

Give Up Following *Dharma* for Reward

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Nick: Basically, I have been a lifestyle *sannyasi*, so I was a pretty “hard core” Vedantin, so to speak. I have done away with good *karma* for some time; it is only now that I follow *dharma* once more.

Sundari: If I understand you correctly, you mean here that you have given up on chasing “good,” as you know you are *dharma*, which is an important part of *karma jnana sannyas*, renouncing the idea of doership, not doing per se. A true *jnani* follows *dharma*, not for results, but because it is natural for him/her to honour *Isvara*’s natural laws of Creation and their own *svadharma*. Otherwise, following *dharma* for results, the inquirer gets stuck on the *sattvica karmic* wheel, “doing” good deeds for a reward. A good example of this is the story of Ram in the *Ramayana*, where no matter what Ram does, he never gets the result he deserves. But he never stops doing what is right, because he is not doing anything for results.

~ Love, Sundari