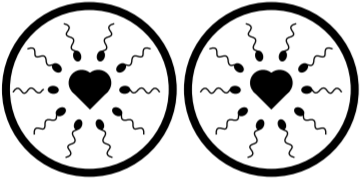


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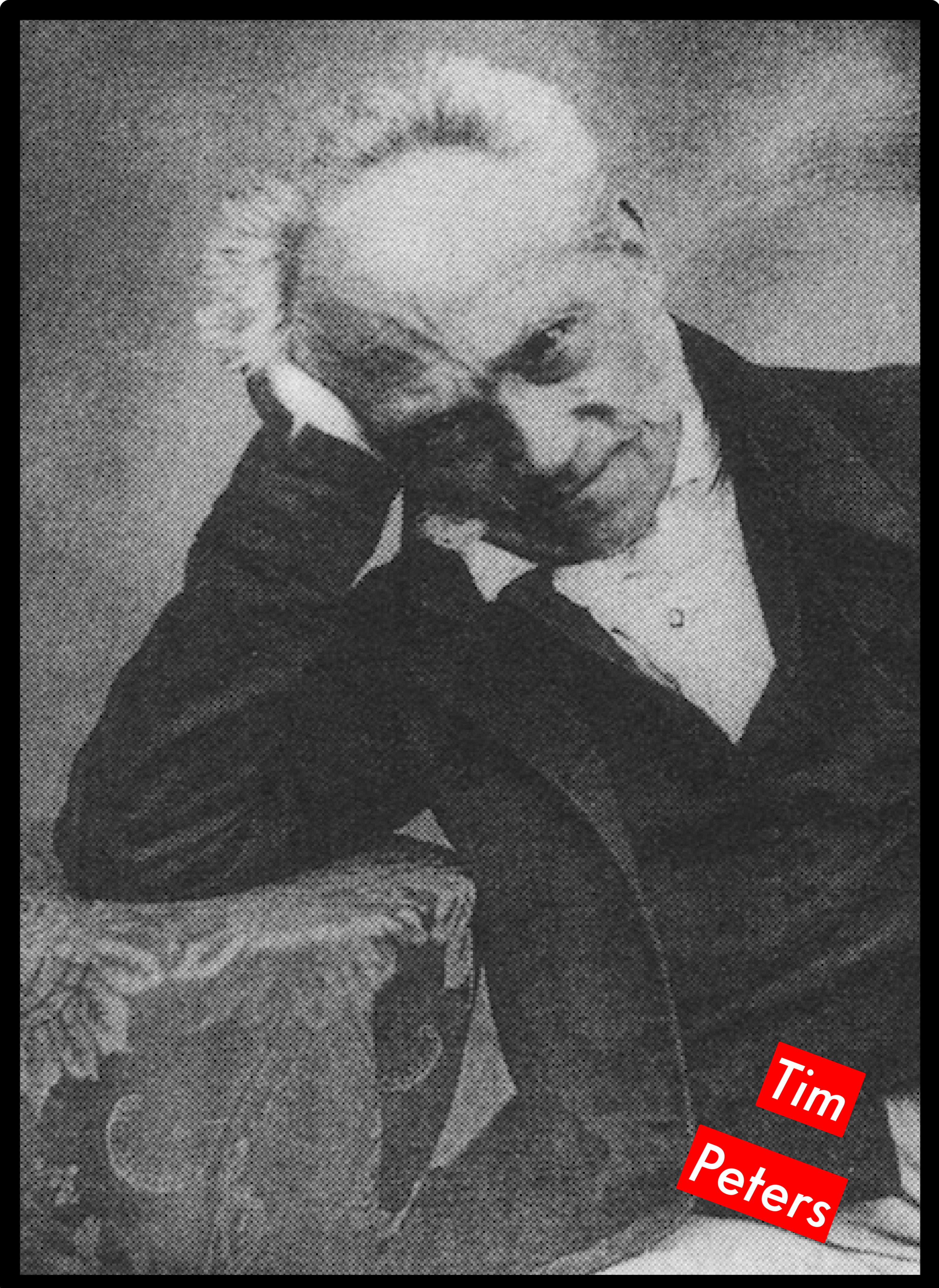
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"IT IS A VOLUPTUOUS DELUSION WHICH LEADS A MAN TO BELIEVE THAT HE WILL FIND A GREATER PLEASURE IN THE ARMS OF A WOMAN WHOSE BEAUTY APPEALS TO HIM THAN IN THOSE OF ANY OTHER, OR WHICH ... FIRMLY CONVINCES HIM THAT HER POSSESSION WILL AFFORD HIM BOUNDLESS HAPPINESS. ACCORDINGLY HE IMAGINES HE IS MAKING EFFORTS AND SACRIFICES FOR HIS OWN ENJOYMENT, WHEREAS HE IS DOING SO MERELY FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE REGULAR AND CORRECT TYPE OF THE SPECIES."

