

my object to assist you to these powers, which I do not have myself (note all the qualifying words), since I am a humble, limited human-being like everybody I meet. Certainly I would like you to be more of a human-being but even this is hard to explain to you now.

Consider an underprivileged child from a poor neighborhood being suddenly - by adoption for example - transported to a wealthy and cultured milieu. It would perhaps be necessary to tell him not to "pick his nose & eat it" or not to spit on the carpet and a few other trifles he might overlook.

One could tell that kid that he would be one day a distinguished & cultured man, mixing in all societies, but it would be hard to explain the difference there would be in him (as he now is.)

When I work with students they are cynical, suspicious, unkind, mean-minded [e.g. they could say "you are taking all this trouble just because you like teaching & showing off; well, I will make it hard for you!"], low-motivated, not too perceptive, not too intelligent, not too friendly [every now & then I have to dodge a metaphorical knife in my back - & Jesus was tortured to death in an atrocious way while Peter and company considered the matter with gaping mouths & expectation of flocks of angels & big celestial boom-booms - no feeling for their "friend"] & so forth.

It is an "occupational hazard." The psychotherapist has the same hazard (e.g. suicidal & homicidal cases), but even he cannot take his patients further than he has gone (except by accident & I have known such) & so HE HIMSELF has a point at which he would revert to a louse!

I ought to know! I was a student once myself. I am not much better now - but I am a trifle kinder & a trifle more perceptive maybe!

If I were in the pulpit of a big cathedral or in the Zendo of a (or as a) Zen Master nobody would think I had thrown a plate at my wife that morning or done a few other disgusting things in private.

Thus as Shakespeare says "the world is oft deceived by ornament" - the PROFESSION, POSITION gives ELEVATION and the "sheep" probe no deeper. But perhaps you and I