

1. "THANKLESS"
TASK

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Obviously it is a thankless task. He does not, I assume you, enjoy his role in life but, like a surgeon, he has a job to do. The results are beyond glory & beyond all imagination & any little temporary inconvenience is negligible or should be.

KICKING THE
SURGEON

But it is surprising how the slightest touch on our ego (& now that includes mine too of course) makes us flare up, get resentful & so forth. We assume there is, AS IS USUAL IN THIS WORLD, no love behind the barbed insult but forget that IN THE CASE OF THE GURU (and MY GURU TOO!) there is all the love in the world.

We mix up quarrelling & nagging (so familiar in marital life & daily life) with the guru's technique.

FIND ANOTHER
WE OR DROP
THE WHOLE
MISERABLE
BUSINESS

Now the poor guru doesn't want to keep up this stream of unreasonable invective but it is the only way if results are to be achieved (ego must be desensitized). So if the pupil screeches loudly enough the guru happily (*) gives up the whole horrible business & is only too glad (*) to get back on a mutually agreeable basis, where friends (as the world understands that word) can interchange pleasant discussions about ultimate problems.

(*) sadness ^{too} because another person has failed to see what was being aimed at, i.e. has "missed the mark")

WAKE UP
OUR MIND

If you regard the whole business as being nonsensical and leading nowhere, & you are entitled to your point of view, then obviously the so-called guru is merely a disagreeable old bastard having a crude kind of fun with the poor student. From your point of view this is how I spend my life. Naturally from my point of view I think you have a caricature, because I can actually point to at least 70% of successes where the student was too grateful for any words & fully understood the means it was necessary to use to bring him or her to a realization.