

Guru

(Excerpt taken from the chapter The Guru in Reality at Dawn from The Basic Writings of Sri Ramchandra)

- Revered Babuji Maharaj

Really the position of Guru is very strange. If he feels himself as a Master and hence far above his associates, it will be an Ahankar of the worst type in a Guru. It is really the lookout of the disciple to devote himself to the service of his Guru with love and devotion and not the right or privilege of the Guru to demand it. I am reminded of an instance. A simpleton once approached one of such prevalent type of Gurus and offered to become his disciple. The Guru, delighted at the prospect of one more addition to his fold of Gurudom, began to teach him the duties of a disciple. "You should," he said, "be in complete submission to your Guru, attending all the time to his personal needs and services. You should prostrate before him every morning and evening and go to bed after the Guru is asleep and get up before he wakes." The poor fellow finding himself incapable of doing all this innocently questioned: "What will be the result if I failed to act in strict accordance?" "You will be turned out and doomed" was the firm reply. "Then, Sir," he added politely, "It shall be very kind of you, if you accept me as a Guru". We often come across instances of jealousies and frictions between a Guru and his disciple.

What is all this due to? It is only on account of selfish interest or personal gain. A Guru must, therefore, necessarily be quite devoid of any personal motive or selfish interest. He must be totally free from all feelings of pride or greatness. He must be a selfless man and a true servant of humanity at large, teaching people out of pure love without any ulterior selfish motive of name, fame or money. He must have his access up to the farthest possible limit and must have the power of Yogic transmission. Such a man we must seek for, as our guide if we want complete success. It is better to remain without a Guru all the life than to submit to the guidance of an unworthy Guru.