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"FLEECE BY A CULT" Thanks for the analogy!!

"THEY REDUCED THE ASPIRANT TO WORDLESSNESS BY ATTACKING EVERYTHING HE SAID"

It happened to my teacher but she "happened" to be at the point where this was the decisive factor. Hence ... me! Hence ... your letter to me!!

But suppose the aspirant says (to himself) -- I will go & have lunch and a glass of wine with my girl friend and listen to Saint-Saens Violin Concerto No 3 or Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto No 2 or Scriabin's (only) Piano Concerto or Dvorak's "Four Romantic Pieces" --- or something of Paganini or a later Beethoven quartet?

What is he "saying" in all this? Nothing, only experiencing.

Suppose it was the other way:

"THEY TEMPTED THE ASPIRANT TO UNENDING LOQUACITY BY JUDICIOUS PRAISE AND THE INTRODUCTION OF EXCITING AND CONTROVERSIAL TOPICS."

What was done? What was decided? Who cares now?

I CONCLUDE YOU TO BE EITHER A LIAR OR A WELL-NIGH [⊕] INCOMPREHENSIBLE MAN SINCE YOU DO NOT APPEAR DERANGED (Oh boy! How rude I could get to little Richard! But down kids!)

⊕ The point is of course that you are still using "comprehend" or "understand intellectually". Actually to you I am not "well-nigh" but "completely" incomprehensible & it is this we must face and conquer as it has always been conquered. (Luke 18, 27 "Who then can be saved (metanoia = "changed")?")

ARE THERE ANY WHO BECOME IMMORTAL?

Unclear: All "bodies" decay some day (my self-indulgent friend) & unless you believe Elijah, Enoch, Mary & Jesus "ascended" taking their body with them. ... Does "immortal" mean "last for unending time"? If that is what you mean then your mind (which is responsible for putting a time sequence into events) must survive unendingly. Since I have not (a) contacted any dead relatives or friends .. (b) lived until the year ∞ AD = "infinity AD" which is a long, long way away yet, it would be unscientific of me to answer you. Maybe in 19,610,000,000,000,000 ... (!) Richard Rose now reduced only to his mind will say to me (in a similar position) "Do you remember our discussions?" except