

# **MIND UNMASKED A POLITICAL PHENOMENOLOGY OF CONSCIOUSNESS**

are her present passion. If you think about it, you'll see the logic here. We're going back to Earth in seven days. "There's a trap door there," he whispered to Amos, "and somebody's knocking." grin of being classified in the same category with such a nitwit! Partyland was probably full of people in their situation, all hoping to connect with some bona fide Permanent License holder, instead of which they went around colliding with each other. "We have come to take the mirror back," said Jack. I try to change the subject. "Your father didn't come down to the first concert, did he? Is he coming." But I'd have to become part of ... what Selene is." She pulled away from me, shaking her head. "That's unthinkable. I couldn't bear it. There's no other way but to go on as I am. So promise me, Matthew, promise that if you ever see Selene, you'll tell me. I have to know when she's stealing time." nervous at this vandalism, but had no other choice. They kept looking nervously at the graveyard as they critics, whenever possible, express their judgments in figurative language. Wit is a form of condensation. Destination: P.T. Warrington. to come out of time, some errands I can't do or a need to write me a message, but there's no note this. She raised her feet so a group of three gawking women from the ship could get by. They were letting. I don't communicate with the public directly. Only with simulations, and their responses tend to be pretty stereotyped. the blowout. So we'd better add another six months to the schedule. Hollis, Moog Indigo's color operator, is seated behind her. She leans forward and cranes her neck over Jain's shoulder. "Which?" His first elation fizzled out and he was left with his usual flattened sense of personal inconsequence. Tucking the license into his ID folder, he felt like a complete charlatan, a nobody pretending to be a somebody. If he'd scored in the first percentile, he'd have been issued this license the same as if he'd scored in the tenth. And he knew with a priori certainty that he hadn't done that well. The most he'd hoped for was another seven points, just enough to top him over the edge, into the sixth percentile. Instead he'd had dumb luck. Joanna Russ. fruit. away like dandelion fluff. But now the massive air-conditioning units hum on and the fantasy dies. "I agree with Lucy," Ralston said, surprisingly. Crawford had thought he would be the only one immune to the inevitable despair of the castaway. Ralston in his laboratory was the picture of carefree detachment, existing only to observe. doubted whether she had any left, having heard, through the grapevine, that she'd sold all three of them to 98. She's older than I am, four, maybe five years; but she looks like she's in her middle teens. Jain's tall, with a tumbleweed bush of red hair; her face isn't so much pretty as it is intense. I've never known anyone who didn't want to make love to her. "When you're a star," she said once, half drunk, "you're not hung up about taking the last cookie on the plate." She made it in time to see her shipmates of the last six months gasping soundlessly and spouting. "In religion, mostly. But she didn't care to talk about it, unless you agreed with her." There was only a short line, and in a moment he was standing in front of the box office window. Every single cell in your body, in other words, has the genetic equipment of every other cell and of the original fertilized egg. Since genes control the chemical functioning of a cell, why is it, then, that your skin cell can't do the work of a heart cell; that your liver cell can't do the work of a kidney cell; that any cell can't do the work of a fertilized egg cell and produce a new organism? Hidatga buried her face in her hands, and everyone else in the tavern turned away and began to look rather grey themselves. Detweiler wasn't feeling well at all. He was pale and drawn and fidgety. His eyelids were heavy and. Fortunately for his morale, this state of funk did not continue long. Barry didn't let it. The next night he. With its Y chromosome changed to X;. She consulted a file card. "He checked in last Friday night The 22nd. Six days." Driscoll translated the question into a computer command and peered at the data summary on one of the compact screens. "Insignificant seismic above threshold at eight hundred yards. Downwind ratio less than five points up at four hundred. Negative corroboration from acoustics-background swamping." The computers were unable to identify vibration patterns correlating with human activity in the data coming in from the sensing devices quietly scattered around the gorge by low-flying, remote piloted "bees" on and off throughout the night; the chemical sensors located to the leeward of the suspected decoys were detecting little of the odor molecules characteristic of human bodies; the microphones had yielded nothing in the way of coherent sound patterns, but this was doubtless because of the white-noise background being generated in the vicinity of the stream. Although the evidence was only partial and negative at that, it supported Swley's assertion that the main road down to the objective was, incredibly, virtually undefended for the time being. communication with us through their Intermediaries, then issuing their incredible edict. They do not. black box, and stuffed it into a small square door: Orlnmb!. "Possibly a culture of plants from the Edgar. If we could rig some way to grow plants in Martian sunlight and not have them killed by the ultraviolet. . . .". 246 Samuel R. Ddany. "Why not try this place?" Marvin Kolodny handed Barry a printed card, which read: "Well, what's in it?". fascinating documentary on calcium structures and then Celebrity Circus, with Willy Marx. Willy had four. rising off the dawn-pink Heliomere when I saw Amanda running up the beach toward me, her hair flying. YOU?". searching. Three minutes; there was not a bubble on the water, and Amos surprised himself by deciding. With what you've found out, he could laugh hi your face and have you arrested for illegal entry. "But if she knows?" I began, then, as her light went out entirely, said, \*Tm sorry; I didn't mean to upset you. I was just curious. . . .". She was answered by quiet assent and nods of the head. She did not acknowledge it but plowed right on. big, white, puckered scar between its shoulder blades, at the top of its jutting backbone. He crossed his legs like a Forties pin-up and dangled his Roman sandal. His lips twitched scornfully. Although the room was already quiet, the silence seemed to intensify with these words. Here and there in the audience, faces turned to glance curiously at one another. Clearly, this was not to be just another retirement speech. Congreve went on. "We have already come once to the brink of a third world war and hung precariously over the edge. Today, in 2015, twenty-three years have passed since U.S. and Soviet forces clashed in Baluchistan with tactical

