

Unity in Disunity

The Sublime Mind

Part Three

It had been such a long time
when suddenly out of the blue Georgian
received a letter from one of his sons,
Walter, the elder of the two by his first
wife, Lacetta.

Thinker rouses Sleeper to

introduce him to

Walter Merchant

there he is

fortyish

he is the elder

son of Georgian Merchant

by Georgian's first

wife Lacetta Silver

as she was

look at Walter

he is successful

triumphant but

weary send
him to sleep
and study him

and Walter is coming
to Merton
with his brother
Richard
to take over
Greensand Hall
from the Mack family
invited by its remaining members
Perry Mack and Marianne

who stay there

with their son

the teenage

Perry Mack Junior 111

Professor Mike declares

I'm dying Georgian

but don't be upset by that

I'm ok with it

I'm happy

you've brought me happiness

I'm old and my

cancer is eating at my body

I've looked into myself

and thought into myself

and have seen

that in three weeks time

on the 25th I shall

slip away into
eternity
my own eternity
don't be unhappy
be glad for me

Georgian interrupts

STOP IT YOU'RE NOT
going to die
to leave me here alone
I won't let you
I know life is difficult
imperfect and tragic
but it is also wonderful

there is still so much more

truth to discover

and enjoy

it is your task to bring

us to the Absolute Truth

and you have not finished

you must postpone your death

and stay with us longer

please I beg you there is so much joy

love and beauty

truth and goodness to be had

Innocence and Victory always

triumph over

Cruelty and Despair

haven't you always taught

us that

you our beloved Professor

Mike laughs and hugs Georgian as they stroll

through the arboretum of

the Mansion House

talking of the children

the music

the arts and sciences

so much to enjoy

so much life to create

Professor Mike leads Georgian to
an iron bench painted green
they sit

listen says Professor
and I will tell you a story
as you know I am not
really a Professor
I'm only a pretend one

born of our love and
admiration for you
my friend and
you are worthy of it

says Georgian

thank you but when I was young
I escaped my family and the north
by going to University
in London
to make my fortune and
I was successful
yes there I met a real life
Professor
he was the most wonderful person
I had ever met
in my entire life
all 19 years of it
he was a genius

he was like being
with Aristotle
he was a scientist
and a musician
he was tall and big
a giant physically
but a gentle giant
he moved with grace
and spoke expressively
with a singing softly
intoned voice
everything was precious to him
and he was able to fulfil

that grace and sanctity
of living
he was truly remarkable
and then he died
I always say
death is quite enough
drama for one little life
and so we don't need
wars and thieving
we need love and compassion
and devotion
which he had to life
I was devastated

we all were
the staff and students
the spark of our little world
had gone left us
to see to ourselves
it was terrible
and yet wonderful

though in the winter weeks of the year
the sun shone brightly and mildly
on the two men seated in the garden
as Professor proceeded to unfold
his tale of joy and wisdom

I attended a tour
de force lecture
he gave one afternoon
in the upstairs lecture
room of the faculty
his was quite a
theatrical performance
with his warm clear voice
his gestures graceful and
grandiloquent his face
smiling and cheerful
he wore a white laboratory
coat to emphasise his
scientific stature as he
took us on a guided tour

of his mind into the
abyss and the heights of
his knowledge as he
illuminated Oriental and
Western Art their
mingling and interchanging
(it was rumoured he was
learning Chinese very difficult)
how Western Music was being
performed in the East
how Indian Art came to the
West
eventually he came to it
his observation his conclusion
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multiculturalism unified
the disparate cultures
to me this from a man
who had experienced the
recent terrible World War 2
who had lived on the
day of the atomic bomb
this great mind moved from
these things to unity
in disunity
an escape from
manic monoism
I recall him now
see him tall
against the light
streaming through the

windows of the upper room
and writing on the blackboard
in chalk the words

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and

Disunity in Unity

he talked at length of
man in life in science
in history in physic
and stated how

Time is Space

and

Space is Time

again possibly written
on the blackboard

I don't remember for sure

but the impression was deep
and as we sit here and
recall this event some
fifty years ago now I
sense he the real Professor
was embarking on the search
for absolute truth
a search you know has
occupied my mind these
recent years in our
Worthshire
how I remember him with joy
and young as I was I
know I loved him and
then he died

