

The Real Teacher

You have sought teachers to show you the way, and you have been lead astray- have you not? You have been sold new concepts and fantastic ideas about enlightenment. These teachers have told you of amazing experiences and transformations. You have learned many new ideas, however, you still feel as if something is missing. You have been left to ask, "When is it going to happen for me?"

Please see that self-proclaimed, or self-implied teachers, gurus and enlightened people are *just* people, like you. They have a false sense of themselves just as you have. But for some reason, you have mistakenly given yourself to them by way of worship and admiration. You know this mistake, but you do not want to see it because you have hope that one-day you can be like the teacher.

This is not to say that there are not people who have broken through to something beyond this life, but they would not be obvious to you, because you want something else. You want what the aspiring spiritual teacher has- an outward looking appearance of spirituality and personal freedom. And that is exactly the kind of teacher or "way" you have found, over and over again. But each has left you searching for more.

How many ways and techniques will you seek before you see that they are all just games and performances? When will you see that your search for the true "way" is really just another search for *your* "way?"

When will you let Truth become your real teacher?

Don't you see that you are captive to your spiritual wanting? You want to be spiritual, you want to be enlightened, and so you fall for anyone who says they have attained these things. And you do so without the slightest bit of investigation. Your trust of a teacher is directly proportionate to the similarity of what they believe to what you already believe. Do you see the futility in such an endeavor?

Deep inside there is a signal from Truth that says something is wrong with the teacher, but you ignore it, because to abandon the teacher or teaching, would be to abandon the only hope you have to succeed in your spiritual quest. You hold false hope that someone will show you the way.

To hold another human being in high regard for any purpose is unnecessary. A real teacher would not put up with this falseness. The real teacher would know that beyond the shell of the human condition, there is nothing to compare and thus empty worship is simply a result of more selfish wanting on the part of the student.

Here is another interesting fact. All of the necessary lessons in the cosmic universe have already been taught, and you have immediate access to them. In fact, where

Truth is concerned, all lessons are really one lesson. This lesson is infinite, and the lesson *is* Truth. All of your concerns about it are irrelevant in light of this one Truth.

You are asking at this very moment, “What is that one Truth?” In doing this you continue to err. It is not a lesson of words, or circumstances, or of life-as-you-know-it. Truth is all around you, right now. Your only work is to remove the clutter that shields you from knowing it. Instead you want to know it as you know other things, in a way that benefits *you*.

You are standing in a garden of rich bounty and looking yonder for your food. Even crying at times how unfair it is that you should starve! Look around you right now—there you will see the teacher, there is your food. The reason you cannot see it is that you want food that you are familiar with and so you are blind to the True but unfamiliar food that has been graciously put in front of you.

Ignore the rituals, the stages, and signs of enlightenment that you have been taught. These are all simply tricks of the mind. These tricks have been created as ways to materialize Truth, which cannot be materialized. Human ways cannot transcend the eternal; the eternal must be seen by a nature that transcends the human.

This is not to say that one should deny humanness—that would be impossible anyway. Your humanness is real and there is much to be said for enjoying it. You have taken unnecessary ownership of it, however, and in doing so you have brought trouble to your mind.

Let go of your teacher; then, and only then, will you truly learn from that teacher. While seeing another in an elevated position, you have placed judgment in the way of learning. You may learn a great deal about your own falseness by simply observing the teacher and your subsequent reactions. When this happens, the teacher truly becomes a teacher, unbeknownst to him or her. When you see this truth you will also understand that there is in fact *no teaching*, but only learning.

Live life with a watchful mind, beyond false notions. Do not yield your *self* to another for the sake of progress. See all others and everything else before you as your teachers. Examine, but do not search—for there is nothing to find that is not already before you.