

Restraint: A Symbol of Honour

It is frequently seen that a great number of people demand freedom. However, it is often considered as disgraceful act. Humans never enjoy full freedom, they have to maintain certain limits. In other words, humans do not enjoy a freedom as a fish do, because fish are created on different nature. Moreover, restraint is considered as more graceful even in lower creatures. Bees are given more importance than butterflies, because of the laws they follow. Hence, globally restraint has given more importance.

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You hear every day greater number of foolish people speaking about liberty; as if it were such an honourable thing. So far from being that, it is, on the whole and in broadest sense, dishonourable and an attitude of the lower creatures. No human being, however great and powerful, was ever so free as a fish. There is always something that he must not do, while the fish may do whatever it likes. All the kingdoms of the world put together are not half so large as the sea, and all the rail roads and wheels that ever were, or will be invented, are not so easy as fins. You will find, on fairly thinking of it, that it is his restraint which is more, it is restraint which is honourable even in the lower animals. A butterfly is more free than a bee, but you honour the bee more just because it is subject to certain laws which fit it for

orderly function in bee society. And throughout the world, of the two abstract things, liberty and restraint, restraint is always the more honourable.

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