Georgian comments

this is fine
fascinating
but why do you
think your own
death is three
weeks away
and what of your children
Peter and Dawn
what will they do
if you go

Professor replies

inherit and survive
as they've always done

without me
don't worry
as for how I know
of my death
part of the absolute truth
is to know yourself
by instinct feel
what is to happen
what you wish to happen
and so I sense
I die on the 25th
be happy for me
death is the fulfilment
of life
part of life's purpose

I'm still sad
says Georgian
I'll leave you for now

Professor

urges

do return soon
please
besides I haven't finished
my story
and I will tell
you more of what happened
between myself and
the Professor

you don't believe

there is an

Absolute Truth

do you Eva

Georgian is at home

in Pennyrose Cottage

quizzing his wife

Eva

she replies

quietly

no I don't

Georgian

nods and smiles

saying

that's all right

Professor has told me strange
things today I
don't know what to think

Eva

looks away

and announces

there is to be a tournament
your sons
Walter and Richard
are organising one
at Greensand Hall
everyone's invited
it will be for charity

Georgian

laughs surprised

what goodness

at this time of year

well I suppose

we can all wrap up warm

I shall go will you

Eva nods

certainly

she says

my sons are excellent

horsemen it will

be great fun

Georgian states

beauty is pure

is true is lovely

the sound of beauty

Walter is telling
his younger brother

Richard

that

when father goes

our father

Georgian Merchant

I will gain everything

and I will leave it all to you

then

Richard

shakes his head

and scoffs

pure mad

you're daft

but true

declares

Walter

smiling

now let's see

who wins our

joust

see if you can

survive my lance

they

laugh and enter the tent

to armour themselves

in mock joust

to death

a voice calls

you missed it

death replies

was it today

no yesterday

what did I miss

going fast

riding hard

and wind nearly

blowing me off

that must have

been great

it was

best ever

I held it and

survived

concluding his story later to Georgian

Professor Mike philosophises

what saves me

is developing the

Mind of Jesus

beyond dualism

through multicultural

pluralism into a

life of

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I am weary and

ready to enter eternity

the eternal mind that

Thinker rouses

Sleeper and Dreamer

to take to

when I was young
pretty and foolish
I stood by the bed of
my Professor as he
lay in the Clinic
he was a big man
his bare large white feet
protruding from the blankets
at the base of his bed
they looked comical
he talked to me of the
merits of melody in
mid 19th century
French opera the likes of
Gounod and Massenet

he always regaled in
eloquent splendour
he never called me by
name and within 48
hours he slipped away
I was left alone and sad
tried to focus with
his departure but
I always remember
him and his dictum
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it seemed so telling
so true so wonderful
I'm old and tired and
slipping away
Space is Time Time is Space

the tournament
known as a theatrical tournament
where blood is fake
and violence feigned
took place
in the extensive grounds
of Greensand Hall

but before all that

Heldis is calling on Georgian

at Pennyrose Cottage

Georgian laughs and tells Heldis

 sit yourself down

 tell me how

 much you love her

Heldis has been waxing

about his feelings for Meriel

 yea

 I love her

 like the sun

 rising

 like the full moon

I love her like the
leaves on the trees
I love her like
I love you Georgian
and then more

Georgian smiles

and begins his own comments

I decided I needed a
new interest in life and
I decided that it was
life itself
it sounds silly
naive and crazy
but it's true
what's wrong with silly

life itself would become
my new interest
the beating heart
the thinking mind
the eating the drinking
the resting the sleeping
nature stars breath
the working the playing
everything would be
my interest
keeping distractions such as
learning art
philosophy in their place

