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ADVISERS SPEAK

(On teaching and the Bodhisattva life.)

Oh, twice-born One
Hold to the Sat Chit Anand,
Stay steady in your light.
It may be far too difficult,
To reenter your old life.

As long as there is memory,
'The seeds' will be there too.
Far worse, set old patterns
Formed by former 'me' and 'you'.
Though gone beyond, forgotten,
They'll be there - reminding you!
Set paths of energy mazes,
Habits grooved deep by use,
Your world will still be trodding,
And innocently pin you to!

Return to the world is hazardous,
Whatever caused you to.
Best to leave the old life,
Start fresh, begin some place anew,
Walk virgin soil, remain incognito.
But if you must, and damn the cost,
Stay and play the guru.

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A thought of the day in passing . . .

The HERMIT, SATSANG and SOCIETY

The importance of 'satsang', (the community of saints, or like minds sharing a common ideal and precepts) is impressed upon one in one's beginnings as a spiritual practitioner, and one finds it continues to be an important consideration to the end. To be isolated, or amid persons of different ideals and consciousness, and even living a different reality paradigm, is unspeakably difficult. Groups are support systems, no doubt about it.

As seen, one resonates to one's environment to varying degrees and 'one bad apple will spoil the barrel'- the reverse even more certainly true. After Enlightenment, if one goes it alone; as Enlightened but within society, one is surrounded by ordinary folk living in a former paradigm of ordinary lives. One finds oneself as a round peg in a square hole so to speak - trying to fit in, while trying to be true to oneself, living what one now knows.

Having left 'the community of saints behind; no longer being someone's student and therefore no longer fitting in there, there arises a dilemma - where to go and how to be? Yet, satsang appears to be essential still. There seems to be only one way out and one role for the Enlightened within society; that of the Guru, thereby surrounding oneself with a field of followers to share one's goals and views. But, what if one does not wish to be 'a guru'? Life will be very difficult . . . without regressing to what you once were . . . or alternatively, leaving life to enter the cave.

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