

his impulses for domination & so forth. The reason is of course that he has been through the mill himself & has had that knocked out of him - it is the very ego-domination we are discussing. Thus you must only work with an "awakened" person.

Now the Zen Masters are "guaranteed" so to say each by their own Master all the way back to the "Buddha" Gotama (via Hui-neng & Bodhidharma). I accept this, although I do not know the precise nature of their saviors. There is one Master in New York - Meira roshi - but one has first to become a Buddhist properly & then to "work" with him personally. There is NO easy way, no "royal road".

I myself wish to help everybody but it is no use "casting pearls before swine, AS THEY WILL TURN AND REND YOU." I try to reach those who are ready & "accessible" to this "work", but at present I have few correspondents & some of those will I think drop away.

So what is of the greatest value in the whole universe IS NOT DESIRED. Jesus said he "found all men ASLEEP." He might have added - "and they resist being awakened."

I myself recognized the extreme value of this "work", and was very fortunate in finding a brave teacher. I was as obstinate & "smart alecky" as you and for a little coconut I talked very BIG, as do you.

Now you can buy paper backs & other books that have all sorts of fascinating & glittering insights & marvels, you can meet remarkable & interesting people, have many more or less good "friends", have interesting hobbies and professions or avocation, join various societies & organizations, but I doubt very much if this will ultimately satisfy you or content your restlessness. If it does, well and good.

People wish to sit on their fannies and languidly toy with some doctrine or other. Their contribution in time & attention is the minimum. A push-button system or a pill is their ideal. Sacrifice is not even contemplated but IT IS THE ONLY WAY. There is a price-tag on everything & to get all you must give all; for less you only get a substitute.

My position is a difficult one. I cannot look for students or persuade them because I cannot debase or debase this great thing by huckstering & advertising methods, BUT I do wish to meet those who earnestly