

- You have to fight with your anger, your sex, your greed, because you are weak. So really, anger, greed and sex are not the problems, weakness is the problem. Once you begin to be stronger inside, with a feeling of inner presence — that you are — your energies become concentrated, crystallized on a single point, and a self is born. Remember, not an ego but a self is born. Ego is a false sense of self. Without having any self you go on believing that you have a self — that is ego. Ego means a false self — you are not a self, still you believe that you are a self.

### A Story (Deep)

- Maulungputra, a seeker of truth, came to Buddha. Buddha asked him, "What are you seeking?"

Maulungputra said, "I am seeking my self. Help me!"

Buddha asked him to promise that he would do whatsoever was suggested. Maulungputra began to weep and said, "How can I promise? I am not — I am not yet, how can I promise? I do not know what I am going to be tomorrow; I do not have any self that can promise, so do not ask the impossible. I will try. I can say this much at the most — I will try. But I cannot say that whatsoever you say I will do, because who will do it? I am seeking that which can promise and can fulfill a promise. I am not yet." Sunday 17

Buddha said, "Maulungputra, I asked you that question to hear this. If you had promised, I would have turned you out. Had you said, 'I promise that I will do it,' then I would have known that you are not really ~~not~~ a seeker for the self, because a seeker must know that he is not yet. Otherwise, what is the purpose of seeking? If you are already, there is no need. You are not! And if one can feel this, then the ego evaporates."