

# Be Ready to Learn

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Rajneesh, also known as Acharya Rajneesh, later known as Osho

- Born: December 11, 1931, India
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- Osho is a spiritual master/ philosopher. He delivered messages of meditation, awareness, love, celebration, courage and creativity. His philosophical ideas have spread around the world.

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The word Discipline comes from disciple which means a person who is ready to learn. Discipline is a process of being ready to learn.

The knowledgeable person is not ready to learn because he thinks he knows every thing and he no longer needs to learn. His knowledge is nourishment for his ego. He cannot be a disciple, he cannot be in true discipline.

- Socrates says: “I know only one thing, that I know nothing”- that is the beginning of discipline. Out of ignorance ( or the sense of ignorance) a great longing arises to inquire, explore and investigate.
- Sense of knowledge prevents further learning.
- The ignorance is luminous. To be in the state of luminous is one of the most beautiful experiences in existence. In this state you are open, there is no barrier, you are ready to explore.

- Discipline is misinterpreted. It is associated with thousands of shoulds and should nots. This type of misconception about discipline makes a person a prisoner.
- Your discipline has to come from your own heart. When somebody else gives you the discipline, it can never fit you, it will be like wearing somebody else's clothes.
- Whenever you borrow discipline, you start living according to set principles, dead principles, life is not dead, life is constantly changing.

- Mohammed gave his discipline to Mohammedans, Buddha gave to the Buddhists, Manu gave to the Hindus, Moses gave to the Jews, Adinatha gave to Jains. All these disciplines are outdated.

- Heraclitus: You cannot step in the same river twice. You cannot step in the same river even once.
- One has to respond to the situation according to the moment, not according to any ready made answers given by others.
- The discipline given by our Gurus five thousand years ago is out of date. If we are carrying it today, it is like carrying corpses which are stinking.



- Things change from moment to moment. One thing may be right this moment and wrong the next moment. Don't be consistent, only dead people are consistent. Try to be alive, live each moment without any reference to the past and without reference to the future.