WITH VERY WEARY REGARD FOR,
AND IN SINCERE REPLY TO,
HIS UNRELENTING PESSIMISM,
AND INSISTENT DISGUST WITH LIFE

"FOR OBVIOUSLY THE CARE WITH WHICH AN INSECT HUNTS FOR A PARTICULAR FLOWER, OR FRUIT, OR DUNG, OR MEAT, AND TO ATTAIN THIS DOES NOT SPRING FROM TROUBLE OR DANGER, IS VERY ANALOGOUS TO THE CARE WITH WHICH A MAN SPECIALLY SELECTS FOR SEXUAL SATISFACTION A WOMAN WITH QUALITIES THAT APPEAL TO HIM INDIVIDUALLY. HE STRIVES AFTER HER SO EAGERLY THAT, TO ATTAIN THIS END, HE OFTEN, IN DISREGARD OF ALL REASON, SACRIFICES HIS OWN HAPPINESS IN LIFE BY A FOOLISH MARRIAGE, BY LOVE-APARTS THAT COST HIM HIS FORTUNE, HIS HONOR, AND HIS LIFE, EVEN BY CRIMES, SUCH AS ADULTERY OR RAPE, ALL MERELY IN ORDER TO SERVE THE SPECIES IN THE MOST APPROPRIATE WAY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WILL OF NATURE THAT IS EVERYWHERE SUPREME, ALTHOUGH AT THE EXPENSE OF THE INDIVIDUAL."



Tim Peters

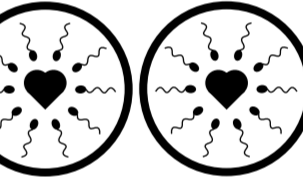
"OPTIMISM IS NOT ONLY A FALSE BUT ALSO A PERNICIOUS DOCTRINE, FOR IT PRESENTS LIFE AS A DESIRABLE STATE AND MAN'S HAPPINESS AS ITS AIM AND OBJECT, STARTING FROM THIS, EVERYONE THEN BELIEVES HE HAS THE MOST LEGITIMATE CLAIM TO HAPPINESS AND ENJOYMENT. IF, AS USUALLY HAPPENS, THESE DO NOT FALL TO HIS LOT, HE BELIEVES THAT HE SUFFERS AN INJUSTICE, IN FACT THAT HE MISSES THE WHOLE POINT OF HIS EXISTENCE, WHEREAS IT IS FAR MORE CORRECT TO REGARD WORK, PRIVATION, MISERY, AND SUFFERING, CROWNED BY DEATH, AS THE AIM AND OBJECT OF OUR LIFE (AS IS DONE BY BRAHMANISM AND BUDDHISM, AND ALSO BY GENUINE CHRISTIANITY), SINCE IT IS THESE THAT LEAD TO THE DENIAL OF THE WILL-TO-LIVE."

THE WORLD AS
WILL AND
REPRESENTATION

"AWAKENED TO LIFE OUT OF THE NIGHT OF UNCONSCIOUSNESS, THE WILL FINDS ITSELF AS AN INDIVIDUAL IN AN ENDLESS AND BOUNDLESS WORLD, AMONG INNUMERABLE INDIVIDUALS, ALL STRIVING, SUFFERING, AND ERRING; AND, AS IF THROUGH A TROUBLED DREAM, IT HURRIES BACK TO THE OLD UNCONSCIOUSNESS, YET TILL THEN ITS DESIRES ARE UNLIMITED, ITS CLAIMS INEXHAUSTIBLE, AND EVERY SATISFIED DESIRE GIVES BIRTH TO A NEW ONE. NO POSSIBLE SATISFACTION IN THE WORLD COULD SUFFICE TO STILL ITS CRAVING, SET A FINAL GOAL TO ITS DEMANDS, AND FILL THE BOTTOMLESS PIT OF ITS HEART."

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