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SELECTING A GUIDE

So if silent knowledge is an opportunity to home school myself (ourselves) then what characteristics should I look for in myself to reflect the highest possible guidance? Today, from my ever-changing corner of the Illusion it looks like this:

I must endeavor to live the principles that are reflective of what I am teaching. This is a private matter for the honing of my own integrity. It is not based on another's point of view. It is also necessary for my work as a guide, for how could I imagine helping others if I have not had the experience of deeply helping myself.

I must endeavor to know my worth as a reflection of The One, and not assign responsibility for my value to be affirmed or negated anywhere within the many levels of reality that characterize the illusion. I therefore must not give my power away or seek outside of my self for that which will make me whole. I must believe these things in every moment so I may hold the highest reflection for others who cannot yet hold it for themselves and who, as a reflection of a long time habit, will go against themselves by mistakenly trying to give their power to me.



I must endeavor to see and recognize "what is" regardless of the judgment that may arise from taking the blinders off of my eyes. If I am unwilling to see clearly I run the risk of continuing through life praising the illusion's presentation of the emperor's new clothes. Judgment can be healed only if blindness is brought to light. I can only assist others if I am able to move past my judgments and opinions of my life story and theirs.

I must endeavor to know myself at the deepest levels and deeper still to reveal the lie that persists in my blind spot. If I don't push past the place of my inertia I may experience a life out of control; the delusion of power and the challenges of the baseness of human existence. I must study these obstacles as carefully as I do love, as they will provide the greatest challenges to my spiritual healing. Without charting a route past the extraordinary obstacles, how can I hope to lead others beyond them?

I must endeavor to face my self-deception and give up the need to be right, safe and justify my position. Of course I have given these things up many, many times, but the mind is so clever, it now uses my spiritual practice to justify everything to prove whatever point it wishes. This is particularly challenging, as there is a whole and disturbed side to virtually every identical action. I must help others to understand they are safe for they will live forever, that being right has never brought anyone true happiness and the only thing worth justifying is the unwavering desire to know self as divine.



I must endeavor to maintain a state of self-love. Facts don't heal the spirit, advice doesn't, the action of love does. My only real job duty is to reflect the perfection of others and show them they are lovable until they can do it for them self. I must not make them dependant on me for the reflection of their birthright. I must not weaken them further; in fact I must assist them to learn to stand-alone from the onset of our association. It is important for me to remember that the beloveds seeking guidance are really asking me to give them hope and show them they are lovable but to keep them tied to me is to dishonor their divinity and bind me to my own fears of inadequacy.

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I must endeavor to give up my thrall with non-ordinary reality. I do not have an undisputable reference for what is appropriate, safe and of the absolute highest reflection so I will not use it to entice others who have put their trust in me to safely guide them through the obstacles of this waking dream. The astral plane, like any other aspect outside of my self, is not a closer connection to God. Pouring love through my own soul is.

I will endeavor to remember in every moment that I am the same aspect of the One Living Being as others and I can therefore not be better or less than any other aspect no matter what waters I may learn to walk upon. I cannot establish hierarchy with others and expect that they will come to know themselves as perfected beings. I will have to give up the illusion of power (I could have) to do this successfully. I must support their direct connection to the Divine without placing myself in the middle.

I must endeavor to predictably make the highest choices in the situations life offers. With great humility I must show others their choices, not make the choices for them.



I must endeavor to see the highest reflection of myself regardless of where my personality witnesses the level of my unfolding when I stumble. As a guide, I assist others to view the underbelly of his or her own mind. It is essential that I reflect the perfection of their true nature and not let them drown in the self-pity that arises when they see the extent of the lie of their imperfection.

I must endeavor to reflect and honor that we ALL have sacred purpose here and our mystical journey is represented by the idea that there exists a here-to-fore unclaimed aspect of our spirit that needs care and attention. I must hold compassion for myself and others, as I know this reconciliation must be done in the face of unfathomable obstacles carried forth by the illusion. In fact, the Angels and demons are both pushing me (and others) in the same direction so there is no hope for avoiding the fall. Knowing this I remember that what I call pain is not only the nefarious work of the lesser gods hoping to paralyze me in fear; but also the efforts of the most wondrous Angels tearing apart the illusion of my fearful false beliefs so I may know the truth and awaken.

I must endeavor to set guideposts that are not subjective. To set standards that could equally guide others and myself necessitates a standard that all can witness similarly. Self-mastery is difficult enough without adding any more subjective criteria or non- purposeful mythology.



I must endeavor not to place myself or others in a box. I cannot be described-or describe myself or others- with any limitation, not by a title or role and not by any human's definition of a spiritual being. Nor can I confine my knowing to any mythology. I avow that I and others can only emerge from the still point of the One Living Being that we call Spirit and, that it is through this point of light that we discover the unified vantage point from which we can unquestionably know our magnificence; as love, as Divine.

I hope this helps...

Love,

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