

Difference between a Great Person, a Saint, a Philosopher and an Ordinary Person

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Do you know what distinguishes great men and women, saints and philosophers from ordinary people?

First of all, a truly great person, as the very word suggests, is a person who has left behind some great work in history. These are exceptionally gifted individuals who the common people usually admire. Sometimes, because their works are so magnificent, people tend to overlook the problem areas in their life. Saints, just as the word implies, refers to people who are so pure and virtuous that their personal life almost seems nonexistent because of their impeccable way of life and lack of shadowy areas. While their outlook tends to be on the narrow side, their sincere convictions and dedicated actions match up perfectly.

In contrast to the above type of individuals, philosophers are people who seek to understand the all pervasive law operating in the universe. Often philosophers think of nothing else, and show no interest even in personal loss and gain. They are far removed from the reasoning and common sense of the world. They are people who tend to lead a life of abstraction who seem to prefer this type of detachment. This aspect of philosophers is similar to some great individuals and sages, and since philosophers have a way of being objective and to transcend their personal desires and ambitions, quite often they fail to be understood by their own contemporaries, and often they are not accepted in their society. Since people see them as lacking in the human qualities which make people feel sympathy, they are regarded as abnormal and eccentric, and become estranged from the world of men.

For ordinary people, conforming with social conventions and leading a comfortable life, is the object and aim of all their

activity. Thus they only accept those things which can be judged as being worthwhile in their value system. About the only kind of person they are able to understand out of the three types discussed above is a saint who measures up to all standards of virtue and reason, and who possesses mental powers which far surpass the level of ordinary human beings. Great persons, or gifted persons, as well as philosophers lie outside of the limits of comprehension for the ordinary person.

All religionists seek therefore to become like saints, and society tends to look for this in religious leaders. The people wish to see signs of such holiness in the Celestial Realm and the various deities they worship. In this respect, it may be hard for some people to understand the behavior of those of us in the Celestial Realm up until this time, and to relate to our teachings which hold that even God and deities have a personality. This must be because there are, or there seem to be, individuals in the Celestial Realm who do not fit the description of a holy or noble figure. Also it may be perplexing that God understands and communicates with such seemingly ordinary individuals.

Considering the four types of exceptional individuals mentioned above, each with different ways of life, what do you think happens when these types are understood in the framework of the True Law, or the teachings of Heaven? To really become a follower of the True Law, or a member of the Celestial Realm of which we speak, one must possess the qualities of all four of these types. Your ultimate goal should be to become a wise person, and further you must possess all the qualities in your character of being gifted, holy and noble, while also staying an ordinary person without becoming excessive in any one quality. This is a most difficult thing to achieve, but this is just what is meant by a spirit which continues to evolve without ever coming to a stop.

Of course, there are limits to people's intellectual power, as

well as great variation in talent, so it is unwise to always be overconfident that you can become such a talented or great person. The primary conditions for being a wise person is to know one's own abilities and limitations and to always remain humble.

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