

they would never recover. 'Actually the pain is absurd and quite unreal. In business some pretty crude terms are used (tricky, old son-of-a-bitch & so forth) but a smile makes them a compliment. Suppose there were no smile?

The ego does not surrender "in vacuo". There are attendant circumstances. Otherwise it would be open theoretically for the most unlikely people to 'go over the hump' all of a sudden. However intelligence is requisite, even cunning, or "discrimination" (which sounds better). Also the highest of 'standards', a deep love of beauty (although not of a 'formal' nature - you will know what I mean, no pretentious yak-yak) ---- so that the "change-over" occurs because for a moment you are already there anyway. That is why 'bhakti' or devotion is considered so good a 'way' by the Hindus (& myself, since if 'bhakti' is sufficiently pure it is the very experience we seek --)

I am really speaking of "feeling" as additional to "knowing"; of "spontaneity" as opposed to a "system"; of a full man.

If you asked for examples (now living) I could give no more than a couple of dozen of my own knowledge.

If you say "do you regard me, Dick, as a yahoo?" I would say - I rank you with the great ones of the earth, the great psychologists, scientists, etc. etc., the most perceptive, scholarly, charming, kindly men ----

If you then said "in other words a yahoo" it would be embarrassing! After all between them such persons have all the virtues, a wonderful personality, great kindness, a fine appearance, ---- & so why this pejorative comparison with a mere horse? Well, I didn't do it; it was Swift.

AIM

For our first aim then let us see if we can agree. Not verbally because that is a mere nothing, but in detail. Thus you would investigate, analyze or attack vigorously anything not clear - but use legitimate arguments (not devices!)