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"SHALL I GIVE YOU HONESTY WHILE YOU TOY WITH EVASIVENESS?"


To "toy with evasiveness" implies a degree of conscious deception. Now this might be some technique of "working" & so I might be entitled to it in view of the greater good. However I have not done any such thing & the trouble lies in the fact that there is indeed no way whatever of "conveying" the experience.


A good thing!

Why?

Because anything "explainable" would be liable to counterattack in WORDS & fortunately this is "experience" (as real as a color or a sound) & so standing on its own feet & not verbalizable.

I am NOT "trying to verbalize something".

The meter I would observe  is NOT "degree of understanding or learning" but something between the lines which is my real concern.

Until that goes round  the rule is KEEP TALKING, even recite "Mary had a little lamb" (& in letters "keep writing") since blank sheets of paper are not enough.

My words "housebroken" & so forth are not mere abuse, but if you will observe refer to fundamental changes in a person, maturity, softening up, humanity etc --

Take an underprivileged kid & try to explain why he mustn't spit on the carpet & at first he will say "what the hell does it matter?" Later things may seem different - but so will the kid be.

And if you don't change then look out!
Something there is that plays ROUGH.

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"I WAITED A WHILE TO SEE IF YOU WERE DOING SOMETHING FOR EFFECT (SHOCKS & GIMMICKS AS IN ZEN)".

Such kind cooperation should be appreciated but don't. The surgeon has the advantage of an unconscious patient. I want a natural one, not two beady eyes looking out for "techniques" - which they won't find.