

A thought of the day in passing . . .

When an ego wishes to learn something, it must internalize it.

When a soul wishes to learn something, it takes a life to externalize it.

It is God's little joke

Enlightenment is Knowledge. Sainthood is something else.

Given Truth and lived truth . . . not always do they come together.

Forgive me if I quote myself here, but in a book I once wrote; "Its all about knowing, experiencing and being" * More directly said now; *there is given truth, espoused truth and lived truth.*

Spiritual practice is about learning to live your given truth. It is usually a lifetime pursuit. People assume if you're said it you live it. Not so. Even if that truth comes from your own mind, rather than from a religion learned; it is the ideal, *a goal*, and must be heard, espoused and then tried on for size. Your life will be the tester of that truth. It will confront you and challenge you to live it.

Woe be the person who receives a greater truth, or too soon a truth, than he is able or even equipped to live - more even than he may be *desirous of living*. Many teachers, and sometimes even sages, fall into this category; who are by and large ordinary folk born into religions, sometimes roles, that are far above their capacity to live. They could be viewed as victims of their truth. Have compassion for them; most are struggling with it and doing the best they can. A few are out and out charlatans and hypocrites. Some examples of this might be; monarchs by birth, titled nobility, religious leaders designated such at birth, even sometimes the relatives and spouses of a great personage. Some few live up to the promise, not all even try. Most genuinely try, fall, and come stumbling after . . . like most of us.

Religions are primarily patterns for living that most of us fail to live up to but spend our lifetimes trying. These usually have a God-Dictator who stands over its people with a weapon, wielding judgment and dispensing justice. This has nothing to do with enlightenment - which is pure Truth. Unless Truth itself is made God, such as is the case in enlightenment religions. Buddha, the symbol for enlightenment, is such an example. Hence, do not expect all practitioners of this religion, or even its leaders, to fulfill your model, or its own model, of what enlightenment is. No more so than Christians are expected to be Christs, or to fully live as Jesus lived. We, at our best, can only try . . .

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