



I wrote this in FB after seeing the pic :

I truly feel blessed to have come in close contact with UG who hastened my Journey (which is said to be without distance by @acim) towards Oneness. Each encounter with UG has healed some aspect of illusory beliefs in me. These beliefs were brought to the fore in his presence (he was like a catalytic agent) for me to look at it all without judgement. All this is not accidental in my view but a concourse of arrangement when we perhaps separated from our Source.

UG was categorical in his denial of leading the flock or Gurudom. Thus he treated us with a sense of equality and gave us equal status as himself

UG's ultimate lesson to me was that I can make him my article of belief , faith and hope and thus inflict upon myself " him" as the stumbling block.

His attitude signified the saying of an author "if you meet a Buddha on your way kill him not physically but " meaning "don't make him a stumbling block". But the style in which he conveyed his message was bad enough and the way he said it all was worse with his own stock of four letter words. Yet most of the time I didn't find it offensive. The day he used a four letter word for you one felt baptized. Any one else had done that ... well I was ready to get into the ring.

I loved it when he said, "Throw away all your crutches I guarantee you that you will walk". I loved this statement and feel it as a reflection, I am sure , of every being that yearns for freedom without any strings attached.

Such a freedom cannot be given as a gift by anyone as it is my natural inheritance. It is not a dole. Masters and Teachers are beings who have been there where we are and have been but have awakened to their natural inheritance and therefore help us to awaken to our own inheritance. They don't demand gratitude but gratitude arises in our heart for their nudge and help.

He was very harsh against the gurus. He compared them to the worst possible things in societal terms. He hated Holy business of any kind. Yet I firmly believe that he didn't condemn them all per se. He wanted us to shake off our faith in their message in which we have falsely invested with faith but is actually a stumbling block beyond a certain point that prevents the natural arising of our "inner being"

His last words to me were "the greatest tribute that you can pay to me is that ... if there is some way that you, Franky boy, can make a bonfire of every word, trace or vestige of me (UG) and burn all that to ashes and never to rise again ... well that's the best tribute that is possible".

I am still carrying a sword in my mind and walking around to chop off my unfounded faith in Gurus. And if I am not able still to chop off everything that UG has said, it is not because of my supreme Love for UG which I used to pretend to have but because of my own fear of ONENESS or natural state as he called it; for it results in my own dissolution. It is the fear of a river entering the ocean as Khalil Gibran says.

Masters, beliefs and books are hooks we like to hang our own little self that craves for its own continuity and helps us to avoid our natural state and keep us going.

Thank you UG! You have done your job and let me do mine. Let me bless myself and take the leap. I also realize that it's a decision that I must take willingly and for which the mighty help of all masters is given and is readily available. One Guru is not bigger than the other. We must only decide to wear the shoe that fits us. No amount of intellectual gymnastics and study of comparative religions and masters is going to do it. It's just a rung, lowest indeed, on the ladder of awakening from the illusion. Love to everyone 🙏🌸💖

I recall here a quote from ACIM which says

"Simply do this:

Be still,

and lay aside all thoughts of what you are and what God is;

all concepts you have learned about the world;

all images you hold about yourself.

Empty your mind of everything it thinks is either true or false, or good or bad,

of every thought it judges worthy,

and all the ideas of which it is ashamed.

Hold onto nothing.

Do not bring with you one thought the past has taught, nor one belief you ever learned before from anything.

Forget this world, forget this Course, and come with wholly empty hands unto your God.
(acim W-189.7:1-5)

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