To my future students: How shall we spend our time together?

If you must spend your time testing me out, figuring me out, trying to out-guess me, I shall be very sad and disappointed in both of us. I will try to let you know where I stand. But please, I've long been of another way and may forget. Remind me. Raise your hands, bodies, whatever must be raised and remind me.

I will not test you or judge you on facts and trivia. I will not judge your talent as a parrot or as a mirror. But if I forget and try, remind me.

I will try to be responsive to your needs, your interests, to you. But if I'm insensitive to your needs or don't see how you feel, remind me. Tell me. Let me know.

If you need freedom to explore when I want to tell you details, tell me. If you need discipline and methodology to go forth, to flow with the energy of your curiosity, tell me. Sometimes I will know, but when I don't, teach me.

If you have been accustomed to being fed material through lectures, tested, then graded, this will be a new experience for you. An adventure. If you choose to participate, you may be anxious, scared. It is the unknown. A place we've never been. I've never been there either, for with you, it will be different, unique.

I'm excited to begin. To get to know you. To learn. How shall we spend our time together?

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