

Resource utilization



Buddha, one day, was in deep thought about the worldly activities and the ways of instilling goodness in human beings. One of his disciples approached him and said humbly "Oh my teacher! While you are so much concerned about the world and others, why don't you look in to the welfare and needs of your own disciples also?"

Buddha: "OK, Tell me how I can help you"

Disciple: "Master! My attire is worn out and is beyond the decency to wear the same. Can I get a new one, please?"

Buddha found the robe indeed was in a bad condition and needed replacement. He asked the store keeper to give the disciple a new robe to wear on. The disciple thanked Buddha and retired to his room. After a while, he went to his disciple's place and asked him, "Is your new attire comfortable? Do you need anything more?"

Disciple: "Thank you my Master. The attire is indeed very comfortable. I need nothing more"

Buddha: "Having got the new one, what did you do with your old attire?"

Disciple: "I am using it as my bed spread"

Buddha: "Then, hope you have disposed off your old bed spread"

Disciple: "No... No... Master, I am using my old bedspread as my window curtain"

Buddha: "What about you're old Curtain?"

Disciple: "Being used to handle hot utensils in the kitchen"

Buddha: "Oh... I see... Can you tell me what did they do with the old cloth they used in Kitchen?"

Disciple: "They are being used to wash the floor."

Buddha: "Then, the old rug being used to wash the floor...?"

Disciple: "Master, since they were torn off so much, we could not find any better use, but to use as a twig in the oil lamp, which is right now lit in your study room...."

Buddha smiled in contentment and left for his room.

If not to this degree of utilization, can we at least attempt to find the best use of all our resources at home and in office?

We need to handle wisely, all the resources earth has bestowed us withboth natural and material so that they can be saved for the generations to come.

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