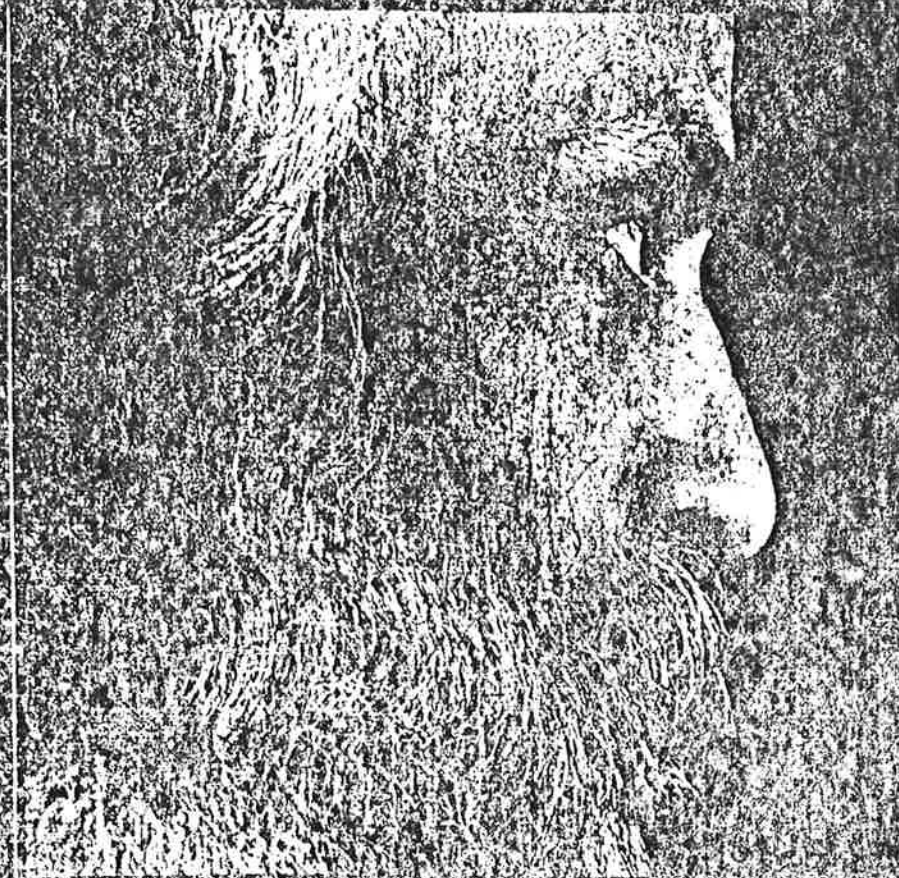


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go against it—that is not the point either. That is going to happen anyway: once you start to find yourself, all that has been before will be disrupted, there is going to be chaos. So what should you do? They will pull you back, they will try to bring you back, they will make every effort to do so. What should be done?

There are two ways: one is the old way which is to escape from them, not to give them any opportunity—but I think that is no longer applicable. The other is to be with them, but as an actor: don't give them the opportunity to know that you are moving beyond them. Move! Let that be your inner journey, but outwardly fulfill all formalities: touch the feet of your father and your mother and be a good actor.

The old way cannot be followed by many. That's why the earth could not become religious—because how many people can go out of society? And even if they go out of society, the society has to take care of them. When Buddha was here, or Mahavir, or Jesus, then thousands left their families. But still only thousands—millions were left behind and they had to take care of them. The whole earth cannot become religious if that is the only way, and it is not good either. It can be done in a more beautiful way, and that beautiful way is to be a good actor.

A *sannyasin* must be a good actor. By being a good actor I mean that you are not related at all, but you go on fulfilling the formalities. Deep down you are uprooted, but you don't even give a hint that you are uprooted. And what is the use of giving a hint? Because then they will start trying to change you. Don't give them any chance; let this be an inner journey and outwardly be completely formal. They will be happy then because they live in formalities. They live on the outside, they don't need your inner worship, they don't need your inner love—just the show is enough.

These are the two ways: one is that of Buddha and Jesus, the other is that of Janak and me. ~~Be wherever you are. Don't create any outward show that you are changing and becoming religious, because that can create trouble and you may not be strong enough right now. Create the conflict inside but don't create it outside. The inner conflict is more than enough; it will give you the growth, the maturity needed.~~