

But we really fear to go on with this & so we just go on arguing. First we say, what are the techniques? Well in a way the same as for "self-consciousness" i.e. using the language & observation of the guru (who is "adult" compared with you). But there is obviously more than that. We must exceed the "self"-concept, not remove it because it is the essence of a human-being, but we must surrender it so that the Self can come in. This we cannot usually do by ourselves.

Consider the other side of the question!

The guru is willing to give all his time & best efforts to help the student without hope of reward or even thanks. He expects every kind of ingratitude, slippery business, --- and grey hairs. He expects the student to argue, argue indefinitely even though that produces no experiences. He finds the student wants to direct the procedure to some extent, to know all the methods, what is being done & so forth (even if it makes it impossible to help him to realization!). He finds the student is an "Indian-receiver" criticizing every thing in great detail & wanting everything done as comfortably as possible until finally his guru gently takes him in a plush-lined wheelbarrow & dumps him in the Seventh Heaven, which he goggles at with a furred tongue and a lackadaisical eye --- Or perhaps he has a push-button mechanism installed ---

After all with so many advertisers & sects competing for him should he not get a bit choosy?

The guru is sympathetic & not sadistic by nature, indeed he knows what is going on (& alas - what will go on) & so he does his best. But the One stays away ---

"You can fool the guru (perhaps), bully the guru, placate the guru, bamboozle him --- but apparently not the One Self. Oh well, very annoying, try again."

("How does the One penetrate my insincerity?" Not too difficult is it?)

113. Sometimes the student plays a game like those geniuses who cannot look after themselves. So for the sake of their genius a bunch of people (maybe several women) must feed them, clothe them, corral them, get them out of scrapes, look after their health, & so on in face of all discouragements & even in face of blank ignorant ingratitudes. So the student says I disbelieve you and everything but it is your job to save me. So ahead! But there is a catch in this something the student doesn't realize.

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Friend,
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"I will not overlook with haste anyone who claims to be able to attain this knowledge." That's white of you pardner. (But oh what a temptation to say the obvious!

!!! Caution observable !!!
What ever will become of you?
No. Do have attained it.