

## **RENUNCIATION IS GROWTH!**

Austerity and asceticism in the sense of renouncing our desires and attachment by exercising our will, is most likely to fail. Because we are using our will to repress our desires and waging a war against ourselves. If we are full of sexual desire and try to suppress it with an act of will, this repression would recoil on us in some other undesirable way. It may give rise to some psychological aberration. IN FACT, IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO RENOUNCE ANYTHING!

Renunciation automatically happens when there is inner growth. When we attach ourselves to a higher dimension, then lower obsessions and attractions automatically fall off. We do not require a supreme effort of will for that. Because now we are interested in something higher.

Do you remember the last scene of the movie "The Jungle Book?" Mowgli, the man cub who was so involved with the animals of the forest, especially with Bhaloo the Bear and Bagheera the Panther, when he approaches the edge of the forest and hears a cute village belle singing and sees her fetching water, he walks towards her in a daze as if hypnotized and follows her into the human village hardly giving a second thought to his animal friends! Why? Because now he had risen above his animality and discovered his humanity.

In our childhood we were so possessive about our toys and playthings. Where have they gone? Are we still clinging to them? No, they have naturally dropped away because we have grown up. It's another matter however, that we are now possessive about another set of toys!!! (Money, cars, property, position etc.) The day we grow inwardly to the next level, our grip on these too would loosen. The great teachers of mankind were not renouncers of the world; they were evolved beings. If they had truly renounced the world, they

wouldn't have bothered to teach us; to those who are still trapped in ignorance. THERE'S NOTHING CALLED RENUNCIATION; THERE IS ONLY GROWTH. Or escape in the name of Renunciation.