



## #78 *The First Student*



*A young man wanted to grow and develop. If you asked why he wanted to change, he often turned the question back on you, saying “You don’t want to stay like you are, today! Do you?” As far as he was concerned, growth was somewhat akin to gratitude. He figured if he was grateful, he was growing. If you asked him what he was grateful for, he would say, “Whatever.”*

*He would say, “I want to appreciate everything I have a relationship with.” But he formed a relationship with everyone and everything he met. That is how he came to be grateful for ‘whatever’.*

*One day a stranger walked up to him. The young man formed a relationship with the stranger. Then he appreciated her and told the stranger that she had just changed his life. In that moment, the stranger became his first student.*

### ***The Student's Syllogism***

*Until the student opens, there is no learning.*

*But, there is no opening, unless there is relationship.*

*But, there is no relationship, unless there is appreciation.*

*But, there is no appreciation, unless there is growth.*

*But, if there is growth, then one must be grateful.*

*Therefore, when thanks are given to the student,  
it must be that you are a teacher.*

***WE ALL WANT GRATITUDE***