

**e genkaku said...**

Can you imagine traveling to a distant land with a benevolent purpose in mind and then living there for 50 years without bothering to learn the temperament or customs or heart-felt needs of the natives. Can you imagine maintaining and elevating the customs and attitudes of the world you had left at the expense of those who currently supported and fed you? And when you looked back, 50 years later, would you be surprised if your initial benevolent intent were twisted beyond all recognition and those you had set out to assist turned on you with a well-founded ingratitude and worse ... and you were forced to rely on the praises of crippled sycophants?

Fifty years and the legacy of benevolence turned to dust...which you continued to excuse and defend and prop up as distinguished. What a strange thing.

Not to wave goodie-two-shoes wands, but Shakyamuni Buddha traveled far and wide for 35 years, teaching people of all backgrounds and needs. He did not, as far as I know, treat any with disdain. He simply taught what was benevolent and did not shy from what was malevolent. I imagine he pissed some people off, but that is the nature of being alive. Still, his legacy remains a nourishing spring. His benevolent intent was not lost and there was no need to defend or elevate or manipulate it.

How very odd to sell your capacities short as a means of gaining stature and accolade.

Just noodling.

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