

The Proper Study of Mankind 101: Session Two

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*“Know then thyself, presume not God to scan;
The proper study of Mankind is Man.”*

~Alexander Pope

According to your syllabus,
today we will discuss
the various methods
of walking through walls.
As you are all aware,
perhaps the most demanding aspect
of this activity is the patience
required to master fully
those effective techniques
which have long been practiced
by aborigines and other obscure interest groups.

While we all have inherent ability
to follow procedure and accomplish the task,
there is a strong impulse to rush through the process,
which is in fact somewhat tedious
and involves total concentration.
It is not, by the way, so simple
that even a child can do it, although
there are always some exceptions to any rule.

Nor should the potential wallwalker entertain
the outdated “becoming one with the universe” mindset.
The universe is much too big for that.
Trying to do so simply erodes the walker’s focus,
which is absolutely essential
to the successful completion of this activity.

Detailed instructions for utilizing and perfecting
the techniques can be found on page 67 of your text.
Practice alone at first. Group wallwalking
is hazardous for beginners, and can expose one
to the consequence of permanently
melding with the wall, an outcome
neither satisfying nor productive.

*In our next session, we will discuss in detail
the inherent and unrecognized ability to dance.
Excuse me? Question?
What? Oh. No.
Not that kind of dancing.*