

STORY OF TWO MONKS

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That story reminds me of the story of the two monks ...

FROM A TALK GIVEN BY ISHWAR JI IN 2010

We have heard the story of two monks, a young monk and a senior, a big one, trying to cross a river. A woman was sitting on the bank of the river wondering, how will I go over this river? The young monk says, "Ma'am, I'll carry you. Sit on my shoulders." He took the woman on his shoulders and left her on the other side.

The two monks walked many miles. The senior monk says, after many miles, he says, "Young man, young monk, you did something very wrong. In our monastic life, we are not supposed to touch a woman. You not only touched her, you carried her on your shoulders!" The young man said, "Senior monk, I remember now that I did pick up the woman and left her on the other side.

I left her, but you are still carrying her in your head now after so many miles!" That is what happened to the mind.

Pat Griffin, [19.08.16 15:32]

IS IT OK TO KILL 'PESTS' LIKE INSECTS AND RODENTS ?

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.