, and are always in the process of getting to know one another, in an attempt to understand and workout terms to live together. As long as that alienation remains moderate, it can remain embraced, as supposed to choosing either or for definite.”. A goal would be to not look at what will happen in society, but what may come of it. Perhaps a spark of meaningfulness may yet exist in a world where the ability to communicate is feared due to the uncertainty it may arouse in unsuspecting passer buyers. All it takes is one ear to hear, and you may not feel so alone, with the thoughts of uncertainty in our accelerated time on earth.

A Terrance Mckenna quote that quenches the soul like milk and honey, “Nature loves courage. You make the commitment and nature will respond to that commitment by removing impossible obstacles. Dream the impossible dream and the world will not grind you under, it will lift you up. This is the trick. This is what all these teachers and philosophers who really counted, who really touched the alchemical gold, this is what they understood. This is the shamanic dance in the waterfall. This is how magic is done. By hurling yourself into the abyss and discovering it's a feather bed.”

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