

The Great Toilet Teacher

A Dummies Guide to Becoming a Guru



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There are many great Gurus and the Toilet Teacher is among the cleverest.

You go to the Toilet teacher and ask, "How do I flush a toilet?" The Toilet Teacher mysteriously says, "When the water goes down, the toilet is flushed." In a thousand ways he says the same thing, talking in circles, but never answers the original question, "How do I flush the toilet?"

Just so, the student says, "How do I get enlightened?" And the guru says, "When the mind stops, you are enlightened." And this is false. When the mind stops, you are dead! But the silly guru talks mystically and pretends you have to do his silly meditations before you can understand. And what is his meditation? You use the mind to stop the mind. Basically, the guru doesn't know how to stop the mind, but he has a business to run, so he speaks as an authority, and attracts believers and followers who repeat the slogans.

And the guru says, "When you experience

Emptiness, you are enlightened." And how do you experience emptiness? You need to do his technique and empty the mind of all things! Well when you examine his method, you see that the mind is supposed to empty itself. It is another version of the toilet teachings, "when the water goes down, the toilet is flushed". But, I just wanted to know how to flush the toilet! Don't tell me "when the water goes down, the toilet is flushed." I already know that. If you don't know How to flush a toilet, just tell me, so I can move on and find someone who knows how to flush a toilet.

So you should know how the Toilet Teachers deceive you, by filling you with meaningless inspiration, and never telling you HOW to flush the toilet. They keep talking in circles and never explain anything, but eventually you start repeating the slogans, and forget your original question, which was, "How do I flush the toilet." The truth is that they have no idea how to flush a toilet, but they don't want to say they don't know how, and just keep talking in circles. When you

read what the Toilet Teachers say in their books and speeches, you will see their words continually have this style. I am currently looking at a 67 page booklet, which is basically a repetition of the Toilet Teacher talk using every known Buddhist word. When you read the great books, look at what they are saying. They are just talking in circles, and sounding wise, but they can't show you how to flush the toilet.

Here is the Toilet Teacher's great secret. Since they don't know HOW, that can't tell you how, so they must speak mysteriously and act as if they know some secret. The key trick is to start your wise statements with "WHEN" or "IF". WHEN X, then Y. If X, then Y. Replace "X" and "Y" with some spiritual goal. For instance, WHEN "the mind stops" (X), then "enlightenment happens" (Y), or WHEN "enlightenment happens", the "mind stops". It sounds wonderful to the ears, and sounds like you have some wisdom. Try it out on your friends and see how powerful it is. They will think you have become wise indeed!

Here are 20 lines from the Toilet Teacher who wrote this booklet:

WHEN or IF "X", ...THEN

the mind stops	you are enlightened
no attachment	no suffering
stop clinging	end suffering (Dukkha)
end "I" and "mine"	True Insight
True Insight	no "I" and "Mine"
see Emptiness	see Buddha
no ego	see Emptiness
no egoism	have Nirvana (Nibbana)
have desire	have suffering
stop sense craving	become Arhat(Arahant)
no self	no suffering; Nirvana
live rightly	be Arhat; no suffering
end delusion	end suffering
end craving	Emptiness, Nirvana

no thought	no suffering
no illusions	no suffering
have understanding	no illusion
have knowledge	get freedom
realization	timeless emptiness
see emptiness	no death

It is like a Chinese menu. You take one from column A, and take one from column B, and you have a Toilet Teachers wisdom. You can take a Buddhist dictionary and create your own inspirational slogans to repeat. If you want to be a guru, speak as if you know all this to be true. It is that simple.

The problem comes if someone says, but I still want to know how to get enlightened? Then the Toilet Teacher can only go on repeating the meaningless slogans like those above. "Have no Illusions, and then you will have no suffering". How do I have no illusion? "To have no illusion,

you must have understanding." How do I have understanding? "You need to end the "I" and "mine". How do I end the "I" and "Mine"? "True Insight ends the "I" and "Mine".

Do you see how the game works? One from column A, one from column B, and you have become a wise Buddhist in most people's eyes. But in my eyes, and hopefully your eyes in the future, you will be able to spot this phony intellectual nonsense and laugh at the silliness.

You came because you wanted to know how to flush a toilet, but you still don't know how to flush a toilet, and you have been listening to and venerating the Toilet Teacher for a long time. Now you can even talk like the Toilet Teacher, but you can't flush a toilet. Seriously, didn't you originally come because you wanted to know how to flush a toilet?

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