

Beyond Desires

An intelligent and illuminated mind strives to attain absolute joy and peace. The worldly joy or desires never fascinate or interest him as he can see the impermanence of them. Someone established through non-worldly joy and peace could continue to see unwaveringly that ordinary worldly joys are unstable and changeable. An ordinary, not-so-illuminated man who says that the world is nothing but suffering would himself be suffering from great bitterness. But that bitterness would be instantly turned to joy if the cause is removed. Since the cause of bitterness is always unfulfilled desires, man would cease to be bitter if his desires are satisfied and he would accordingly cease to see the world as a place of suffering. An ordinary man thus always alternates between joy and suffering, between praising life for its beauty and condemning it for its ugliness, depending on whether his desires are satisfied or not. A wise illuminated man, on the other hand, is beyond desires, beyond relative joys and sorrows and he can experience a joy of an entirely different kind. He is beyond the pairs of opposites and thus his joy is not the peak of a wave that would be inevitably followed by its trough, but he is unalterable, indestructible, unborn, undying, eternal, and infinite. He is dispassionately observing an eternal truth beneath the joy and suffering of all of humanity and every other form of life. So he plunges ahead fearlessly, without being afraid of so-called sins. The concepts of our virtue and vices are tiny little drops compared to the great ocean like thoughts that the universal mind is immersed in. The force of eternal truths will flood and drift away all our concepts of virtue and vice. The perspective entirely differs from the viewpoint of the eternal Void which helps one to look at everything from a different angle. Every time the concept of virtue and vices gets quickly disintegrated and disappears fast in the viewpoint of the eternal void. Therefore, once we get molded in a different form and with a different mindset, we can realize and comprehend the inner meaning of such words.