I have come to think

kill the questioning

no questions

an end to questions

no hate

just love

people often ask questions

because they

cannot think of

anything to say

themselves

controlling

the

mind

a dream

of

the slavs

look on the world
and say I
am creating you

look on life and
say
I am
creating you

look on
death and
say I
am creating you

Walter & Richard hold a
mock tournament at their
newly acquired
Greensand Hall
big day out
all invited
for charity

the equal opportunities act
furthers the progress of the slavs
and develops towards the absolute truth

for life and the world

belong to all people

the slavs of central Europe

the mongols of central Asia

the negroes of Africa

the indians of the Americas

Richard explains to Marcus Mack
about Walter's passion
for William Marshal

medievalism

horses

motorbikes

Walter was a lecturer in
History at Forsyth University
in Scotland

he is keen on the

Dream of the Slavs

& Marcus asks Richard

what he does

Richard

says he was

M P for Ballington

in the

West Country

saw you in the house

very hot on agriculture

comments

Marcus

Richard explains

yes here at Greensand I want

to modernise food production

arable & pastoral farming

now Laurence and Georgian visit

Professor Mike for his comments on

the 9 Great Questions of Philosophy

&

the 3 falsehoods of Life

they discuss and debate

with Professor declaring his favourite question

is no 7

how to overcome science & materialism

philosophy & being

and his favourite falsehood

is no 3

your parents have nothing to do with

your being here

neither Laurence nor Georgian
agree with Professor Mike
and his view that

you can only become your true self
by transcending
overpowering
these aspects of life

solve the questions and falsehoods
free yourselves
and live

they laugh at him

for men
the fighting
is over
now the
creating begins

Walter & Richard go @ trois

mounted on steeds

in all their finery

and armour

as smart as that of their horses

holding small shields

bearing long lances

they joust

Walter breaks Richard's lance

at

1st strike

apparently the object

is to break the lance

of the opponent

not really to unhorse him

so 2nd strike

Richard breaks Walter's lance

much cheering and applause

at the two men's

skilful displays

for the 3rd strike
everyone is very tense
at this
the decider

Walter breaks Richard's lance

Walter is very gracious
in victory
and shrugs away
any boast
and Richard
applauds his elder brother

but then

the happiness and joy

is disturbed as

the Black Knight appears

he challenges

both horsemen

no one knows who this

Black Knight is

his armour and dress

are all black

as is that

of his black horse

who can he be

where does he come from

what he wants

is known by his

challenges

both Walter and Richard

remount

and prepare to face him

the spectators shrug

off their concerns

as to who the Knight is

and settle to enjoy

Richard faces the stranger first
and has his lance
broken at
the second charge

applause

now Walter takes up the challenge

two charges produce no result

the crowd is exhausted

with the excitement

when on the final ride

the Black Knight

unhorses

Walter

shock consternation

some groans

some applause

some cheering

attendants run forward

to lift Walter

who waves to everyone

that he is well

he turns to greet

his opponent

but the Black Knight disappears

riding away

he remains unknown

a mystery

later his horse & armour are found in a quarry

Music was born free
and to win freedom
is its destiny

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D

M

B

Busoni

my own preaching

wearies me

I'm ready to go

Professor Mike

is finishing his life

with his good friend Georgian

man wants to be free

not to dominate

to identify the

driving entity

we are not born

we emerge

we do not die

we fade away

the 25th of this month
approaches
and I have searched
within myself
and observed
it to be
my death date
don't worry

I've spent my life
seeking to identify
the driving entity
you please
do the same
it is the absolute truth
that we all seek

search out
the tricks and
traps that
deceive you

the driving entity
may be all
there is

how you can
shape it
control it

seek always
the absolute truth

never overlook
the first question
of philosophy

does anything exist

it is vital

I have failed
you may not
you and your
children may
be successful
that is why
I am happy
to die on
the 25th
relief release
escape
maybe I wish
to defeat the
driving entity

I repeat the only
unity is
in disunity

all disuniting
creates the
worthwhile unity

study everything
rebuff everything
create anew
goodbye my
friend
dear friend

on the morning of the 26th
a taxi arrived at
Pennyrose Cottage
Georgian spotted it
through the living room
window

he watched as
Professor Mike climbed
out of the car and
approached the door

delighted Georgian
ran to admit
his friend

I got it wrong

I'm still here

Professor announced as
they headed into
the cottage

Georgian called to
Eva to come down to
see who was here

