

Absorbed as a saint was, he was passing along a crowded street. Then by chance he trampled upon the foot of a wicked man. That ruffian became enraged and recklessly assaulted the holy man, until he fainted and fell down. He was forthwith carried to the Ashrama and tenderly nursed by his disciples. When he regained consciousness he was asked if he could recognize the one attending on him. "The hand that beat up this body is now nursing it", came the reply. The knower of Brahman distinguishes not the assaulter from the assaulted.

— Sri Ramakrishna

Rebirth of the Embodied — 22

वासांसि जीर्णानि यथा विहाय नवानि गृह्णाति नरोऽपराणि ।
नथा शरीराणि विहाय जीर्णान्यन्यानि संयाति नवानि देही ॥ २२

वासांसि जीर्णानि यथा विहाय नवानि गृह्णाति नरः अपराणि ।
तथा शरीराणि वि-हाय जीर्णानि अन्यानि सम-याति नवानि देही ॥

vāsāmsi jīrnāni yathā vihāya
navāni grhnāti naro 'parāni ।
tathā śarīrāni vihāya jīrnāny
anyāni samyāti navāni dehī ॥

वासांसि *vāsāmsi* clothes जीर्णानि *jīrnāni* worn out यथा *yathā* as विहाय *vihāya* having cast away नवानि *navāni* new गृह्णाति *grhnāti* takes नर *narah* man अपराणि *aparāni* others तथा *tathā* so शरीराणि *śarīrāni* bodies विहाय *vihāya* having cast away जीर्णानि *jīrnāni* worn out अन्यानि *anyāni* others संयाति *samyāti* enters नवानि *navāni* new देही *dehī* the embodied (one)

As a man casting off worn-out garments puts on new ones, so the embodied, casting off worn-out bodies enters into others that are new. 22

It is only after the procurement of new clothings that man rejects the old worn-out ones. The snake