

IS IT OK TO KILL PESTS LIKE INSECTS AND RODENTS



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Ishwar Puri Ji: "I would destroy those bugs that come into my room and don't let me sleep ..or meditate [etc]..When you move..you're killing a lot of them. On the foot you just trampled. You don't see them. Millions of microbes etc you can see under a microscope. If you can avoid it, don't kill [animals except in self-defense if they are threatening your life]..The point is you cannot live without killing!..The whole universe is based on one killing the other. We don't want to make fads of this. Become another sect..cult..Use common sense."

Charan Singh Ji: "We have to live in this world while we are here and in this world. Life subsists on life. It is impossible to move or think or even breathe without making karma. Do your Bhajan and Simran with love and devotion (Bhakti) and get out of this mess."(The Master Answers)

The Sant Mat Masters also say that the degree of sentience is important to consider when extinguishing life. A banana is less aware than a cow, so there is less karma created. Avoid wanton cruelty and if possible, use repellents. But I think we can assume that self-defense, self- preservation is justifiable. So e.g. if poisonous snakes or spiders or rodents and insects that spread disease like flies, mosquitoes etc enter our home, it is OK to kill them.