

To tread the path of philosophy is to seek after truth and follow a way of life. Before a man sets out on the quest after truth, he must fulfil certain conditions. First, there must be discrimination between the real and the unreal. The statement means, not that a man must possess complete knowledge of absolute reality, which is attained only after long practice of meditation, but that he must unflinchingly subject the nature of things to a rigid analysis by discriminating between what is transitory and what is abiding or between what is true and what is false. The second condition is detachment from the selfish enjoyments of life. The aspirant must learn that the highest good is realised not through worldly pleasure, but

realised not through worldly pleasure, but through a continuous search for the infinite, the enduring joy. This ideal of renunciation must be realised by a gradual purification of the seeker's heart and mind. A third condition is that the student must acquire tranquility of mind, self-control, patience, poise, burning faith in things of the spirit and self-surrender. These are called the six treasures of life. The thirst for release is the fourth condition. Deliverance from spiritual darkness,

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Deliverance from spiritual darkness, entrance upon the path of illumination comes only through annihilation of the false ego. When the ego dies, all troubles cease says Sri Ramakrishna. Such a condition of being does not imply the loss of one's individuality but rather the attainment of a great individuality, for we can lose nothing that is real. Kalidasa, the great poet and dramatist, has beautifully expressed this truth. He says that the ideal of renunciation consists in owning the whole world disowning one's own self.

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The purpose of philosophy to attain truth. Before knowing truth one must differentiate between real and unreal, and what is temporary and foreliving. Aspirant must know greatest truth hidden not only worldly pleasure but through renunciation. Peace can be found by surrendering oneself. By killing ego one can illuminate the path of spiritual glory. If one loses oneself, one can't afford to lose anything. By disowning oneself one can own whole world. (92 words) / 280