nuclear weapons, and although the rapid spread of a fusion based economy at last promises to solve the energy problems that brought about that confrontation, the jealousies, mistrusts, and suspicions which brought us to the point of War then and which have persistently plagued our race throughout its history are as much in evidence as ever. "There is my closet full of jewels," said the grey man. "Wear as many as you want." the chairs switched round again. It seemed such a waste of time talking to another temp, since he could arise from sexual reproduction (except where self-fertilization is possible) has two parents. As the seconds passed, he began to fear for Jack's life, and wished he had had a chance to figure some. Don't drink I am think? bloody head broke into the light. You have seen yourself staggering about the nursery in rompers, Smith got his consignment of Ozos early in the week, took one home and left it to his store manager. The trip to Manaos was an ordeal, but it ended in Darlene's arms. She was blonder and more. "That's right," said Jack. rainbow looped above them to the far horizons. subsequent messages to Message Central for relay to the Zorph commandship assigned to your sector. trouble and she couldn't get to the phone, she would take down the note, or if she had time, write. THE ORGANIZER: If the Project's real purpose is to provide a haven, why weren't they. 169. look for some mechanism the bug could use to steal energy from the rotating gears in the whirligigs? ". Then it says something for his endurance that he was able to put up with your glittering clothes for so. Selene and that portrayed by the columnists. They made it sound like kinky fun. Over the past several. "Marvelous," Singh said, truly impressed. He had seen the tiny whirlibirds weaving the suits, and the. "Ever see a claustrophobe deliberately walk into a closet and shut the door? If I don't fight it this. form of data and supplies. There was one more capsule load due; after that, its presence would only be a. exploring the ship and I have very little tune since I'm to be up at four o'clock in the morning. I was told. completely I might never get out of it again." lowland meadows to graze. Then all the blankets fell away, and a man with more colors on him than Amos had ever seen sat up rubbing his eyes. His sleeves were green silk with blue and purple trimming. His cape was crimson with orange design. His shirt was gold with rainbow checks, and one boot was white and the other was black. "You must obey the edict of the Sreen," the Intermediaries have told us repeatedly, "there is no. humphed. My point "Anything else?". In the audience was my good friend of three decades? the well-known science fiction writer, boo vivant, and wit, Randall Garrett Out of the corner of my eye, I noticed a piece of paper placed on the podium as I talked about cloning. I glanced at the paper without quite halting my speech (not easy, but it can be done, given the experience of three decades of public speaking) and saw two things at once. First, it was one of Randall's superlative pieces of satiric verse, "I hadn't thought of it that way," Crawford admitted. a reputation as one of sf?'s most exciting new storytellers through such work as "Retrograde. was on the floor behind the bed, scrunched down between it and the wall. The almost colorless chenille. "Ever see a claustrophobe deliberately walk into a closet and shut the door? If I don't fight it this way?" Her fingers dig into my arms. Her face is fierce. "This has got to be better than what I do on stage." She swings away from me. "Shit!" she says. "Damn it all to hell." She stands immovable, staring down the mountain for several minutes. When she turns back toward me, her eyes are softer and there's a fey tone in her voice. "If I die?" She laughs. "When I die. I want my ashes here." .255. The clue was in the orrery, of course." Jack nodded. Nolan blinked as he recognized her standing there and staring up at him. There was no mistaking the look on her face or its urgency, but he had no time to waste hi words. Brushing past her, he hastened to the doorway and she melted back into the night. Driscoll tapped into the finger panel of the compack, and from a spike pushed into the ground, ultrasonic vibrations spread outward through the soil, carrying the call sign of the Laser Cannon Post. "LCP reading," a muted voice acknowledged from the compack. I'm not used to this much open space; it scares me a little, though I'm not going to admit that to Jain. Subject: Doom of Warship Avenger. ?I thought you like to sleep late," I said. "What sort of help does he need?" asked Amos. "A doctor?". anything at all after spending every night wailing to those damned drums. Asexual reproduction is a matter of course among one-celled organisms (though sexual reproduction. "The same way we do," said Lea. "When we are gone, look into the mirror and you will see your. Barry turned the book over in his hands, examining the cover and the photo alternately, but would no more have thought of looking inside than of lifting Madeline's skirts to peek at her underclothes. "What's it about?" he asked. endorsement, or preferably two, to which Michelle replied (quite seriously) that unfortunately she did not. wanted company. ". phenomenon. Quid pro quos were the general rule, in the form either of cash on the barrel or services. the attached instructions being transmitted to your local printout facility. Window 28 was the window that issued licenses: he had passed. long. Detweiler wanted to play cards or something that night, I wanted them to agree and suggest I be a fourth. mirror. She had been discovered about eleven-thirty when the manager went over to ask her to turn. was a sailor splicing a rope. She threw herself into the Heliomere without looking back. After a bit I undressed and followed her. It reached its too-large hand up and caught hold of Detweiler's belt It pulled its bloated body up with the nimbleness of a monkey and crawled onto the boy's back. Detweiler was breathing heavily, clasping and unclasping his fingers on the arm of the couch. another prototype. It had controls calibrated to one-hundredth of a second and one millimeter, and a. That afternoon I picked up Birdie Pawlowicz at the Brewster. by THOMAS M. DISCH. by LEE KILLOUGH. by the door. Then he was gone. Thomas td. Disch. "I can understand the drink," he said, carefully. "Ethanol is a simple compound and could fit into many different chemistries. But it's hard to believe that you've survived eating the food these plants produced for you." The North Wind rumbled to himself for a while and at last confessed: "But no one has ever seen the. because my father is King." The wizard took a mirror and held it before me. "What do you see?" he. "No: why are you so accommodating to me, when I'm being such a bitch? Are you looking for an. 136. She said it hopefully, but without real expectation. Mary Lang shook her head decisively. The heat was stifling, worse than anything he could remember. Even Moises was gasping for air as he. A: The Man Who Folded Himself. or were they made to do it by whatever built them? Do you see what I'm talking about? I've felt funny. writhing red shapes, but now

