

At heart you are only a miracle-monger!
The truth is not in that side of things
- but nobody ever believes the warnings.

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Dear Dick,

There really IS a "way" you know & you are on it, but at an early stage.

Sorry you doubt my depth (!!). So many of my students have recognized right away that I was 100 proof, 24 carat, the real McCoy!! I was surprised because there is no proof, but it wasn't real surprise because I understand the phenomenon.

If you want to know how someone "feels" toward you ask yourself how you feel about them. Action & reaction, says Sir Isaac Newton, are equal & opposite (& so far this law has held)

Feelings are funny things. So is friendship & love - defying reason - and since this matter we are dealing with is akin to both friendship & love ("one thing" anyway) it also defies reason - but not feeling.

(Granted that one may be wrong once in a while - but after I have known a person a while there is no such possibility. For example Brunton, Surodjiff, Cagliostro, Nostradamus, --- all remarkable men, but I have only met one of them, Brunton, & that only twice, not enough to judge because I was then a seeker, in a highly emotional state, and a student myself. What about D.T. Suzuki, Sri Aurobindo? I met Suzuki twice I am very suspicious here because they turned out such a big volume of words & theories. Zen Masters do not do that!

Who would I regard as "awakened"? I think Krishnamurti, whom I have met, and the Maharshi, who has a down-to-earth common sense & is reasonably brief & to the point.)

(Plus thousands of unknowns!)

POSSIBLE
EXPLANATION
WHY SOME
MEN APPEAR
SO WISE

Zen?

Maybe I should say that there is an "intellectual" sort of "awakening" which produces a similar understanding & lasts through life, which lacks SIMULTANEOUS direct contact and ability to experiment with (!!)

"Mystical experience" is unconscious or only partly conscious (& leaves ego untouched!). The need is to have this wonderful but evasive and non-evidential thing SPREAD OUT FOR EXAMINATION IN THE FULLY CONSCIOUS MIND - the one you use in your sceptical way (& believe me I am far more 'sceptical' than you will ever be - being a mathematician & ex-public-accountant)