

▪ Practice Exercise

You hear every day greater number of foolish people speaking about liberty; as if it were such an honorable thing. So far from being that, it is, on the whole and in broadest sense, dishonorable 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 honorable even in the lower animals. A butter fly is more *free* than a bee, but you honor 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 honorable.

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You hear everyday many foolish people speak about liberty; as if it were an honorable thing. Instead it is on the whole ~~is~~ dishonorable and an attitude of the lower creatures. Because no human or creature was ever so free as a fish. There is always something he has to follow. It is restraint that is honorable even in the lower animals. A butterfly is more free than a bee, but you honour the bee more because the bee follows certain laws for the orderly function in bee society. So out of the two abstract things, liberty and restraint, restraint is always the more honorable.