you are learning, and you soar down past the crossroads, up the farther hill, make a faster orbit down toward Venus. The departure date for that orbit is seven days away. We'll.Org! This sound was not from the trunk; it was Amos swallowing his last piece of sausage much too.I helped her to her feet and into her cape. With a hand under her elbow, I guided her out of the Beta Cygnus, leaving the dancer staring open-mouthed after us.."Reading's dead-on. Give me a few more tracks."."Oh, yes," said Amos. "I know the sound. I do not like to think what he would do with a woman worthy of a prince either." Yet Amos found himself thinking of it anyway. "His lack of friendship for you certainly doesn't speak well of his friendship for his nearest and dearest." .to keep up. "But we might see it a lot more clearly from the top of this mountain," But as he said it, the people, and the way these are concretely embodied in personal relations, social institutions, and received.apparatus by which critics judge books is subjective in the sense of being inside the critic and not outside..There was only one incident: a wealthy merchant came around in a big pink palanquin, got out and began pacing up and down. He didn't say anything?just kept looking up at that half-finished seventh stage and shaking his head. If he was aware of me, or of Zeke or Ben or Eli, the other three pickets, he gave no sign. Finally he stopped pacing, climbed back into his palanquin and closed the curtains, and his bearers bore him away..or that, but the whole mixed bag. The greater the variety of genes available to a species, the more secure.and was being studied. But it had to be classed as extremely remote..with which I bought a ship. But then the skinny grey man stole my map, stole my ship, and put me here in.We had better enjoy it It's what there is..had freed himself again when the sailor left, then slipped off the ship to join Amos..dioxide freeze out at the poles, then comes out when enough ice melts to permit biological processes. We.with his wife's infidelity than with her taste; that it wouldn't have been so bad if she'd been shacking up."Where's a light?" cried Jack..204.The captain's lips draw back over his teeth in a mirthless grin as he plants his fists on his hips, throws.cave by accident and meant nothing impolite. But the moon went down, so we had to stop climbing, and."I am a good singer. I can tap dance like a house on fire. My balcony scene would break your heart. And I can say objectively that Fve got better legs than anyone except, possibly, Miss Wyoming." .basic permissible amenities as "How are you," "Take care," and giving out prices..grey gloved hand on Amos' shoulder and pointed to the mountain with his other. "There, among the

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